



**MINUTES**  
**LAW ENFORCEMENT, PUBLIC SAFETY, HEALTH &**  
**WELFARE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**March 19, 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 Administrator Amanda F. Brock, County Attorney David Root, and Katie D. Smith, Clerk to Council present.

**STAFF PRESENT:**

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 3 – 0 to approve the January 22, 2019 minutes as presented.

**Discussion Items**

**Discussion regarding Recycling Plan**

Mr. McCall noted in 2016 he developed a Recycling Plan [copy filed with these minutes] for Oconee County and updated the Committee with highlights from the recycling plan. Lengthy discussion followed.

Mr. Still updated the Committee regarding the trash carts from the January 22, 2019 meeting. He noted they have one trash cart to see how it works at the convenience center.

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

## Discussion regarding Mosquitoes

Mr. McCall updated the Committee with the following:

- Mosquitoes are a serious problem
- For health reasons, possibly get a shredder to shred tires in chunk rubber
- Health issues from mosquitoes are bad; diseases
- Prevention of mosquitoes [turn tires over that have water in them, dump water, etc.]
- Spraying for mosquitoes kills honey bees
- Alligator shears

Ms. Brock addressed the Committee noting the following:

- Shredders are expensive
- Permitting and processing for the shredders
- If we process tires we will lose approximately \$45,000 for the in return ST 390 forms from the state recycling
- Another option is to puncture the tires

Mr. McCall asked to find out what percentage of the tire would have to be destroyed before it would be considered processing the tire. Discussion continued.

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

## Other Business

### Funding Requirements for Boating Safety and Seasonal Banners

Ms. Brock addressed the Committee highlighting the following:

- Quotes for the seasonal temporary signage and banners for the two County parks that have boat access
- Inquired about possibly purchasing additional life jackets for the life safety stations
- Banners are approximately \$875 each
- Reinstallation of new life jackets and replace life jackets would be approximately \$4,000
- Corp of Engineers at Lake Hartwell boat ramp has not responded to request of temporary signage
- Could place temporary signage at the iron ranger gates without permits but can only be vinyl and can only be strapped temporarily; put up on the weekend and take down on Monday morning
- DNR has banners at each one of the boat ramps at Lake Hartwell access areas
- To get permit for a boat and registration, you are required to take a boater safety class
- Boater safety classes at County parks
- Can order banners and have them up for the 100 deadly days of summer, which usually begins on Memorial Day Weekend
- Information provided by DNR must be approved by DNR since they are the regulatory agency over the moving bodies of water that we are wishing to promote the safety on
- They are DNR messages and on the bottom of the banner it will have a message from Oconee County
- 5 keys to boater safety

**Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Elliott, approved 3 – 0, to put up temporary seasonal banners at the County Park boat ramps promoting safety.**

Mr. McCall noted he signed a letter [copy filed with these minutes] that the Clerk to Council drafted to be sent to Lt. Zorn, which will be sent to the Coast Guard District Office, 7<sup>th</sup> District Miami. He noted he found out from DHEC that Lake Keowee is considered navigable waters. Discussion continued.

The Committee asked for an update regarding the Bountyland Fire Department. Ms. Brock noted before an update was given, she wanted the impact traffic study from the City of Seneca. She further noted there were two parcels at the Hamilton Career Center that are still available. Discussion continued.

**New Business:**

None at this meeting.

The next Law Enforcement, Public Safety, Health & Welfare Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 18, 2019 beginning at 4pm.

**Adjourn:**

Mr. Davis made a motion, approved unanimously, to adjourn the meeting at 5:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Katie D. Smith  
Clerk to Council