



MINUTES
LAW ENFORCEMENT, PUBLIC SAFETY, HEALTH &
WELFARE COMMITTEE MEETING
July 27, 2010

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, July 27, 2010 at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all Committee Members present [except Mr. Suarez], Mr. Paul Corbeil, District I, Mr. Reg Dexter, District V, Administrator Scott Moulder and Elizabeth G. Hulse, Clerk to Council 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.oconeese.com/council]. In addition it was made available to the newspapers, radio stations, television stations and concerned citizens.

Member of the press present: Dick Mangrum – WGOG Radio & Carlos Galarza – Daily Journal

Call to Order: Chairman McCall called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Thrift made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved 2 – 0 to approve the March 3, 2010 minutes as presented.

Mr. Thrift made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved 2 – 0 to approve the April 26, 2010 minutes as presented.

New Business:

Discussion of City of Walhalla / LEC Sewer Issues:

Sheriff Singleton & Major Pruitt outlined ongoing issues with inmates flushing into the sewer system items to include bed sheets, jumpers, socks, slippers, etc. They stated that this issue needed to be addressed at this point after a sanitary sewer overflow occurred on February 4, 2010 as outlined in a letter [copy filed with these minutes] from Mr. Scott Parris, Utilities Director, City of Walhalla. Major Pruitt noted that with the linear design of the current structure it was impossible to watch all inmates all the time. Mr. McCall questioned the frequency of these types of events. Major Pruitt noted that it is a rare occurrence to have a sewer overflow. Lengthy discussion followed.

Mr. McCall stated that this issue might be blown out of proportion and that appropriate traps/crushers will be a part of the new jail facility design.

Mr. Thrift asked the Sheriff and Major Pruitt to work out a compromise with the City regarding this event. No action was taken by the Committee at this meeting.

Old Business:

None discussed at this meeting.

Next Meeting:

August 24, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. is the next scheduled meeting; however, the Clerk notified the Committee that Council has scheduled a workshop meeting with the Oconee County Joint Regional Sewer Authority that night so this meeting will need to be rescheduled. No date was announced at this meeting.

Adjourn:

Mr. Thrift made a motion to adjourn which was approved unanimously at 6:24 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Elizabeth G. Hulse
Clerk to Council