



MINUTES FIRE SERVICE ADVISORY COMMISSION

November 21, 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
Commissioner Austin Grant, Region 3 (absent)
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 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 October 17, 2024 commission meeting were emailed out.
- Motion to approve minutes by Commissioner Brock
- Seconded by Commissioner McAlister
 - Minutes approved unanimously

Radio Committee Report:

- Still waiting on the tower on 130. We are in engineering for the one by the plant. We are still working on programming for the different tac frequencies. The Oakway site is still down.

Director Scott Krein's Report:

- Awards committee nomination
 - Commissioner Sanford nominated Tony McAlister to serve as the commission's representative on the awards committee. Motion approved unanimously
- Air Trailer
 - New air trailer is in service and has been in use at the night burns. It has been phenomenal so far. It is functional now, but there is still some work to be done on it.
- Incentive Checks

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- We are finalizing the review of the incentive check documentation. We are hoping the check will come out during the first couple weeks of December.

Chief Chris Smith:

- Awards Nominations:
 - An email was sent out to the department chiefs for awards nominations for the year. If you have any crews or individuals that meet the criteria for any of these awards, please send them in so these individuals can be recognized.

Fire Representative Reports:

- Region 1: Commissioner Bates – Absent
- Region 2: Commissioner McAlister –
 - Ebenezer Substation:
 - At one time, we had looked at putting a two-bay substation in the Ebenezer community near the convenience center. This area is growing, and Commissioner McAlister feels that we should look into this again. Director Krein stated that it is also the largest area that is greater than 5 miles from a station. If a station is built there, we have to make sure trucks run from these substations. This will be something to look into moving forward.
 - Water and Sewer at Pickett Post Substation:
 - Commissioner McAlister was asked about getting water and sewer at the Pickett Post Substation. Chief Smith stated that it was looked into prior, and that they would have to drill a well and install a commercial septic tank. He stated that when they looked into it, there was not enough land there to install a septic tank without purchasing more property, which was not feasible at the time.
- Region 3: Commissioner Grant - Absent
- Region 4: Commissioner Brock
 - Please push out dates for collecting money for Shop with a Hero: Region 4 will be the Dec 1, Region 5 will be Dec 8th. OCES Staff will be there the last week after the other regions are finished.
- Region 5: Commissioner Sanford
 - No report

Next Meeting

- The next Fire Service Advisory Commission Meeting will be held on Thursday, December 19th, 2024, beginning at 18:00.

Adjourn:

- A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Brock and seconded by Commissioner Grant and approved unanimously at 18:12

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