

MEMBERS, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL

Mrs. M. Fran Burrell, District I Mr. C. Samuel Donald, 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, July 7, 1992 at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers with all Council Members except Mr. Donald present. Mr. Timothy M. Cain, Attorney, of Brandt, Fedder, Graham & Cain was present as acting attorney.

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

Press

Members of the press present: Dick Mangrum - WGOG Radio, Ron Barnett - Greenville News, Robin Boyle - Journal/Tribune, Carol Kreklar - Anderson Independent & Ron Barnett - Greenville News.

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 4 - 0 (Mr. Donald absent) that the minutes of the June 16, 1992 meeting be adopted as printed.

Minutes

Mr. Strickland stated he was concerned about the people in the county thinking that Council has authority over the Magistrate's Office. He then asked Mr. Crain to explain the following:

Magistrate

The senator makes a recommendation regarding the appointments of magistrates to the governor, the governor then appoints the magistrates. The pay for the chief magistrate is determined by state law, the county can determine how many magistrates it has as determined by law based on population and square miles of the county.

The county funds the positions of magistrates and employees, the chief magistrate hires and fires the employees in the Magistrate's Office within the guidelines of Oconee County Personnel Policies & Procedures.

Mr. Strickland further stated he wanted the people in District IV to realize that the Supervisor & Council have nothing to do with the magistrates.

Mr. Strickland made a motion, seconded by Mr. Harper, approved 4 - 0 (Mr. Donald absent) that the attached Cooperative Agreement Financial & Operating Plan Between the Oconee County Sheriff's Office and the US Forest Service be adopted.

Sheriff

Mr. Strickland made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stone, approved 4 - 0 (Mr. Donald absent) that the attached agreement between the Oconee County Clerk of Court's Office and the Department of Social Services be adopted.

Clerk of Court

Mr. Strickland made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stone, approved 4 - 0 (Mr. Donald absent) that Section B. Formal Bid Procedure, Subsections 2 & 4 of the Oconee County Manual of Centralized Purchasing be waived and the bid to replace the air-condition system at the Westminster Branch of the Oconee County Library be awarded to Tilson Mechanical. The cost to replace the unit is \$13,500 as per attached bid sheet, however it will cost approximately \$15,000 to complete the work that has to be done at the library.

Library

Mr. Smith, Public Buildings Director, currently has the funds in building maintenance to complete this work, however, if he should have another large expenditure he may have to ask for a transfer, ask for some funds in the supplemental budget or have some funds from contingency.

Mr. John Davis of Southern Bell and Mr. Buddy Hawk, 911 Coordinator, addressed Council regarding the completion of the naming and numbering of the roadways for 911 purposes. Mr. Hawk informed Council that as of this time all the roadways have been named and numbered with the exception of Keowee Key which has been addressed by the Post Office, these addresses will have to be verified. Mr. Hawk further informed Council that there are two (2) streets that there may have to be a public hearing on. The last address cards were mailed Tuesday, July 7, 1992.

E 911

When the 911 program began there were 21,799 phones in the county, when it was completed there were 25,443 phones in the county. Southern Bell estimated there were 1,540 streets in Oconee County, there was actually over 5,100 streets.

Mr. Davis informed Council the quality of work was very good, they had set an error rate of no more than one half of one percent, but in the entire project in Oconee County there was only a three hundredths of one percent error rate.

Mr. Stone made a motion, seconded by Mr. Harper, approved 4 - 0 (Mr. Donald absent) that the bid for the packer truck for CCS be awarded to Ronnie Burns Ford at a

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cost of \$96,467.50. (See attached bid)

Mr. Harper made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stone, approved 4 - 0 (Mr. Donald absent) that the bid for paving the manned compaction center on Strawberry Farm Road be awarded to Hubbard Paving who was low bid at \$8,300.50. (See attached bid)

CCS

Mr. Strickland made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stone, approved 4 - 0 (Mr. Donald absent) that the bid for the front mount mower for the PRT Department be awarded to Powell Brothers at \$12,950. This is \$186.38 more than the low bid, but the mower has three (3) more horse power than low bid.

PRT

Mr. Stone announced the quarterly Departmental Head Meeting would be Wednesday, July 8, 1992 at 10:30 AM in Council Chambers.

Department Meet

Mr. Strickland made a motion, seconded by Mr. Harper, approved 4 - 0 (Mr. Donald absent) that Ordinance 92-3, **"An Ordinance to Define & Regulate the use of all Oconee County Public Parks Designated for the Benefit of the Citizens of Oconee County, South Carolina"** be adopted on first reading in title only.

Ord. 92-3

Mr. Strickland made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stone, approved 4 - 0 (Mr. Donald absent) that Council agree in principal with the request of the City of Walhalla that the fee for a private contractor using the landfills be waived on behalf of the city for any contractor who is acting as the agent of the city to demolish and clear some properties within the city limits of Walhalla. Mr. Cain is to research the ordinance and the law to see if this can be done.

City of Walhalla Request

Mr. Crain referred the request of the Board of Registration for an increase in the part time hourly rate for three (3) board members to the Personnel & Intergovernmental Committee.

Bd. of Reg.

Mr. Stone made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Burrell, approved 4 - 0 (Mr. Donald absent) that the attached request for a JTPA Worker at the Probation Office be adopted.

JTPA

Mr. Strickland made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Burrell, approved 4 - 0 (Mr. Donald absent) that up to \$75,000 of the profits from the screening plant as determined by the county independent auditor per fiscal year be transferred to the equipment replacement funds line item until the cost of the screening plant is replaced. In addition, County Council will determine annually any additional amounts to be transferred into the equipment replacement fund from the total profits of the Rock Crusher operations. The balance

Rock Crusher

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of the profits, after adjusting for receivables and payables will be transferred to general funds. The interest from investments of the equipment replacement fund will be reinvested in the fund.

Mr. Strickland made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Burrell, approved 4 - 0 (Mr. Donald absent) that Council go into executive session to discuss the proposed purchase of property under Section 30-4-70, SC Code of Laws.

Executive
Session

When open session resumed, Mr. Crain asked that it be made a part of the record that the hallway was searched and he called three (3) times, but no one was present.

Open
Session

At the recommendation of Acting Attorney, Mr. Timothy M. Cain, Mr. Harper made a motion, seconded by Mr. Strickland, that with respect to the land acquisition, set the just compensation amounts in accordance with the schedule provided by Kathleen Johnson and that the engineering firm be authorized to prepare the necessary correspondence to be hand delivered by Mr. McPhail to the property owners and in addition the notice of displacement to the individuals who will be displaced also be sent.

Also at the recommendation of Mr. Cain, Mrs. Burrell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Strickland, approved 4 - 0 (Mr. Donald absent) that any offers made be contingent upon a title search to insure that the individuals are the true and lawful property owners.

The motion as amended was then adopted
4 - 0 (Mr. Donald absent).

Mr. Harper made a motion, seconded by Mr. Strickland, approved 4 - 0 (Mr. Donald absent) that Resolution 92-6, "A Resolution of Oconee County Council Conveying its Concerns to the SC Aeronautics Commission Regarding an Airstrip Located Near the Clemson-Oconee Airport" be adopted on first and final reading.

Res. 92-6

At the request of Mr. Harper, Mr. Crain assured Mr. Michael Willimon he would call Friendship Cable to ask them to correct the problem Mr. Willimon was having with TV reception.

Cable TV

Adjourn: 9:45 PM

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