



MINUTES
OCONEE COUNTY RESCUE SQUAD ADVISORY
COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
Thursday, August 27,
2020

MEMBERS, RESCUE SQUAD ADVISORY COMMISSION

Mary Beth Honea, Tammy Wilbanks, Steven
Zahn, Michael Smith, and Erik Sprogis

The Oconee County Rescue Squad Advisory Commission met at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, Steven Zahn, Tammy Wilbanks, Mike Smith, Eric Sprogis, Emergency Services Director Scott Krein, Mike Carroll, and Vivian Kompier, County Planner present.

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]. In addition, it was made available [upon request] to the newspapers, radio stations, television stations and concerned citizens.

Call to Order

Commissioner Zahn called the meeting to order at 18:00.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Smith made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sprogis, approved 4 – 0 to approve the July 23, 2020 meeting minutes as presented.

Rescue Squad Updates

Region 1 – Squads 1 & 3 / Mary Beth Honea was not present.

Region 2 – Squads 2 & 6 / Tammy Wilbanks

Commissioner Wilbanks stated Rescue Squad 2 and Rescue Squad 6 has no updates at this time.

Region 3 – Squads 4 & 5 / Michael Smith

Commissioner Smith read an email from Chief Tatum with updates from a meeting that the Walhalla Rescue Squad had a few days prior. The meeting was to gauge interest in revamping the squad and its membership base and responsibilities. They had a great turnout with old and new faces and are gathering membership packets for the new people that are interested. They hope to gain interest in Keowee and West Union and continue to build all aspects of the squad. Commissioner Smith stated Rescue Squad 5 has two applicants for membership. In the Westminster/Cleveland area they are having radio communication difficulties from time to time.

Region 4 – Squad 22 / Erik Sprogis

Commissioner Sprogis stated Rescue Squad 22 has an applicant for a new member she is a former emergency room doctor from Wake Forest. They are also looking into purchasing a new vehicle to carry gear to the rehabs.

Region 5 – Squads 7 & 8 / Steven Zahn

Commissioner Zahn stated Rescue Squad 8 has seen an increase in the number of calls retrieving people from the woods. The new vehicle is in being striped and will be a great addition to get needed equipment to scenes quickly.

Chief Scott Krein's Report – Discussion regarding future plans on how Station 21 staff can support the rescue squads.

Lengthy discussion to include how Station 21 can support the rescue squads but not limited to:

- Need for additional 21 staff to help cover the growing number of medical & rescue calls.
- Need to form a Future Plans Committee & a Radio Communications Committee.
- Install Geo Locating in 21 Staff vehicles to assist in closest units being dispatched.
- Cardiac Arrest calls need nearest fire dept. & 21 staff on original dispatch. Review existing Box Alarms.
- Need for 21 staff to identify the location they are responding from to calls.

Adjourn Commissioner Smith made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sprogis, approved 4– 0 to adjourn at 18:27.

Locations