



# MINUTES

## LAW ENFORCEMENT, PUBLIC SAFETY, HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE MEETING

January 22, 2019

### COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr. Wayne McCall, Chairman, District II  
Mr. Julian Davis, District IV  
Mr. John Elliott, District I

The Law Enforcement, Public Safety, Health & Welfare Committee scheduled at 4:00 PM in Council Chambers, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all Committee Members present, County Interim Administrator Amanda F. Brock, County Attorney David Root, and Katie D. Smith, Clerk to Council present.

### STAFF PRESENT:

Emergency Services: Chief Charlie King  
Solid Waste & Recycling: Swain Still, Director

### 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.oconeesc.com/council](http://www.oconeesc.com/council)]. In addition it was made available to the newspapers, radio stations, television stations and concerned citizens.

Members of the press present: Caitlin Herrington / Daily Journal.

### Call to Order

Mr. McCall called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

### Approval of Minutes

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved 2 – 0 [Mr. Elliott recused himself; copy of recusal form filed with these minutes] to approve the October 16, 2018 minutes as presented.

### Presentation regarding continued efforts to improve critical radio communications in Emergency Services – Chief King / Captain Tilson

Chief Charlie King, Oconee County Emergency Services, and Captain Travis Tilson, Oconee County Sheriff's Office, addressed the Committee highlighting the following:

- Fire & Rescue squads operate on an analogue voting system
- Expanded the system
- Equipment upgrades that needs to be made to bring the system up to date
- Third party vendor to take over maintenance on the system
- Existing analogue voting system that has been upgraded and expanded and transition to a digital system
- Will not require any additional funds to manage maintenance as the funds are already budgeted for
- Goal is to make the responder have a clear path to communicate back

- Current system would be used as a backup
- Cost to upgrade the analogue system is \$70,698
- Annual maintenance cost is \$19,248 and is already in the Communications budget
- Received reimbursement from FEMA in the amount of \$72,928
- Recommendation to use the reimbursement funds in the amount needed to upgrade the analogue voter system

**Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved 3 – 0, to refer to full Council for approval to accept proposal to use FEMA reimbursement funds with an amount not to exceed \$70,698 for Radio Communication System in Oconee County Emergency Services.**

## **Discussion Items**

### Discussion regarding Recycling Program

Mr. Swain Still, Solid Waste & Recycling Director, addressed the Committee highlighting the following:

- Continuing commercial cardboard route
- Advertise
- Grants
- Glass
- Traffic at the Convenience Centers
- Residents outside of Oconee County are dumping at our sites
- Recommendations from Solid Waste staff on how to make the Convenience Center sites more user friendly
- Trash carts

Ms. Brock noted there were studies that were completed for upgrades on some of the convenience centers but not all of them. She further noted these requests were made in 2015 and would need to review the data and make a new plan or verify the information is pertinent.

**It was the consensus of the Committee for Solid Waste staff to continue working on how to improve the Convenience Centers to become more user friendly and bring back to the next Committee meeting.**

### Discussion of Boating Safety

Sheriff Crenshaw, Oconee County Sheriff's Office, addressed the Committee highlighting the following:

- 2 new boats and backup boat
- Sheriff's Office writes tickets like the SC Department of Natural Resources [SCDNR]
- Boating Safety is important

**The Committee took no action on this matter.**

### Discussion of Portable Safety Signs

Mr. McCall addressed the Committee highlighting the following:

- Started last year

- Must have life jackets for everyone on board, audio signal device, etc.
- Portable signs put out to let residents know what items you must have aboard

**The Committee took no action on this matter.**

### **Other Business**

Chief Charlie King addressed the Committee regarding an Action Item that is on the agenda for the regular Council meeting beginning at 6pm on January 22, 2019 and highlighted the following:

- Discussion regarding Used 2007 Pierce 75' Aerial Quint Ladder Truck
- Fire Services was budgeted to purchase three fire engines to replace existing engines that have reached their 20 year life cycle
- Expanding growth in the Corinth-Shiloh area
- More of a need for an aerial quint ladder truck rather than a fire engine
- Replace the purchase of a new fire engine that is meant for the Corinth-Shiloh Fire Station with the 10 year old ladder truck
- Has low miles and low use and meets the intended purpose of replacing a 20 year old engine
- Cost is \$350,000 with current pump test and current aerial test
- Fleet Maintenance staff are in Houston, TX and recommended to purchase the ladder truck after thorough inspection
- Cost savings would be around \$500,000
- Cost is within the intended capital replacement plan
- Propose to use the \$350,000 that was allocated toward the fire engine to purchase the aerial quint ladder truck

**The Committee took no action on this matter.**

Ms. Brock noted she could look into the cost factor regarding the Boating Safety and Portable Signage and bring back to the Committee at the next meeting.

### **New Business:**

None at this meeting.

The next Law Enforcement, Public Safety, Health & Welfare Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 19, 2019 beginning at 4pm.

### **Adjourn:**

Mr. Davis made a motion, approved unanimously, to adjourn the meeting at 4:49 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Katie D. Smith  
Clerk to Council



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Council Member Name: John Elliott  
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Council Member Signature: John A. Elliott

Meeting Date: 1.22.2019

Item for Discussion/Vote: 10.16.2018 Law Enforcement,  
Public Safety, Health & Welfare  
Committee Meeting Minutes

Reason for Recusal  I was not present for original meeting/discussion

I have a personal/familial interest in the issue.

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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