



MINUTES
LAW ENFORCEMENT, PUBLIC SAFETY, HEALTH &
WELFARE COMMITTEE MEETING
October 10, 2017

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr. Wayne McCall, Chairman, District II
Mr. Julian Davis, District IV
Mr. Glenn Hart, District V

The Law Enforcement, Public Safety, Health & Welfare Committee scheduled at 5:30 PM *[meeting will either immediately precede or follow the Transportation meeting, which is also scheduled at 5:30 pm]* in Council Chambers, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all Committee Members present [except Mr. McCall] County Attorney David Root, and Katie D. Smith, Clerk to Council present.

STAFF PRESENT:

Emergency Services: Chief Charlie King

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: Stephen Bradley / Daily Journal

Call to Order

Mr. Davis called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Hart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davis, approved 2 – 0 to approve the July 11, 2017 minutes as presented.

Discussion Items

Mr. Davis noted several items to be discussed would be postponed until further notice. The items to be discussed at a later date are Update on Law Enforcement Cleanup Efforts, Discussion regarding Lithium Battery safety, and Discussion regarding dumping limbs & brush into city landfill.

Discussion of EMS expansion in the County

Mr. Moulder updated the Committee highlighting the following:

- Contacted by members of the community with lack of EMS coverage
- Citizens wanted to see an improvement in response time
- County does not provide emergency medical services
- County does provide a dedicated team of volunteers that operate rescue squads throughout the County that provide excellent medical care and also have paid staff that are trained and certified
- QRV's

- Create committee to help study the improvement of medical care to include fire, rescue, dispatch, medical control, and EMS

Chief Charlie King addressed the Committee highlighting the following:

- Support any growth in medical delivery system across the County
- DHEC license
- Volunteers and career staff that provide basic life support services
- Consider both volume response times, ambulance locations, and current staffing levels in the plan
- 2 QRV's that are DHEC approved
- Holly Springs area is typically unmanned and unstaffed
- Medical responders are turning nearly 7,000 calls a year
- One ambulance in Walhalla, one ambulance in Westminster, 3 ambulances in Seneca

Discussion continued.

Mr. Hart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davis, approved 2 - 0, to direct staff to submit a medical services improvement plan.

Adjourn:

Mr. Hart made a motion, approved unanimously, to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Katie D. Smith
Clerk to Council