



MINUTES

LAW ENFORCEMENT, PUBLIC SAFETY, HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE MEETING

February 10, 2015

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr. Wayne McCall, Chairman, District II
Mr. Joel Thrift, District IV
Mr. Reg Dexter, District V

The Law Enforcement, Public Safety, Health & Welfare Committee met at 5:30 PM in Council Chambers, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all Committee Members present [except Mr. Thrift], 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: Ray Chandler/Anderson Independent & Steven Bradley/The Daily Journal.

Call to Order

Chairman McCall called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Dexter made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved 2 – 0 to approve the January 13, 2015 minutes as presented.

New Business:

Occupancy Inspections / Mr. David Stokes

Mr. David Stokes, Community Development Director, updated the Committee regarding the occupancy inspections. Mr. Stokes stated that staff is currently discussing the program with the following power providers: Blue Ridge, Duke Power, City of Westminster and Seneca Light & Water. Each provider has shown interest in partnering with the county on this initiative to help ensure structures are safe for use by the citizens of Oconee. Lastly, Mr. Stokes reported that the online permitting portal for Citizenserve has been activated which allows for the submission of building permit applications online.

Possible Expansion of Drug Prevention Project in SDOC / Sheriff Mike Crenshaw

Sheriff Crenshaw addressed the Committee utilizing a PowerPoint presentation entitled “Oconee County Leadership for Life” [copy filed with these minutes] highlighting the following issues:

- Program goals to include [1] reaching out to at risk youth within the county and offer them training on skills necessary to be successful in school, sports, etc. and, [2] provide programs to train and encourage students working with the School District.
- Benefits
- Community Partners
- Statistics
- Program Outline including Phase I & Phase II
- Request of County to include youth to be served and cost estimates
- Expected Outcomes

Sheriff Crenshaw also asked that Mr. Ashley Williams, Christ Central Ministries Oconee, who addressed the Committee utilizing several handouts [copies filed with these minutes] regarding their services and resources to include:

- Transitional Housing for men and women
- Recovery Programs for men and women
- Emergency Homeless Shelters [Ash Tree in Walhalla]
- Offers career and life skills classes, GED classes, free medical/optical/dental

Old Business:

Boating Safety Update / Mr. Ray Lewis

Mr. Ray Lewis, DNR, addressed the Committee utilizing a presentation entitled “Law Enforcement Investigations & Education Statistics 2013”, pages 1-17 [copy filed with these minutes] highlighting the following issues:

- Accident Reporting
 - Accident Type Analysis to include
 - vessel analysis
 - primary cause analysis, and
 - statistics by operation
 - Statistics by Accident Type and Cause of Death
 - Statistics by Type of Boat and Operator Experience & Education

Adjourn:

Mr. McCall adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Elizabeth G. Hulse
Clerk to Council