



MINUTES

LAW ENFORCEMENT, PUBLIC SAFETY, HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE MEETING

September 15, 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: 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: None

Call to Order

Mr. Mize called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m.

Moment of Silence

Mr. Mize asked for a moment of silence.

Invocation

Mr. James gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Hart 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 July 21, 2026 regular meeting minutes as presented.

Discussion Items

Discussion regarding the Oconee County Noise Ordinance

Mr. Mize provided background information related to possible changes to the Oconee County Noise Ordinance.

Mr. Chumley provided several suggested revisions to the Committee that include the following:

1. Pros and cons of Section 12-32 and 12-33 regarding the definition of “nuisance”.
2. Possible lowering of measurable noise decibel levels to 60 daytime and 55 nighttime.

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3. Suggested revision of section 12-39 (d) related to placement of decibel measuring devices.
4. Possible addition of a provision that addresses bass vibratory sound.

Mr. Mize recommended incorporating verbiage that addresses loud music coming from motorcycle radios.

Sheriff Crenshaw addressed the Committee noting he is in favor of the verbiage that addresses bass vibratory sound and also communicated his concerns with measuring noise decibel levels from property lines.

Mr. Mize further noted that he would like to see verbiage added to the ordinance that covers Tannerite.

Sheriff Crenshaw suggested that decibel levels be adjusted for city and residential areas.

Mr. Chumley pointed out that he believes Tannerite is addressed by Section 12-34(a)(9), where the current ordinance states, “any explosive device or compound which disturbs the public peace”.

Mr. Mize instructed Mr. Chumley to incorporate the above changes into the current Oconee County Noise Ordinance and return with a draft for the Committee to review at the next Law Enforcement, Public Safety, Health and Welfare Committee meeting.

Discussion regarding the Oconee County Animal Control Ordinance

Mr. Mize shared information from a document he received [copy filed in backup] regarding issues that Oconee County Animal Control officers are faced with while performing the duties of their jobs.

Mr. Mize then read aloud the requested changes to the Oconee County Animal Control Ordinance [copy filed in backup] and directed Mr. Jones, County Administrator, to implement these changes and bring it back to the Committee for review.

Adjourn:

Mr. Hart made a motion, approved unanimously, to adjourn the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Jennifer C. Adams
Clerk to Council