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A G E N D A

OCONEE COUNTY RESCUE SQUAD ADVISORY COMMISSION

July 23, 2020 6:00 PM

Council Chambers, Oconee County Administrative Offices
415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC

Call to Order

Approval of Minutes

- January 23, 2020

2020 Meeting Schedule Establishment (*For discussion and vote. This rescheduling is made necessary due to an inability to obtain a quorum for meetings on the first Thursday of the month.*)

- August 27, 2020
- September 24, 2020
- October 22, 2020
- November 19, 2020
- December 17, 2020
- January 28, 2021

Rescue Squad Updates

- Region 1 – Squads 1 & 3 / Mary Beth Honea
- Region 2 – Squads 2 & 6 / Tammy Wilbanks
- Region 3 – Squads 4 & 5 / Michael Smith
- Region 4 – Squad 22 / Erik Sprogis
- Region 5 – Squads 7 & 8 / Steven Zahn

Locations

Commission Chairman Report

- Future role of the Rescue Commissions
- Future role for rescue volunteers in Oconee County
- Rescue Squad “Affiliation” status
- Cardiac Arrest response

Chief Scott Krein’s Report

- Covid-19 update and Response info
- Physicals
- N95 masks and fit test
- Vehicles Mileage and Maintenance
- Epi/Narcan projects update
- ERS input information
- Fire/Rescue Financial information
- Training/Standards
- Staff Position Update
- Quarterly Paperwork
- Emergency Services Identification Card
- Rescue 1 & Rescue 4 Update

Adjourn

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Locations

Rescue 1: Seneca; Rescue 2: Salem; Rescue 3: Oakway; Rescue 4: Walhalla; Rescue 5: Westminster; Rescue 6: Mountain Rest; Rescue 7: Dive Team; Rescue 8: Special Rescue Team; Rescue 22: Keowee



Meetings Dates for 2020

Oconee County Rescue Squad Advisory Commission

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**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
OCONEE COUNTY
ORDINANCE 2012-24**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2-241 OF THE OCONEE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, IN CERTAIN LIMITED REGARDS AND PARTICULARS ONLY, BY ESTABLISHING A NEW REQUIREMENT FOR APPOINTMENT OF BOARD AND COMMISSION MEMBERS OF OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL AND CLARIFYING CERTAIN CURRENT LANGUAGE OF SUCH SECTION; AMENDING ARTICLE II OF CHAPTER 10 OF THE OCONEE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES BY ESTABLISHING AND CREATING THE OCONEE COUNTY RESCUE SQUAD ADVISORY COMMISSION AND THE OCONEE COUNTY FIRE SERVICES ADVISORY COMMISSION AND ESTABLISHING THE TERMS AND PROVISIONS APPLICABLE THERETO; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO

WHEREAS, Oconee County, a body politic and corporate and a political subdivision of the State of South Carolina (the "State"), acting by and through its governing body, the Oconee County Council (the "County Council"), created the Oconee County Emergency Management Commission by enactment of Oconee County Ordinance No. 2001-10, finally enacted on September 18, 2001, and codified at Article II of Chapter 10 of the Oconee County Code of Ordinances (the "County Code") in order to provide certain emergency planning advice and plans to County Council; and

WHEREAS, Oconee County is in the process of creating two new emergency services advisory commissions, the rescue squad advisory commission and the fire services advisory commission; and

WHEREAS, the rescue squad advisory commission and the fire services advisory commission will subsume, to a considerable degree, the functions and purposes of the Oconee County Emergency Management Commission; and

WHEREAS, upon successful enactment of this ordinance, creating the rescue squad advisory commission and the fire services advisory commission, there will no longer be a need for the Emergency Management Commission to provide advisory services to Oconee County; and

WHEREAS, as a result thereof, Oconee County Council desires and intends to dissolve the Emergency Management Commission and revise and amend all current provisions of Article II of Chapter 10 of the County Code, pertaining to disestablishment of the Emergency Management Commission, and the formation and duties of the rescue squad advisory commission and the fire services advisory commission, subject to and dependent on final enactment and approval of this ordinance; and;

WHEREAS, Section 2-241. *Generally*, of Article IV. *Boards, Commissions, and Committees*, of Chapter 2. *Administration*, of the County Code, as last amended by Oconee County Ordinance 2012-05, needs to be further amended, to add a requirement for completed questionnaires for all potential appointees, and to define the term "co-terminus":

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby ordained by Oconee County Council, in meeting duly assembled, that:

1. The second paragraph of Section 2-241. *Generally*, of Article IV. *Boards, Commissions, and Committees*, of Chapter 2. *Administration*, of the County Code, is hereby revised and amended to read:

“Beginning January 1, 2012, all terms of office shall run from January 1 through December 31 of the respective years of appointment and termination. All board terms shall be co-terminus with the term of office of the appointing Council Member, but with the initial appointments of new council members not scheduled to be made until June of the first year of the Council Member’s term. A staggered appointment schedule for all county council – appointed boards will be maintained in the county council office by the Clerk to Council.”

2. The fourth paragraph of Section 2-241. *Generally*, of Article IV. *Boards, Commissions, and Committees*, of Chapter 2. *Administration*, of the County Code, is hereby revised and amended to read:

“Interested candidates for any board will be requested to complete the “Questionnaire for Board/Commission” and submit it to the Clerk to Council for distribution to Council. Council is not required to select a member from the submitted questionnaires; members of Council may directly solicit a candidate for any appointment by the Board. However, all potential candidates, whether those submitting questionnaires on their own or those solicited for appointment by members of Council, must complete the “Questionnaire for Board/Commission” and submit it to the Clerk to Council for distribution to Council before being appointed to any county board or commission by any member of council.”

3. There is hereby created a new Article II.A. *Rescue Squad Advisory Commission*, of the County Code, to read as follows:

“ARTICLE II. A. RESCUE SQUAD ADVISORY COMMISSION.

Sec. 10-31. Purpose of Article.

The purpose of this Article II.A. is to create and structure the Oconee County Rescue Squad Advisory Commission, whose mission is to provide a body of active members of the Oconee County rescue service, to be responsible for guidance, advice, and recommendations to the County and the County Council on current and future rescue activities in Oconee County. The Oconee County Rescue Squad Advisory Commission is not subject to and is exempt from the terms and provisions of Section 2-241 of the Oconee County Code of Ordinances, as to membership and appointment, since it is not a Council-appointed board or commission.

Sec. 10-32. Objectives.

The primary objectives of the Rescue Squad Advisory Commission include:

- Recommending minimum training standards of Oconee County rescue service personnel
- Promoting the exchange of information among county rescue squads and personnel
- Making recommendations on rescue squad equipment and purchasing practices and service objectives
- Making budget recommendations and reviewing budget matters concerning Oconee County rescue services and rescue squads
- Reviewing and evaluating current and proposed activities of county rescue services to help maintain acceptable standards for Oconee County rescue squads
- Serving in an advisory capacity to the Oconee County Emergency Services Rescue Chief.

Other objectives will be established by County Council as the Rescue Squad Advisory Commission makes recommendations, as described herein.

Sec. 10-33. Membership.

The Oconee County Rescue Squad Advisory Commission will consist of five (5) voting members and two (2) non-voting members. The two (2) non-voting members will be representatives appointed, respectively, by the Oconee County Rescue Squad Chiefs and the Oconee County Emergency Services Rescue Chief. The voting members shall consist of five (5) representatives from the Oconee County Rescue Squads, to be elected, respectively, by the Oconee County rescue squads, by region, as set forth herein. All members of the Commission must be residents of the regions from which they are appointed to serve and active rescue service members in good standing in Oconee County.

Sec. 10-34. Terms of Office.

Voting members of the Commission will be elected to two (2) year terms from their respective rescue squad region, as set forth herein. The initial terms of membership for Regions 2 and 4 will be for three (3) years, respectively, to create a staggered rotation of membership. The County Rescue Squad Chiefs and the Oconee County Emergency Services Rescue Chief will appoint or reappoint their respective non-voting member annually.

Sec. 10-35. Election of Voting Members.

Voting members will be elected by the volunteers and staff of rescue squads in their respective region. The County Emergency Services Rescue Chief will solicit nominations for election in each region in the month of August of any election year. Elections from the ranks of the nominated members for a given region will be conducted at each squad within that region during the months of October and November of that election year. Newly elected voting commissioners and newly appointed non-voting commissioners will be seated in the first Advisory Commission meeting of the following year.

Sec. 10-36. Advisory Commission Regions.

For purposes of electing voting Advisory Commission members, the Oconee County rescue squads will be grouped in regions, as set forth below. Regions will be grouped geographically. Voting commissioners elected from each region will be responsible for ensuring that all squads within that region are kept fully informed and involved in all Oconee County rescue service activities, education, and information sharing. The rescue squads will be grouped by region in the following manner:

- Region 1 – Squads 1 and 3
- Region 2 – Squads 2 and 6
- Region 3 – Squads 4 and 5
- Region 4 – Squads 11 and 22
- Region 5 – Squads 7 and 8

Sec. 10-37. Organization; Meetings; Officers.

(a) The Rescue Squad Advisory Commission will meet on the first Thursday of each month (except legal holidays, when the meeting date may be moved by vote of the Advisory Commission, to any other date, with notice given as required by law) at a time and location specified and duly advertised by the Advisory Commission. All meetings of the Advisory Commission are subject to all requirements of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act, and meeting times and locations will therefore be posted at all squads and the meeting place, and

made available to the public in full accordance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act, both as to distribution and as to advance notice. A quorum shall consist of a majority of the voting representatives (3).

(b) At the January meeting of each year, there shall be selected from among the Advisory Commission voting members a chair, a vice chair, and a secretary, together with such other officers as the Advisory Commission may deem necessary, and these officers shall serve for a period of one year and until their successors are duly elected and qualified. Vacancies in any such office by reason of death, resignation, or replacement shall be filled for the unexpired term of the officer whose position becomes vacant, in the same manner as the initial election.

(c) In addition, the Advisory Commission may duly adopt such by-laws as may be necessary for the orderly performance of its duties and functions. Any by-laws which may be adopted by the Commission for the orderly performance of its duties shall comply with the general law of the State, including, without limitation, the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act, and this Article.

Sec. 10-38. Powers and Duties.

The duties of the Oconee County Rescue Squad Advisory Commission shall be to make recommendations to the Oconee County Emergency Services Rescue Chief, and, through that office, ultimately to the Oconee County Administrator and to the Oconee County Council, in the subject areas of the objectives of the Advisory Commission, as set forth herein. Should the Oconee County Emergency Services Rescue Chief or the Oconee County Administrator so request, recommendations from the Advisory Commission, in the subject areas of the objectives of the Advisory Commission, may be made directly to Oconee County Council. The Oconee County Emergency Services Rescue Chief or the Oconee County Administrator may otherwise forward recommendations and information from the Rescue Squad Advisory Commission to Oconee County Council, for dissemination to Council members, as deemed appropriate.

Sec. 10-39. Working Groups.

The Rescue Squad Advisory Commission will establish, at its discretion, working groups to concentrate on specific projects. Each working group will be established with a group leader, objectives, and expected timeline for completion of the project. Each working group will normally consist of the following, at a minimum: a member from the Advisory Commission; an active member, at large, of the rescue squads from each region; and, a staff liaison from Oconee County Emergency Services. The working group member from the Advisory Commission will serve as the working group leader. Examples of working group project topics could include, without limitation, training, equipment, operations, and safety.

4. There is hereby created a new Article II.B. *Fire Service Advisory Commission*, of the County Code, to read as follows:

“ARTICLE II.B. FIRE SERVICE ADVISORY COMMISSION.

Sec. 10-40. Purpose of Article.

The purpose of this Article II.B. is to create and structure the Oconee County Fire Service Advisory Commission, whose mission is to provide a body of active members of the Oconee County fire service, to be responsible for guidance, advice, and recommendations to the County and the County Council on current and future fire service activities in Oconee County. The Oconee County Fire Service Advisory Commission is not subject to and is exempt from the

terms and provisions of Section 2-241 of the Oconee County Code of Ordinances, as to membership and appointment, since it is not a Council-appointed board or commission.

Sec. 10-41. Objectives.

The primary objectives of the Fire Service Advisory Commission include:

- Recommending minimum training standards of Oconee County fire service personnel
- Promoting the exchange of information among county fire departments and personnel
- Making recommendations on fire service equipment and purchasing practices and service objectives
- Making budget recommendations and reviewing budget matters concerning Oconee County fire services and fire departments and services
- Reviewing and evaluating current and proposed activities of county fire services and fire departments to help maintain acceptable standards for Oconee County fire departments
- Serving in an advisory capacity to the Oconee County Emergency Services Fire Chief.

Other objectives will be established by County Council as the Fire Service Advisory Commission makes recommendations as described herein.

Sec. 10-42. Membership.

The Oconee County Fire Service Advisory Commission will consist of five (5) voting members and two (2) non-voting members. The two (2) non-voting members will be representatives appointed, respectively, by the Oconee County Fire Chiefs Association and the Oconee County Emergency Services Fire Chief. The voting members shall consist of one (1) representative of the Municipal Service areas of the County and four (4) representatives from the Oconee County fire departments, to be elected, respectively, by the Oconee County fire departments, as set forth herein. All members of the Commission must be residents of the regions from which they are appointed to serve and active fire service members in good standing in Oconee County.

Sec. 10-43. Terms of Office.

Voting members of the commission will be elected to two (2) year terms from their respective fire department region, as set forth herein. The initial terms of membership for Regions 2 and 4 will be for three (3) years, respectively, to create a staggered rotation of membership. The County Fire Chiefs and the Oconee County Emergency Services Fire Chief will appoint or reappoint their respective non-voting member annually.

Sec. 10-44. Election of Voting Members.

Voting members will be elected by the volunteers and staff of fire stations in their respective region. The County Emergency Services Fire Chief will solicit nominations for election in each region and the Municipal Service areas region in the month of August of any election year. Elections from the ranks of the nominated members for a given region will be conducted at each fire station within that region during the months of October and November of that election year. Newly elected voting commissioners and newly appointed voting commissioners will be seated in the first Advisory Commission meeting of the following year.

Sec. 10-45. Advisory Commission Regions.

For purposes of electing voting Advisory Commission members, the Oconee County fire departments and station squads will be grouped in regions, as set forth below. Regions will be grouped geographically. Voting commissioners elected from each region will be responsible for ensuring that all stations within that region are kept fully informed and involved in all Oconee County fire service activities, education, and information sharing. The rescue stations will be grouped by region in the following manner:

Region 1 – Stations 4, 9, 10 and HAZMAT

Region 2 – Stations 11, 14 and 16

Region 3 – Stations 3, 12 and 17

Region 4 – Stations 1, 8, 13 and 15

Region 5 – Westminster, Walhalla, Salem, and Seneca stations

Sec. 10-46. Organization; Meetings; Officers.

(a) The Fire Service Advisory Commission will meet on the first Thursday of each month (except legal holidays, when the meeting date may be moved by vote of the Advisory Commission, to any other date, with notice given as required by law) at a time and location specified and duly advertised by the Advisory Commission. All meetings of the Advisory Commission are subject to all requirements of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act, and meeting times and locations will therefore be posted at all fire stations and the meeting place and made available to the public in full accordance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act, both as to distribution and as to advance notice. A quorum shall consist of a majority of the voting representatives (3).

(b) At the January meeting of each year, there shall be selected from among the Advisory Commission voting members a chair, a vice chair, and a secretary, together with such other officers as the Advisory Commission may deem necessary, and these officers shall serve for a period of one year and until their successors are duly elected and qualified. Vacancies in any such office by reason of death, resignation, or replacement shall be filled for the unexpired term of the officer whose position becomes vacant, in the same manner as the initial election.

(c) In addition, the Advisory Commission may duly adopt such by-laws as may be necessary for the orderly performance of its duties and functions. Any by-laws which may be adopted by the Commission for the orderly performance of its duties shall comply with the general law of the State, including, without limitation, the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act, and this Article II.B.

Sec. 10-47. Powers and Duties.

The duties of the Oconee County Fire Service Advisory Commission shall be to make recommendations to the Oconee County Emergency Services Fire Chief, and, through that office, ultimately to the Oconee County Administrator and to the Oconee County Council, in the subject areas of the objectives of the Advisory Commission, as set forth herein. Should the Oconee County Emergency Services Fire Chief or the Oconee County Administrator so request, recommendations from the Advisory Commission, in the subject areas of the objectives of the Advisory Commission, may be made directly to Oconee County Council. The Oconee County Emergency Services Fire Chief or the Oconee County Administrator may otherwise forward recommendations and information from the Fire Service Advisory Commission to Oconee County Council, for dissemination to Council members, as deemed appropriate.

Sec. 10-48. Working Groups.

The Fire Service Advisory Commission will establish, at its discretion, working groups to concentrate on specific projects. Each working group will be established with a group leader, objectives, and expected timeline for completion of the project. Each working group will normally consist of the following, at a minimum: a member of the Advisory Commission; an active member, at large, of the fire stations from each region; and, a staff liaison from Oconee County Emergency Services. The working group member from the Advisory Commission will serve as the working group leader. Examples of working group project topics could include, without limitation, training, equipment, operations, and safety.

5. All other parts and provisions of the Oconee County Code of Ordinances not amended hereby, either explicitly or by implication, remain in full force and effect.

6. Should any part or provision of this Ordinance be deemed unconstitutional or unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, such determination shall not affect the rest and remainder of this Ordinance, all of which is hereby deemed separable.

7. All ordinances, orders, resolutions, and actions of Oconee County Council inconsistent herewith are, to the extent of such inconsistency only, hereby repealed, revoked, and rescinded.

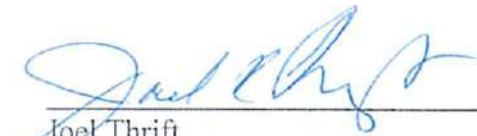
8. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force and effect from and after third reading and enactment by Oconee County Council.

ORDAINED in meeting, duly assembled, this 17th day of July, 2012.

ATTEST:



Elizabeth Hulse,
Clerk to Oconee County Council



Joel Thrift,
Chairman, Oconee County Council

First Reading:	June 5, 2012
Second Reading:	June 19, 2012
Public Hearing:	July 17, 2012
Third Reading:	July 17, 2012

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