



# MINUTES

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

April 20, 2021

### COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr. Matthew Durham, Chairman, District II  
Mr. Julian Davis, District IV  
Mr. John Elliott, District I

The Law Enforcement, Public Safety, Health & Welfare Committee met at 4:30 p.m. 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, & Katie D. Smith, Clerk to Council, present.

Staff Present: Chief Scott Krein, Director of Oconee County Emergency Services

**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: Riley Morningstar / The Journal

### **Call to Order**

Mr. Durham called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Elliott made a motion, seconded by Mr. Durham, approved 2 – 0 to approve the February 16, 2021 minutes as presented.

### **Presentation on Emergency Watershed Protection Program Grant and Progress Update**

Chief Krein, Director of Oconee County Emergency Services, addressed the Committee utilizing a PowerPoint presentation [copy filed with backup materials] and gave a brief presentation.

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

### **2010 – 2020 Collison and Injury Report Presentation**

Mr. Mike Smith, Planning Commission Chairman, addressed the Commission utilizing a PowerPoint presentation [copy filed with backup materials] and gave a brief presentation.

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

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## Discussion Items

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

### Discussion regarding proposed Cultural and Historical Preservation Ordinance

Mr. Luther Lyle, Director & Curator of the Museum of the Cherokee in SC, addressed the Committee utilizing a handout entitled “Historical Markers and War Memorials in Oconee County, South Carolina” [copy filed with backup materials] and gave a brief overview.

Mr. Davis arrived during the discussion.

Mr. Durham made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davis, approved 3 – 0, to refer the ordinance as written, including the highlighted section, to full Council for consideration.

### Discuss proposed changes to the County Litter Ordinance

Mr. Root addressed the Committee utilizing a handout [copy filed with backup materials] and gave a brief overview.

Mr. Elliott made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davis, approved 3 – 0, to direct the County Attorney to work with deputies at the Oconee County Sheriff’s Office to revise and present to full Council for approval.

### Discuss Intergovernmental Jail Services Agreement between the County and municipalities

Mr. Root addressed the Committee utilizing a handout entitled “Intergovernmental Jail Services Agreement” [copy filed with backup materials] and gave a brief overview.

Sheriff Crenshaw addressed the Committee regarding the intergovernmental jail services agreement and gave a brief presentation.

Mr. Elliott made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davis, approved 3 – 0, to direct the County Attorney to finalize the agreement with the Oconee County Sheriff’s Office and present to full Council for approval of the template.

### Update regarding the Sheriff’s Department and staffing

Sheriff Crenshaw addressed the Committee utilizing a handout entitled “Starting Base Salary for Local, Regional, and State Law Enforcement Agencies” [copy filed with backup materials] and gave a brief presentation.

The Committee took no action on this matter.

### Oconee County Emergency Services Director Chief Scott Krein

Chief Scott Krein, Oconee County Emergency Services Director, addressed the Committee and gave a brief update regarding the Assistance to Firefighter grant, fire trucks, and staffing & retention.

The Committee took no action on this matter.

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**Adjourn:**

Mr. Elliott made a motion, approved unanimously, to adjourn the meeting at 5:44 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Katie D. Smith  
Clerk to Council

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