



MINUTES

LAW ENFORCEMENT, PUBLIC SAFETY, HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE MEETING

February 4, 2020

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 [Mr. Davis arrived late], 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]. 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. Elliott made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved 2 – 0 to approve the September 17, 2019 minutes as presented.

Discussion Items

Update on Renovation at Oconee County Sheriff's Office – Chief Deputy Kevin Davis

Chief Deputy Davis updated the Committee utilizing photographs [copy filed with the backup materials] regarding renovations and noted the work that has been completed.

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

Discussion regarding Salkehatchie Program – Mr. Stephen Turner, Pastor of Salem United Methodist Church

Pastor Turner addressed the Committee regarding the Salkehatchie Program utilizing a handout [copy filed with backup materials] and gave a brief presentation.

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

Mr. Davis arrived during the discussion of the Salkehatchie Program.

Discussion regarding Joseph F. Sullivan Center expansion in Oconee County

Ms. Brock updated the Committee regarding the Joseph F. Sullivan Center expansion highlighting the following:

- Joseph F. Sullivan Center has been housed in the former DHEC / Health Department Building located at 200 Booker Dr., Walhalla since 2012
- Years ago they had a contract with Seneca Family Lakes for prenatal care for undocumented or uninsured mothers with a focus on minorities and has since not continued the program and Prisma Health has picked this up
- County has looked into a feasibility study into expanding services that were able to be provided out of the building
- County can make the upgrades to the facility utilizing as much inmate labor and County staff as possible and continuing to seek donations

Lengthy discussion continued to include:

- Veterans
- Potentially fill the gap for County employees
- Mill employees
- Lien on property and can also withhold your state income tax return if you can't pay hospital bill
- Will offer Behavioral Health Service, nutrition, etc.
- Pilot program started in Salem

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Elliott, approved 3 – 0, to refer to full Council to approve funding in an amount not to exceed \$110,000 to the Joseph F. Sullivan Center [formed DHEC building] located at 200 Booker Drive, Walhalla, SC 29691.

Update regarding Recycling in Oconee County

Lengthy discussion regarding update on recycling in Oconee County to include:

- Glass grinding
- Capital Vehicle Replacement Plan
- Specs
- Solid Waste
- Trash is a growing problem
- Plastics, Cardboard, Metal
- Strategic materials
- Solid Waste Authority

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

Other Business

None at this meeting.

New Business:

None at this meeting.

Adjourn:

Mr. Davis made a motion, approved unanimously, to adjourn the meeting at 4:51 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Katie D. Smith
Clerk to Council