



MINUTES FIRE SERVICE ADVISORY COMMISSION

October 17, 2024

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

MEMBERS

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

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

The Oconee County Fire Service Advisory Commission met at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC, with 3 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:

- Commissioner Sanford called the meeting to order at 18:00.

Approval of Minutes:

- Minutes for the September 19, 2024 commission meeting were emailed out.
- Motion to approve minutes by Commissioner Brock
- Seconded by Commissioner Grant
 - Minutes approved unanimously

Radio Committee Report:

- Commissioner Brock advised the meeting scheduled for last Wednesday was cancelled due to the storm activity. Director Krein stated that the radio site did very well during the storm. It ran for 3 days on generator power and the only challenge was getting fuel to it. The infrastructure fared very well.

Director Scott Krein's Report:

- Firefighter Physical Bid
 - A group is putting together the request for proposal. The group will clarify certain items like the difference in a full interior firefighter physical and a physical for a member who just serves as a driver/pump operator. This will go out for bid for a 5 year term. The goal is to have this out for physicals in January 2025.
- Incentive Checks

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- We are in the process of tabulating incentive requirements. Information has been sent out to the chiefs regarding what members are missing certain requirements.
- Helene Response
 - We dealt with this storm incredibly well because every department worked as a team. Volunteer departments and paid staff worked together to accomplish an amazing feat. We were able to clear and open many roads quickly which allowed the utility companies access to restore power more quickly. We need to make sure to capture areas of improvement so that we can learn for next time. Please thank your members for everything they did to contribute to this response.

Chief Chris Smith:

- Absent, No Report

Fire Representative Reports:

- Region 1: Commissioner Bates – Absent
- Region 2: Commissioner McAlister – Absent
- Region 3: Commissioner Grant
 - No report
- Region 4: Commissioner Brock
 - Please push out that we are starting to collect money for Shop with a Hero beginning Nov 3rd. They are asking for 1-5PM, maybe until 6pm. Region 1 will be the 3rd. Region 2 will be the 10th. Region 3 the 17th, etc.
- Region 5: Commissioner Sanford
 - No report

Next Meeting

- The next Fire Service Advisory Commission Meeting will be held on Thursday, November, 21st 2024, beginning at 18:00.

Adjourn:

- A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Brock and seconded by Commissioner Grant and approved unanimously at 18:10

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