



MINUTES FIRE SERVICE ADVISORY COMMISSION

May 16, 2024

Oconee County Administrative Offices, Council Chambers
415 S. Pine Street, Walhalla, SC 29691

MEMBERS

Commissioner Will Bates, Region 1
Commissioner Tony McAlister, Region 2
Commissioner Austin Grant, Region 3
Commissioner Bruce Brock, Region 4

Commissioner Terry Sanford, Region 5
OCES Director, Scott Krein
Fire Chief, Chris Smith

The Oconee County Fire Service Advisory Commission met at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC, with 5 members present.

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.oconeesc.com/council]. In addition, it was made available [*upon request*] to the newspapers, radio stations, television stations and concerned citizens.

No members of the media were present.

Call to Order:

- Chairman Will Bates called the meeting to order at 18:00.

Approval of Minutes:

- Minutes for the April commission meeting were not sent out.
- Will be completed and sent out before the June Meeting for vote

Radio Committee Report:

- No Update

Director Scott Krein's Report:

- No Report

Chief Chris Smith:

- Tanker Specifications
 - We have 11 tankers slated for replacement. We will be getting four on a lease/purchase this year for 5 years. We will hopefully be able to buy more next year.
 - Specifications will be a little different that what we have had in the past. Current tankers are 1800 gallons with a 250 gpm pump.
 - Truck will be 27' long, less than 10' in height. We went with a larger chassis to be able to get a larger engine. Will be "dry side" square-bodied tankers.
 - 2 door commercial cab with a 2000 gallon tank. Will have a 1000 gallons per minute pump as well as two crosslays and a 3" dead lay. Two direct fills and a

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trough in the rear for supply hose. There will be 3 dump outlets that can be controlled from inside the cab or the side of the truck. The turn signal camera will activate so that the driver can see the position of the chute without getting out of the truck

- Truck will have reverse camera
- Each will have 1000 feet of 5" LDH
- Truck will have four air packs, a set of irons, piston intake, as well as some other hose appliances and spanners.
- Truck will have a dump tank that slides in
- The tankers will be very adaptable and will have most capabilities of an engine, except for ground ladders. This will allow the tanker to function as an attack apparatus if they arrive first on the scene.
- Approximate cost will be \$500k each for the truck only, not including the cost of equipment. We are waiting on the final quote price to come back from some modification requests on the build spec.
- Council did give dedicated millage for capital replacement which comes out to 1.2-1.4 depending on the millage.

Fire Representative Reports:

- Region 1: Commissioner Bates –
 - A couple of chiefs reached out about the requirements for the county incentive. Some were concerned about being able to achieve the 1 hour of required incident command training by September. Chief Smith said that Mike Hunnicutt has developed a powerpoint and will be scheduling several training sessions so that members have plenty of opportunity to complete this requirement.
 - First aid card requirement – Clarification that if you have a higher certification such as EMR, EMT, or Paramedic, you do not need the first aid card, and that a current BLS/CPR card in addition to your current EMR or NREMT certification is sufficient.
 - Haz-mat asked for air packs without a pass device a few months ago. Wanted to follow up on this since budgeting time is coming up. Director Krein said they are working through this. The vendor stated that they do not turn off pass alarms from a programming standpoint. We shouldn't have to buy new packs if we can get the programming issues resolved.
- Region 2: Commissioner McAlister –
 - No update
- Region 3: Commissioner Grant –
 - Request for clarification regarding the \$60,000 in annual county funds that are dispersed to fire departments quarterly in \$15,000 increments. Do individual fire departments own equipment purchased with these items or does the county retain ownership? Chief Smith stated that the county retains ownership of any item, equipment, or vehicle purchased with these funds. Chief Smith stated that he would email Mr. Grant the purchasing policy for review. The commission agreed to revisit this for further clarification after reviewing the policy.

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- Region 4: Commissioner Brock –
 - No update
- Region 5: Commissioner Sanford –
 - No update

Next Meeting

- The next Fire Service Advisory Commission Meeting will be held on Thursday, June 20, 2024, beginning at 18:00.

Adjourn:

- A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Sanford and seconded by Commissioner McAlister and approved unanimously at 18:41

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