MINUTES, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING, JULY 28, 1981

The regular Oconee County Council Meeting was held July 28, 1981 at 3:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers with all members present.

Members of the press present were: Linda Jennings Anderson Independent, Steve Matthews - Greenville News, Dick
Mangrum - WSNW Radio, Jim Lucas - Seneca Journal & George
Allgood - WGOG Radio.

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

The invocation was given by Dr. Earle.

A Public Hearing had been announced for 2:30 for anyone to present oral or written comments concerning the issuance of \$1,000,000 in bonds for the following items: \$432,000 - Rock Crusher Note, \$203,000 - Brown Building, \$229,000 - Renovation of Brown Building for DSS, \$70,000 - Rural Fire Truck, & \$66,000 for Tri County Tec.

There was no one present for the hearing.

Mr. Butts made a motion, approved 5 - 0 to accept the minutes of the July 7, 1981 minutes.

Mr. Williams presented Ordinance 81 - 9 concerning the above mentioned items and made a motion that it be adopted on third and final reading, the motion was seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 5 - 0.

Mr. Fedder presented a lease purchase agreement for a front end loader. It is a three year agreement and at the end of the three years the machine will belong to Oconee County. Mr. Fedder had read the agreement and the only objection was the cost of the insurance. Mr. Butts made a motion, seconded by Mr. Williams, approved 5 - 0 the lease be accepted pending favorable resolution of the insurance cost.

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Butts, approved 5 - 0 to accept a contract with O'Neal Engineering Company for a sewer line extension for the Fairfield Mfg. Co. The contract is not to exceed \$1,500.

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Butts, approved 5 - 0 to accept a contract with O'Neal Engineering Company for a sewer line extension for Steel Heddle Mfg. Co. The contract is not to exceed \$2,000 for engineering services, the total cost of the project is approximately \$14,100.

Mr. Brandt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Butts, approved 5 - 0 to accept a contract with S. C. Wildlife & Marine Resources

Department not to exceed \$61,173 for the improvement of boat ramps at Seneca Landing, South Union, Timberlake, Holder's Landing & Lakeshore Landing. The County will provide the labor.

Mr. George Mørningstar & Mr. Howard Chapman of S. C. Appalachian Regional Computer Commission requested they be allowed to do a feasibility study for Oconee County. They stated it would not cost the county anything, it would only take a few days to do the study, but it would be several weeks before the county would receive the results of the study. Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Harper, approved 5 - 0 to let the study be done.

Mr. Harper made a motion, seconded by Mr. Butts, approved 5 - 0 to raise the rent on the ASCS Building from \$50.00 per month to \$200.00 per month.

Mr. Harper made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brandt, approved 5 - 0 to accept three bids from Edwards Auto SAles for the following vehicles: 1981 LTD - \$7,700, 1/2 ton truck - \$6326 plus \$65 for step bumper, 1 ton truck - \$8818.

Mr. Williams made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brandt, approved 5 - 0 to pay Dr. Battle \$175 from contingency to replace a check Dr. Battle had lost. Dr. Battle found the original check and returned it to the county to be voided.

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Butts, approved 5 - 0 to accept Homer Hardy's resignation from the PRT Commission and appoint Cheryl Cleveland to replace him.

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Butts, approved 5 - 0 to appoint Mr. O. H. Vaughn to replace Mr. John Alexander on the Sewer Commission.

Mr. Brandt made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 5 - 0 to go into executive session.

After executive session, Council went back into open session.

Mr. Fedder recommended the county decline a verified statement of claim for the maintenance of a road. Mr. Brandt made this into the form of a motion, seconded by Mr. Williams, approved 5 - 0.

Dr. Earle made a motion seconded by Mr. Brandt, approved 5 - 0 to apply to the State Budget & Control Board for a grant in the amount of \$35,000 for the extension of a sewer line along Hwy. 123 toward Clemson to serve an existing industry.

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Butts, approved 5 - 0 to let O'Neal Engineering Company prepare a letter of intent to apply for ARC Grants for the extension of a sewer line along Hwy. 123, to tie in water lines between Walhalla, Westminster & Salem and for a solar project at Walhalla Library, the money is to come from contingency and is not to exceed \$1,500.

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Butts, approved 5 - 0 to loan the Sewer Commission \$14,100 for the completion of the sewer line for Steel Heddle in the event the ARC Grant is not received at the time the sewer line is needed. The County will take the grant as reimbursement of this loan. In the event the grant is not approved, Federal Revenue Sharing Funds will be allocated to satisfy the loan.

Dr. Earle stated that in the letter of intend for the ARC Grants he would like to request the state reinstate prenatal care for Oconee County fiscal year 1982. The reason Oconee had not applied for this previously was the cost of administration. There is now a special amount of money set aside for prenatal care and child care: 15% administrative purposes, 85% direct services, one third of the money is to be paid to the political subdivisions of the state.

Mr. Williams made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 5 - 0 to pay Russell & Axon \$1,180.61 for professional services.

Mr. Butts made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 5 - 0 to write a Resolution and present it to the family of Harris P. Smith in appreciation for the work he had done in District I. Dr. Earle also agreed to write the resolution.

Dr. Earle recognized Mr. Robert Gaillard as Number I Industrial Recruiter of the year.

Adjourn 4:10

Norman D. Crain, Supervisor