



MINUTES

LAW ENFORCEMENT, PUBLIC SAFETY, HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE MEETING

July 11, 2017

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr. Wayne McCall, Chairman, District II
Mr. Julian Davis, District IV
Mr. Glenn Hart, District V

The Law Enforcement, Public Safety, Health & Welfare Committee scheduled at 5:30 PM [meeting will either immediately precede or follow the Transportation meeting, which is also scheduled at 5:30 pm] in Council Chambers, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all Committee Members present [except Mr. Davis] County Attorney David Root and Katie D. Smith, Clerk to Council present.

STAFF PRESENT:

Emergency Services: Chief Charlie King

Press:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, notice of the meeting, date, time, place of meeting and agenda were posted on the bulletin board at the County Administrative Offices, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC, and the County Council website [www.oconeese.com/council]. In addition it was made available to the newspapers, radio stations, television stations and concerned citizens.

Member of the press present: Stephen Bradley / Daily Journal

Call to Order

Chairman McCall called the meeting to order at 5:56 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Hart made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved 2 - 0 to approve the April 11, 2017 minutes as presented.

Discussion Items

Mr. Root & staff addressed the Committee for all Discussion & Action Items listed below.

Discussion and action regarding mobile home registration decals

Mr. Root noted this idea came from the Delinquent Tax Collector and Auditor working out ways to better capture the tax revenue from mobile homes that are situated within the County. There is a prevalence of mobile homes being moved and not paying taxes and the County not knowing where those homes are situated and have had problems locating those that are delinquent.

Discussion followed to include:

- General decal for mobile homes indicating the home has been registered, etc.
- Owners get a decal for that year when they pay their annual taxes
- Decals would change colors every year

- If any County personnel is out there on the property [code enforcement officer, sheriff deputy, Assessor, etc.] and didn't have the appropriate color for that year, the County personnel could give this information to the Delinquent Tax Collector
- General decal is issued by Community Development; decal for property taxes will be issued through the Auditor's Office
- Invoice would be sent to the mobile home owner, taxes would be paid by home owner, then the receipt would have to be presented to the Auditor's Office in order to receive the decal
- Delinquent tax revenue goes uncollected every year
- Minimal cost for the stickers
- Immediate cost to start program
- Revenue would approximately be \$180,000 of unpaid taxes every year on mobile homes

It was the consensus of the Committee for the County Administrator to start this program with the Assessor's Office.

Discussion regarding Boat Driving and Safety

Mr. McCall noted this was very dear to his heart. He noted there have been two bad accidents, one involving DNR and one involving the Sheriff's Office. In both instances, the operator did not have the lanyard hooked up, failure to hear the collision avoidance, and the operator and / or operators were thrown from the vessel. Mr. McCall also noted he had magazines with different articles that were pertinent to boating safety [copy filed with these minutes]. Discussion followed.

The Committee took no action on this matter at this meeting.

Discussion regarding more lake access at Fall Creek

Discussion followed to include but not limited to:

- Property needs some improvements but would be a great place for a County campground
- State prisoners help clean up property
- Cost
- County Parks full
- Needs more access
- No parking signs along access roads
- Boost with local people that could go swimming
- Parks, Recreation, & Tourism Department / Roads & Bridges Department
- Ranger, staff, improvement costs, etc.
- Expand swimming area and parking area
- Could be a revenue generator in time
- Duke Power has offered to generate and produce a plan on how to increase and develop the property for the access
- Portable building for a Sheriff's Department substation
- Island has 22 +/- acres

Ben Turekzy addressed the Committee utilizing photographs regarding Fall Creek [copy filed with these minutes]. He noted that people will go to non-access areas where they can build

fires, drink, etc. He further noted that the Federal Government will not allow Duke Power to sell for development. Discussion continued.

It was the consensus of the Committee for the County Administrator to put a plan together and bring back to the Law Enforcement, Public Safety, Health & Welfare Committee for review.

Discussion regarding Maintenance at Mosquito Point Boat Dock

Mr. McCall thanked Mr. Charlie King for cleaning up the area.

Mr. Root noted there were two items to approach with Duke and Christy Brock is the contact person. There has to be permitting to cover the dock and Ms. Brock noted they will address the lease at the same time. As far as the terms and restrictions of the lease, they will not budge so there would not be anything consistent with the notion of an improvement or more parking or signage, etc.; however, they are going to stay with the plan. This is going to be a primitive access area for emergency purposes only and the only time there will electricity is when there is an emergency situation.

Mr. McCall noted he has concerns regarding the fire boat and that it could potentially be vandalized due to no one being there. Discussion continued.

The Committee took no action on these matters at this meeting.

Adjourn:

Mr. Hart made a motion, approved unanimously, to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Katie D. Smith
Clerk to Council