



MINUTES

LAW ENFORCEMENT, PUBLIC SAFETY, HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE MEETING

July 21, 2026

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr. Don Mize, Chair, District III

Mr. Thomas James, District IV

Mr. Glen Hart, District V

The Law Enforcement, Public Safety, Health & Welfare Committee met at 4:50 p.m. in Council Chambers, located at 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all Committee Members, County Administrator Stewart Jones, Deputy Administrator Phil Shirley, County Attorney Rob Chumley, & Jennifer C. Adams, Clerk to Council, present.

Members of staff present: Mr. Swain Still / Solid Waste Director and Sheriff Mike Crenshaw

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: Dick Mangrum / 101.7 WGOG

Call to Order

Mr. Mize called the meeting to order at 4:50 p.m.

Moment of Silence

Mr. Mize asked for a moment of silence.

Invocation

Mr. James gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Hart made a motion, seconded by Mr. James, approved 3 – 0, to approve the May 19, 2026 regular meeting minutes as presented.

Discussion Items

As requested by Mr. Mize, Mr. Hart made a motion, seconded by Mr. James, approved 3 – 0, to amend the agenda by removing “Discussion regarding the Oconee County Noise Ordinance”.

Solid Waste Update – Mr. Swain Still / Director of Solid Waste

Mr. Still, Director of Solid Waste, addressed the Committee utilizing a power point presentation entitled, “Solid Waste Update Safety Committee July 21, 2026”, and provided the Committee with a lengthy update regarding recycling, plastic recycling and private business and municipality residential haulers.

A video recording of this meeting is available at www.oconeesc.com. Meetings have been live-streamed beginning January 17, 2017. Brought to you by Your Oconee.

Mr. Swain answered all questions posed by Committee members.

Discussion regarding Flock Cameras / Sheriff Mike Crenshaw

Sheriff Crenshaw provided the Committee with background information and documents [copy in backup] related to FLOCK camera usage in Oconee County.

Sheriff Crenshaw went on to explain what these camera's actually capture and how they have helped solve crimes in Oconee County and other areas across the state.

Sheriff Crenshaw also informed the Committee of his policies and procedures in place to prevent misuse of this technology within the Oconee County Sheriff's Office and provided the cost associated with these camera's.

Lastly, Sheriff Crenshaw provided several instances where crimes were solved using FLOCK cameras, noting he is in support of any and all regulations necessary that will allow the continued use of these cameras by law enforcement.

Sheriff Crenshaw provided Mr. James with answers to all questions that he presented on behalf of himself and citizens within the County regarding FLOCK cameras.

Mr. James remarked that while he is in full support of law enforcement, he has some reservations/concerns regarding FLOCK cameras and the data they collect, going on to share an excerpt from an article off the Tuttle Twins website that addresses the possible issues this type of technology can lead to. <https://www.tuttletwins.com/blogs/newsletter/what-the-flock?srltid=AfmBOoq0QYFgM-fY90kiGrckPhMa-eYXd8MdMjlY8DR62DCPtTPLPDkA>

Mr. James went on to read his own personal statement regarding FLOCK cameras, warning that this technology could be used against us in the future as it has in other countries.

Discussion regarding the Oconee County Noise Ordinance

Adjourn:

Mr. Hart made a motion, approved unanimously, to adjourn the meeting at 6:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Jennifer C. Adams
Clerk to Council