



MINUTES

LAW ENFORCEMENT, PUBLIC SAFETY, HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE MEETING

November 17, 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, 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.

No members of the press were present at this meeting.

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. Davis, approved 3 – 0 to approve the July 21, 2020 minutes as presented.

Discussion Items

Lengthy discussion followed regarding the topics indicated below, with various opinions expressed, to include but not limited to:

Update regarding expansion of general healthcare in Oconee County – Caitlin Kickham, FNP – Nurse Practitioner & Director, Outreach and Wellness AND Marvina Jones, MHA, MPH – Program Manager, Rural Health & Outreach

Ms. Caitlin Kickham, FNP, Nurse Practitioner & Director, Outreach and Wellness, addressed the Committee and introduced Marvina Jones, MPH, Program Manager, Rural Health & Outreach and noted she is handling most of the administrative work related to launching the clinic at Walhalla.

Ms. Kickham thanked staff that helped with the building and noted it looked great. She noted they are still seeing patients on Friday afternoons in the clinic and Telehealth in the morning. Lengthy discussion followed, which included ready rooms installed with new exam beds, plumbing needs to be completed to have sinks installed, logistics with starting a clinic include getting a lab license, pharmacy consultant, etc., second floor for additional activities such as research and clinical trials, teaching students how to be healthcare professionals and talk to patients, etc. She noted the target grand reopening will be in February and is currently getting all of the clinicians credentialed with all of the major payers from insurance.

Discussion continued to include:

- Archived records stored on the second floor
- Fire Protection System
- Requirement for a sprinkler system if the occupancy level on the second floor is ten percent or greater of that for the permit on the first floor
- Self-pay discount

In closing, Mr. McCall commended Lake Julian, Facilities Maintenance Director, and the entire staff for their hard work.

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

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded Mr. Elliott, approved 3 – 0, to amend the agenda to allow Sheriff Crenshaw to address the Committee.

Sheriff Crenshaw addressed the Committee noting the shortage of deputies. He noted businesses, churches, etc. have requested additional deputies, especially during the holiday season. Discussion continued.

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

Update regarding food donations to local non-profits by grocers

Mr. Root noted he spoke with local chain grocers and they do have specific legal policies as to what foods they can dispose of and when to dispose and what they can and cannot give to third parties. However, individual grocery stores may operate differently depending on the scenario and how they work with the nonprofits.

Ms. Brock noted she contacted several local food banks and the largest in the County is Golden Corner Food Bank. She noted they receive food donations from Walmart, BI-LO, Food Lion, Aldi, Walmart in the Clemson area, Publix in Anderson, Easley, and Clemson areas, and to date have received approximately 500,000 pounds of donated food. She further noted Ingles corporate policy is to send everything back to their corporate headquarters and they make the donations locally at their corporate entity. Discussion continued.

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

Mr. Elliott wrapped up the meeting thanking Mr. McCall for his 12 years of service of law enforcement, public safety, health & welfare of the citizens of Oconee County.

Adjourn:

Mr. Davis made a motion, approved unanimously, to adjourn the meeting at 4:24 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Katie D. Smith
Clerk to Council