

MEMBERS, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL

Mrs. M. Fran Burrell, District I Mr. Jerry D. Dyar, District II
Mr. Michael E. Harper, District III Mr. Roy B. Strickland, District IV
Mr. Johnny D. Stone, District V

MINUTES, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

The regular meeting of the Oconee County Council was held Tuesday, May 14, 1991 at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers with all Council Members and Tim Cain, Attorney present.

Members of the press notified (by mail): Seneca Journal, Keowee Courier, Westminster News, Anderson Independent, Greenville News, WGOG Radio, WSNW Radio, WBES Radio, WZLI/WLET Radio, WYFF TV, WLOS TV & WSPA TV.

Press

Members of the press present: Dick Mangrum - WGOG Radio, Tom Johnson - Anderson Independent & Ron Barnett - Greenville News.

All other persons who have asked to be notified of meetings were also notified by mail.

Other Persons

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor-Chairman Crain who welcomed the guests and media.

Call to Order

The invocation was given by Mr. Strickland.

Invocation

Mr. Stone made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Burrell, approved 5 - 0 that the minutes of the April 16, 1991 meeting be adopted as printed.

Minutes

Mr. W. H. Hudson, President of the Hospital Association and Mr. Archie Barron, Chairman of the Hospital Board addressed Council regarding the construction of a new hospital facility and the financing of this construction.

Hospital

To Mrs. Burrell's inquiry as to the reason no plan other than concept "B" was presented to Council, Mr. Hudson informed Council that a number of plans had been reviewed by the board and they felt concept "B" was the best plan.

Mr. Hudson stated the basement and first floor of the present facility would be renovated and used as administrative and support services in conjunction with the new facility.

Mr. Hudson also stated that the second floor would be converted so that it could be used for forty-four (44) long term care beds. The third, fourth and fifth floors would be converted to assisted or residential care with twenty four (24) to thirty six (36) beds and the eighty four (84) beds at Lila Doyle would be retained for long term care.

Mrs. Burrell was also concerned because she could not obtain a copy of the hospital budget. Mr. Barron assured her she could have a copy of any financial material they gave to the hospital board.

In response to Mr. Dyar's question about the changing of the hospital bylaws to allow for the election of five (5) board members, Mr. Hudson stated the committee was studying this, but, at this time had made no recommendation regarding the matter.

Hospital
Cont'd.

Mr. Terry Lynn of Ernest & Young states on the tape of the meeting that projected financials assume a 10% increase annually for the hospital and a 5% increase annually for Lila Doyle. He further stated that these increases are in line with increases in the past and indicate the hospital could make the bond payments with these increases.

Mr. Lynn further stated that medicare and medicaid payed for some services, so these services could be provided with no increase to the patient.

Mr. Dyar further asked Mr. Hudson if the present proposed plan was the best way to go and Mr. Hudson replied that it was.

Mr. Strickland stated he felt the hospital board should have a referendum and let the people decide whether a new facility should be built. He also stated he would like to know why the hospital association was so opposed to a popular election of the board members.

Mr. Hudson stated the hospital was a private not for profit organization, taxes do not pay for the operation of the hospital, the county has put a total of \$3,500,000 in buildings for the hospital.

After considerable discussion, the Hospital Study Committee scheduled a meeting Tuesday, May 21, 1991 at 1:00 PM in Council Chambers to discuss the health care needs of Oconee County.

Mr. James Brown, Superintendent of Education, Mr. James Bridges, Mr. Buddy Herring & Mr. Phil Kelley presented the Oconee County School budget request for fiscal year 1991-92 to Council.

School Budget
Request

The School District's request requires an increase of \$1,953,730 more local funding than the current budget. (See attached request)

Council scheduled a tentative date of June 6, 1991 at 8:00 PM in the Courtroom for the public hearing on the county budget to include the School District request.

Public Hearin
on Budget

Second reading of the budget will be June 11, 1991 at 7:00 PM and third reading will be June 18, 1991 at 3:00 PM.

At the request of Mr. Jack Hirst, CCS Director, Mr. Dyar made a motion, seconded by Mr. Harper, approved 5 - 0 that Carolina Scrap Processors proposal to remove and dispose of appliances and white goods from the Oconee County landfills be adopted.

CCS

Also at the request of Mr. Hirst, Mr. Strickland made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stone, approved 5 - 0 that Secured Data Destruction's proposal to dispose of all paper generated by county offices be adopted. Mr. Tim Cain, County Attorney stated he had no problem with the county accepting this proposal.

Mr. Strickland made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stone, approved 5 - 0 that the attached transfers totaling \$3,118 to complete the putt putt carpeting and replace the timbers around the putt putt at High Falls.

PRT
(Transfers)

Mr. Strickland made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dyar, approved 5 - 0 that the transfer in the amount of \$1,000 for general upkeep of the parks be adopted.

PRT
(Transfer)

Mr. Strickland made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stone, approved 5 - 0 that funds be transferred from electricity into capital expenditures: equipment for the purchase of a new chain saw. (See attached transfers)

Mr. Strickland made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Burrell, approved 5 - 0 that as contract between Lance Crackers and Oconee PRT be approved for machines in the parks contingent upon the contract being approved by the county attorney.

PRT
(Contract)

Mrs. Burrell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dyar, approved 5 - 0 that the attached transfer for the Library be adopted.

Library
(Transfer)

Mr. Strickland made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stone, approved 5 - 0 that the county purchase two bridges from Gary Concrete at a cost of \$43,671.60. This is the same cost as last year, see attached copy)

Bridges

Mr. Strickland made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stone, approved 5 - 0 that the bid for the rental of a tract dozer be awarded to SC Tractor & Equipment at a cost of \$6,950 plus tax for the monthly rent with the purchase order being issued at the discretion of Mr. Crain and the Purchasing Director.

Dozer

Mrs. Burrell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Strickland, approved 5 - 0 that \$812.96 received from the insurance company be put back into the Motor Pool Rural Fire Maintenance.

Insurance
Reimbursement

Mr. Strickland made a motion, seconded by Mr. Harper, approved 4 - 0 (Mr. Dyar abstaining due to the fact that he was a candidate in the Veterans Affairs Officer referendum) that \$640 be taken from contingency and placed in line item 10 077 00150 00032, Delegation Operational to be used as they see fit in paying for the advisory referendum held regarding the Veterans Affairs Officer.

Delegation
(Contingency)

Mr. Stone made a motion, seconded by Mr. Strickland, approved 5 - 0 that the Rock Crusher be allowed to purchase a portable radio, carrying case and charger at a cost of \$551. This will require no new funds. (See attached request)

Rock Crusher

Mr. Dyar made a motion, seconded by Mr. Strickland, approved 5 - 0 that Ordinance 91-3, "1990-91 Oconee County Supplemental Appropriation Ordinance" be adopted on third and final reading.

Ord. 91-3

Mr. Dyar made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stone, approved 5 - 0 that Ordinance 91-5, "1991-92 Oconee County Budget Ordinance" be approved on first reading in title only.

Ord. 91-5

Mr. Dyar made a motion, seconded by Mr. Strickland, approved 5 - 0 that Loyd's, Inc. of Easley be awarded the bid for construction of the Integrated Support Systems Sewer Project at a cost of \$181,394.30. (See attachment)

Sewer Comm.
ISS Project

Mr. Dyar made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Burrell, approved 5 - 0 that Metro Engineers be awarded the bid for a wetlands determination for the Cryovac Plant at a cost of between \$500 and \$800. (See attachment)

Sewer Comm.
Cryovac

Mr. Dyar made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stone, approved 5 - 0 that the tentative schedule, subject to modification for the upgrade of the Sewer plant be used to send to DHEC to get the moratorium lifted.

Sewer

* Mr. Dyar made a motion, seconded by Mr. Strickland, approved 5 - 0 that Mr. Kenny Johns be reappointed to the Library Board with his term commencing June 1, 1991 and expiring May 30, 1995.

Library
Appt.

Mr. Stone made a motion, seconded by Mr. Strickland, approved 5 - 0 that the naming of SC Hwy. 182 be Hwy. 182 from the Greer Road down and Oakway Road from the Greer Road back to SC Hwy 24.

Names of
Roads for
911 Purposes

Mr. Stone also made a motion, seconded by Mr. Strickland, approved 3 - 1 (Mr. Dyar voting against, Mrs. Burrell abstaining due to fact some of the families living on the roadway are related to her husband) that LeCroy Road remain LeCroy Road.

Council had previously held a public hearing on the naming of these roads because the families living on the roads could not agree on the names.

Mr. Harper made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dyar, approved 5 - 0 that the county participate in the Premium Only Plan where employees who have dependent coverage could opt to have the premium deducted from their checks before taxes are figured saving the employee on their federal, state and fica taxes and saving the county on fica. Also that approximately \$500 be taken from contingency and placed in line item 10 045 00150 00056 to set this program up on the computer.

POP

Mrs. Burrell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Harper, approved 5 - 0 that the attached list of JTPA workers for county offices be approved with the exception of Lakeview Rest Home as the county does not hire for Lakeview.

JTPA Workers

Mr. Strickland made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stone, approved 5 - 0 that chairs for Council Chambers be purchased as per the picture shown Council Members by the Clerk.

Chairs for
Council
Chambers

The Budget & Finance Committee scheduled a Budget Meeting Thursday, May 16, 1991 at 9:00 AM in Council Chambers to discuss the 1991-92 proposed budget.

Budget Meet

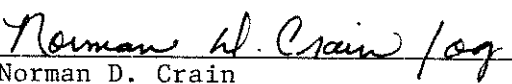
At 11:15 PM Mrs. Burrell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stone, approved 5 - 0 that Council go into executive session for a legal briefing on 7-Q-10.

Executive
Session

Council went back into open session for adjournment purposes only.

Open Session

*This date needs to be corrected to July 1, 1991 June 30, 1995.


Norman D. Crain
Supervisor-Chairman
Oconee County Council