



MINUTES
LAW ENFORCEMENT, PUBLIC SAFETY, HEALTH &
WELFARE COMMITTEE MEETING
May 13, 2009

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr. Wayne McCall, Chairman, District II
Mr. Mario Suarez, District III
Mr. Joel Thrift, District IV

The Law Enforcement, Public Safety, Health & Welfare Committee met on Wednesday, May 13, 2009 at 6:30 PM in Council Chambers, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all Committee Members present [except Mr. Suarez], Asst. Administrator Kendra Brown and Elizabeth G. Hulse, Clerk to Council present.

Oconee County Staff present: Mr. Rodney Burdette, Emergency Services Director

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: Ray Chandler – Anderson Independent & Carlos Galarza – Daily Journal.

Call to Order:

Chairman McCall called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Thrift made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall approved 2 – 0 that the minutes from the March 19, 2009 meeting be adopted as printed.

Discussion of FY 09-10 Emergency Services Budget:

Mr. Burdette provided two handouts [filed with these minutes and copies provided for all Council members] related to the Emergency Services [Dept 107] and Emergency Services Fund 20 budgets. He stated that he had been working with Ms. Brown to amend and revise the budget requests and to accurately reflect spending and revenues in the appropriate accounts. Mr. Burdette stated that these cuts were made in order to maintain the integrity of the departments needs and to reflect reductions in difficult budgeting times. Discussion followed.

Mr. Thrift noted that this revised budget presentation would be brought to the attention of the Budget, Finance & Administration Committee at their next meeting.

Executive Session:

Mr. Thrift made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved unanimously to enter into Executive Session to discuss a contractual matter.

The Committee entered Executive Session at 6:45 p.m.

The Committee returned from Executive Session at 7:23 upon a motion by Mr. Thrift, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved unanimously.

Mr. McCall stated that no action was taken in Executive Session.

Discussion of options related to the purchase of additional fire trucks:

Mr. Burdette reviewed with the committee the existing plans to replace two trucks [one at the Cleveland Station and one in Long Creek]. Discussion followed regarding equipment for the trucks and use of older vehicles for potential new substations.

Mr. Thrift made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved unanimously to authorize the Asst. Administrator to identify potential alternate methods for funding these two trucks [to include a lease purchase agreement].

Old Business: None discussed at this meeting.

New Business:

City of Salem Request for meeting regarding potential fire contract:

Mayor Diane Head and some Salem staff were present to request a meeting after all information is received from the Auditor regarding a potential fire contract with the City of Salem.

Pending this meeting it was the recommendation of the committee that Mr. Burdette meet with the City to identify wants/needs and report back to the committee.

Next Meeting:

No announcement was made regarding the next meeting date/time.

Adjourn:

Mr. Thrift made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved unanimously at 7:34 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Elizabeth G. Hulse
Clerk to Council