



MINUTES
LAW ENFORCEMENT, PUBLIC SAFETY, HEALTH &
WELFARE COMMITTEE MEETING
November 10, 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 Tuesday, November 10, 2009 at 5:30 PM in Council Chambers, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all Committee Members present [except Mr. Suarez], Interim Administrator Kendra Brown and Elizabeth G. Hulse, Clerk to Council present.

Oconee County Staff present: Mr. Rodney Burdette, Emergency Services and Mr. Scott Krein, Emergency Services

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: Andrew Moore-Daily Journal.

Call to Order:

Chairman McCall called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Thrift made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall approved 2 – 0 that the minutes from the August 25, 2009 meeting be adopted as printed.

Amend Agenda:

Mr. Thrift asked Mr. McCall for permission to amend the agenda and allow Mr. Greg Dietterick, City of Seneca Administrator, and Chief Shane Smith to address the Committee regarding ongoing rumors related to the termination of the Intergovernmental Agreement between the City and the County for fire assistance in the unincorporated areas in the County. Mr. McCall approved this addition.

Discussion of Rumors related to the Termination of the Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Seneca and Oconee County:

Mr. Dietterick addressed the Committee and stated clearly that the rumors circulating that Seneca wished to terminate their relationship with the County in the Intergovernmental Agreement

were unfounded and untrue. He stated clearly that Seneca will abide by the agreement in place and would be happy to execute a long term agreement with the County. Discussion followed.

Mr. McCall addressed an operational issue between the City Rescue and the County and instructed staff to work out the details and report back.

Mr. McCall thanked Mr. Dietterick for his attendance and for clearing up the matter.

Department Reports / Updates:

Emergency Services / Update re: Volunteer Fire Department Funding:

Mr. Burdette reviewed with the Committee funding to the Volunteer Fire Departments. He also reviewed with the Committee a PowerPoint presentation [filed with these minutes] regarding everything provided to the volunteer departments by Oconee County.

New Business:

Approved Citizen Appearances: None discussed at this meeting.

Approved Staff Appearances:

Discussion of Emergency Operation Plan:

Chief Burdette provided those members present with a copy of the Emergency Operation Plan [EOP] and provided the Clerk with a CD with the plan for filing in the Clerk's office.

Discussion of Emergency Services Long Range Plans/Goals:

Discussion regarding SAFER Grant / Request for Approval from Council:

Chief Burdette reviewed with the Committee utilizing a PowerPoint presentation [filed with these minutes] potential plans for Oconee County to include: establishment of county wide standard operating guidelines and a recommended five phase plan. Lengthy discussion followed. No action was taken by the Committee regarding the plan.

The Committee took no action regarding the SAFER Grant at this time until further study can be completed regarding funding options for staff past the grant period.

Old Business: None discussed at this meeting.

Adjourn:

Mr. Thrift made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved unanimously at 7:07 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Elizabeth G. Hulse
Clerk to Council