



# MINUTES

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

September 3, 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 4:30 PM *[immediately to precede or follow the Real Estate, Facilities, & Land Management Committee meeting, which is also scheduled at 4:30 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.

### **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 5:09 p.m.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Elliott, approved 3 – 0 to approve the July 16, 2019 minutes as presented.

### **Discussion Items**

#### **Update Regarding Alternative Waste Processing Methods**

Mr. McCall began the discussion and asked Mr. Matthew Durham to give a brief presentation about burning C&D waste from the landfill.

Per Mr. McCall, Mr. Durham addressed the Committee and noted the following:

- Recycling issues and solid waste problem
- Possible solution for C&D landfill
- In Franklin County, GA, they have two newly constructed 60 megawatt turbines that burn C&D fuel; this is wood, construction, demolition, debris, etc. that is ground up and burns off steam and turns a turbine
- Plants run 24/7 and rated to burn 60 tons per hour, which is equivalent to 500,000 tons of waste per year, per unit
- Considered renewable energy

- Have not acquired all the fuel they need to be a base load plant; contracts available
- Propose to contact the plant in Franklin County, GA about the C&D landfill

Mr. Elliott made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davis, approved 3 – 0, to direct the County Administrator to contact a representative at Veolia Energy.

Mr. McCall thanked Mr. Durham for taking the time to come and speak with them.

Mr. McCall handed out several documents regarding different alternative waste processing methods that are going around the country [copy filed with backup materials].

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Elliott, approved 3 – 0, to direct the County Administrator to investigate the feasibility for a waste to energy and a recycling plant and proposed location with impacts to the surrounding area and community and develop an education plan for that program.

### Discussion regarding Expansion of General Healthcare in Oconee County

Mr. McCall began the discussion regarding the left over balance of a bill after insurance has paid their portion. He noted this is turned over to a collection agency and they put a lien on your property. Discussion continued to include health department building, grants, Rosa Clark, expansion of Joseph F. Sullivan nursing program, financial aid and payment plans through Prisma Health, and assisted living facilities.

It was the consensus of the Committee for Mr. Davis to meet with representatives from Prisma Health and the free clinics in Oconee County and bring information back to the next Law Enforcement, Public Safety, Health & Welfare Committee meeting, which will meet on September 17, 2019.

### Other Business

None at this meeting.

### New Business:

None at this meeting.

The next Law Enforcement, Public Safety, Health & Welfare Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 17, 2019 beginning at 4:00 p.m.

### Adjourn:

Mr. Davis made a motion, approved unanimously, to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Katie D. Smith  
Clerk to Council