MINUTES, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING, FEBRUARY 16, 1982

The regular Oconee County Council Meeting was held February 16, 1982 at 3:00 P.M. in Council Chambers with all members present.

Members of the press present: Cobb Oxford - Seneca Journal, John Gouch - Anderson Independent, Dick Mangrum - WSNW Radio, George Allgood - WGOG Radio.

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

The invocation was given by Mr. Williams.

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Williams, approved 5-0 to adopt the minutes of the February 2, 1982 meeting.

Mr. Bob Gaillard, Planning & Development Director addressed Council concerning HUD Grants. There is approximately \$13,000,000 to \$15,000,000 available for grants in this current fiscal year. Mr. Gaillard felt it would be good to apply for a grant to build sewer lines from the Coats & Clark Plant back toward West Union close to the railroad since the two main objectives of the grants are economic development with an emphasis on creating jobs and urban renewal. Mr. Gaillard felt there were two or three sites in this area that could be considered for industerial development. The grant would have a maximum of \$500,000 with 10% local funding.

After discussion, Mr. Brandt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Butts, approved 5-0 that Mr. Gaillard apply for this grant working in conjunction with the County Engineer and Sewer Commission.

Mr. Medford, County Assessor addressed Council on the progress of the reassessment program. He stated that all commercial property was completed and that the Salem area was complete except for seven (7) parcels. He stated that all field work had been completed except for a section just south of Seneca and that all three appraisers would be working in this area to close the gap with the heaviest work being in the Utica area. He also mentioned that they were running somewhat ahead of schedule and he assured Council the reassessment would be completed on time.

Mr. Butts made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 5-0 to take \$1,250 from contingency and place it in line item $12\ 50\ 12\ 1$, Gas, for the remainder of this fiscal year.

Mr. Butts made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 5 - 0 to approve the amendment to the special use permits with the Forestry Service on the condition that a transcript of the explanation and the explanation given by Mr. Breedlowe be attached to the amendment.

Mr. Butts made a motion, seconded by Dr. Farle, approved 5 - 0 to

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take \$1,500 from contingency and purchase a new meter for the deisel fuel truck because the present meter has a variance of 9%.

Mr. Butts made a motion, seconded by Mr. Williams, approved 5-0 to take up to \$350 from contingency to install a 2,000 gallon fuel tank owned by the County to increase the storage capacity of off road deisel fuel to 6,000 gallons total.

Mr. Butts made a motion, seconded by Mr. Williams that \$1,000 be taken from contingency and placed in line item 50 88 00 1, Gravel. This motion was adopted 4-1 with Mr. Brandt objecting.

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Butts, approved 5-0 to put a freeze on hiring any additional unbudgeted personnel and unbudgeted personnel costs in this current fiscal year. The Personnel Committee also asked that all department heads look very closely at their personnel needs and include them in their budgets for the upcoming fiscal year.

Mr. Williams expressed his appreciation to the news media for the accurate coverage they had given in the past year and asked them to put reminders in their papers and on the radios when the tax notices went out.

Adjourn 3:45 P.M.

Supervisor-Chairman, Oconee County