



MINUTES

LAW ENFORCEMENT, PUBLIC SAFETY, HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE MEETING

February 20, 2024

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr. Don Mize, Chair, District III

Mr. Matthew Durham, District II

Mr. Glen Hart, District V

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. Durham absent], County Administrator Amanda F. Brock, County Attorney David Root, & Jennifer C. Adams, Clerk to Council, present.

Members of staff present: Sheriff Mike Crenshaw, Swain Still / Solid Waste 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]. In addition, it was made available to the newspapers, radio stations, television stations and concerned citizens.

Members of the press present: None

Call to Order

Mr. Mize called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

Moment of Silence

Mr. Mize asked for a moment of silence.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Mize led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Invocation

Mr. David Root, County Attorney, gave the invocation.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Hart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mize, approved 2 – 0, to approve the October 03, 2023 regular meeting minutes as presented.

Discussion Items

Law Enforcement Update – Sheriff Mike Crenshaw

Sheriff Mike Crenshaw presented the Committee with a handout entitled, “Oconee County Sheriff’s Office 2023 Annual Report” [copy filed in backup] and provided a short update regarding the following topics:

1. Purchase of ballistic windshields for officer vehicles.
2. Possible budget request for replacement Glock pistols, adding laser sights and new plates for bullet proof vests that would enhance officer safety.
3. Updates on prison population and crime statistics across South Carolina and Oconee County.

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4. Update on Officer Watts.

Mr. Hart noted that he believes the survival of Officer Watts, after being shot in the line of duty, was a present-day miracle.

Mr. Mize inquired if riot gear was considered an option for officer safety.

Sheriff Crenshaw noted that the Sheriff's Office does, in fact, have equipment of that nature and at times are able to get this equipment through military surplus at no charge.

Solid Waste Update – Swain Still / Director

Mr. Swain Still, Solid Waste Director, addressed the Committee utilizing a power point presentation entitled, "Solid Waste and Recycling Update" [copy filed in backup] and provided a brief update regarding the following topics:

1. Department staffing and salaries.
2. Solid Waste numbers starting in FY2012 through FY2023.
3. Recycling center household trash tonnage.
4. Solid Waste total revenue.
5. Private residential hauler increases.
6. Municipal residential waste tonnage.
7. Update on aging landfill compactor, track loader and wood grinder.
8. Transfer station tonnage intake.
9. Recycling center location updates.
10. Landfill usage, fees and waivers.
11. Solid Waste funding mechanisms.

Adjourn:

Mr. Hart made a motion, approved unanimously, to adjourn the meeting at 6:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Jennifer C. Adams
Clerk to Council