



**MINUTES**  
**LAW ENFORCEMENT, PUBLIC SAFETY, HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**April 14, 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, 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](http://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 & Dick Mangrum/WGOG Radio.

**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. Dexter, approved 3 – 0 to approve the February 10, 2015 minutes as presented.

**New Business:**

**Christ Central Ministries Oconee / Mr. Ashley Williams**

Sheriff Crenshaw introduced Mr. Ashley Williams and Ms. Carrie Unsworth, Christ Central Ministries Oconee, who addressed the Committee utilizing a PowerPoint presentation and several handouts [copies filed with these minutes] regarding their proposal to convert the old jail into both a transitional housing and a recovery center. Highlights of their presentation follow:

- Who is Christ Central Ministries & Ministry Emphasis
- Ash Tree Program
- Transitional Housing & Recovery Programs for men and women
  - Phase I [Day 1-45]
  - Phase II [Day 45-90]
  - Next Steps [Day 90 and Beyond]
- Request for Oconee County to cover both utility [power & water] and building maintenance costs for the program.

Additionally, two citizens [Mr. Jay Winstep and Mr. Jonathan Murphy] gave addressed the Committee giving testimonials regarding the programs benefits in their and their families lives.

Discussion followed.

**Mr. Thrift made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dexter, approved 3 – 0 to direct the Sheriff to provide specific funding estimates to the County Administrator for possible inclusion in the FY 2015-2016 budget.**

**Old Business:**

None presented at this meeting.

**Adjourn:**

Mr. McCall adjourned the meeting at 6:27 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Elizabeth G. Hulse, Clerk to Council