

MEMBERS, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL
Mr. Steven R. Moore, District I Mr. Kenneth E. Johns, Jr., District II
Rev. William "Bill" Rinehart, District III Mr. Marion E. Lyles, District IV
Mr. H. Frank Ables, Jr., District V

MINUTES, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

The Oconee County Council met Tuesday, September 16, 2003 at 3:00 PM in Council Chambers, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all Council Members and the County Attorney present.

Press:

Members of the press notified (via mail): Keowee Courier, Westminster News, Daily Journal, Anderson Independent, WGOG Radio, WYFF TV & WLOS TV.

Members of the press present: Dave Williams – Anderson Independent, Ray Chandler – Daily Journal & Ashton Hester – Keowee Courier.

Other Organizations Notified:

Also notified were the Oconee County Tax Payers Association and the Oconee County Democratic Party.

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Interim Supervisor-Chair Hamilton.

Invocation:

The invocation was given by Mr. Rinehart.

Proclamation:

Mr. Johns made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rinehart, approved 5 – 0 that the attached "INDUSTRY APPRECIATION PROCLAMATION" declaring September 29 – October 3, 2003 as Industry Appreciation Week be adopted on first and final reading.

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Aeronautics:

Mr. Robert Banks, Airport Director; Mr. Jay Talbert & Mr. Jeffrey Smith, Talbert & Bright, Inc. addressed Council regarding an environmental assessment for the upgrade of the Oconee County Regional Airport from a 4500 feet runway to a 5500 feet runway to accommodate the large corporate planes. (See attached info)

Mr. Lyles made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ables, approved 5 – 0 that the attached Work Authorization No. 01-01 for the environmental assessment be adopted.

Public Safety Facility:

Mr. Robert Banks, County Engineer, addressed Council regarding the 2600 tons of unsuitable soil excavated at the site for the Public Safety Facility. Mr. Banks informed Council there had been thirteen soil borings in the area and nothing showed up. Mr. Banks also noted there is a contingency in the amount of \$174,000 in the construction budget for the Public Safety Facility and also, the contract provides for the contractor to excavate unsuitable soil @\$15.00 per ton which would be \$39,225. They have, however, discussed a cost of \$6.80 per ton for removal of the unsuitable soils and upon recommendation of Mr. Banks, Mr. Johns made a motion, seconded by Mr. Moore, approved 5 – 0 that Mr. Banks be allowed to negotiate a cost with the contractor to clear the trees, grub the area and removal & disposal of the unsuitable soil.

Oconee Tourism:

Ms. Michelle McCollum, Project Manager, South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation & Tourism addressed Council regarding economic development through tourism stating her department liked to focus on product development.

EMS Grant:

Upon recommendation of Wayne Garland, Oconee EMS, Mr. Lyles made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rinehart, approved 5 – 0 that the attached 2003-04 EMS Grant in the amount of \$22,842 state funds with a local match of \$8,578 (to be provided by the hospital) be adopted for the purchase of eight Datascope Accutorr Plus Automatic Blood Pressure Monitors.

V/A Plaque:

Mr. Johns made a motion, seconded by Mr. Moore, approved 5 – 0 that funds be taken from contingency for the purchase of a plaque expressing appreciation to the Veterans Committee for the Veterans Memorial Park at the new courthouse.

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Ordinance 2003-15:

Mr. Ables, made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rinehart, approved 5 – 0 that Ordinance 2003-15, "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, SPECIAL SOURCE REVENUE BONDS (INDUSTRIAL BUILDING PROJECT) SERIES 2003; THE ENTERING INTO OF CERTAIN COVENANTS AND AGREEMENTS AND THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF CERTAIN INSTRUMENTS RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF THE AFORESAID BOND, INCLUDING AN INDENTURE; AND CERTAIN OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO" be adopted on second reading.

Resolution 2003-35:

Mr. Rinehart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Johns, approved 5 – 0 that Resolution 2003-35, "A RESOLUTION MAKING APPLICATION OF THE STATE BUDGET & CONTROL BOARD OF SOUTH CAROLINA FOR APPROVAL OF THE ISSUANCE BY OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, OF A SPECIAL SOURCE REVENUE BOND SERIES 2003 (INDUSTRIAL BUILDING PROJECT) PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SOUTH CAROLINA CODE ANNOTATED, TITLE 4, CHAPTER 29 (1976), AS AMENDED, IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT EXCEEDING \$600,000" be adopted on first and final reading.

Rural Fire:

Mr. Lyles made a motion, seconded by Mr. Johns, approved 3 – 2 (Mr. Ables & Mr. Rinehart voting against) that the bid for the Oconee County Fire Training Facility be awarded to Mellou Blamey Construction, Ltd. who was low bid at \$300,000. (See attached bid sheet)

Ordinance 2003-17:

Mr. Ables made a motion, seconded by Mr. Johns, approved 5 – 0 that Ordinance 2003-17, "AN AMENDMENT AND RESTATEMENT OF TRUST INDENTURE AND AMENDMENT OF LOAN AGREEMENT RELATING TO \$77,000,000 OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA POLLUTION CONTROL FACILITIES REVENUE REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 1993 (DUKE POWER COMPANY PROJECT) (THE "BONDS") TO PROVIDE FOR CHANGE IN INTEREST RATE FROM FIXED TO VARIABLE RATE, TO PROVIDE FOR APPOINTMENT OF BANC ONE CAPITAL MARKETS, INC., AS REMARKETING AGENT, REMARKETING OF THE BONDS AND EXECUTION OF DOCUMENTS RELATING THERETO, AND TO PROVIDE FOR CHANGE IN COLLATERAL SUPPORT FOR THE BONDS BY DELIVERY OF LETTER OF CREDIT ISSUED BY BANK ONE" be adopted on first reading in title only.

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Ordinance 2003-16:

Mr. Moore made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ables, approved 5 – 0 that Ordinance 2003-16, "OCONEE COUNTY SUPPLEMENTAL ORDINANCE" be adopted on second reading.

Aeronautics:

Upon recommendation of Mr. Robert Banks, Airport Director, Mr. Lyles made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rinehart, approved 5 – 0 that the attached hangar lease agreement be adopted.

Roads Contracts:

Ms. Marianne Dillard explained to Council that in March 2002 Tipton Construction bid \$63,486.30 to pave Lakehill Drive and \$10,907.40 to pave Boat Ramp Road. Representatives of Tipton agreed to take Lakehill off their contract and rebid Boat Ramp at a cost of \$54,537.00 due to moving of the centerline on that roadway.

Thrift Development has quoted a cost of \$52,095.60 to pave Lakehill Drive, which is less than their bid of \$72,271.20 in March 2002 and \$14,992.50 to pave Boat Ramp Road. These costs could vary slightly due to the amount of pipe needed.

Mr. Ables made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lyles, approved 5 – 0 that these roadways be added to the Thrift Development contract and that Mt. Nebo Roadway be deleted from the Thrift Development Contract and McClure Roadway be added.

Parks:

Upon request of Ms. Vickie Satterfield, Parks Director & Mr. Sean McGuffie, South Cove Park Superintendent, Mr. Rinehart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ables, approved 5 – 0 that \$8,300 capital expenditures funds be unfrozen and used to purchase a truck for South Cove Park.

Commission Appointments:

Mr. Johns made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rinehart, approved 5 – 0 that Ms. Lou Ann Mayer be reappointed to the Library Board.

Mr. Moore made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ables, approved 5 – 0 that Ms. Ann McMahan be appointed to represent District I on the Arts & Historical Commission.

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Direct Aid:

Mr. Rinehart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ables, approved 5 – 0 that one-half of the funds in Direct Aid for the Rose Clark Clinic be granted to them at this time.

Personnel & Intergovernmental Meet:

The Personnel & Intergovernmental Committee scheduled a meeting Tuesday, October 7, 2003 at 4:00 PM in Council Chambers for the purpose of discussing several issues.

Ordinance 2003-18:

Mr. Johns made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rinehart, approved 5 – 0 that Ordinance 2003-18, "AN ORDINANCE REGARDING LAKEVIEW ASSISTED LIVING, INC." be adopted on first reading in title only.

Lakeview Board Member:

Mr. Lyles made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ables, approved 5 – 0 that Rev. Randy Keasler be appointed as the Supervisor appointee on the Lakeview Assisted Living, Inc. Board.

Rural Fire:

Upon inquiry from Council, Mr. Ronald Butts, Rural Fire Chief informed Council there were two fire trucks in Alabama being repaired at this time and there are some other trucks that need some repair work.

Public Comment Session:

Mr. B. J. Littleton addressed recent actions taken by Council.

Adjourn:

Adjourn: 4:50 PM

Respectfully Submitted:

Opal O. Green
Clerk to Council