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OCONEE COUNTY

FIRE SERVICE ADVISORY MEETING

June 17, 2021

6:00 PM

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

Call to Order

Approval of Minutes

- May 20, 2021 Regular Minutes

Election of Officers

- Commission Vice-Chairman

Radio Communications Committee Report *[to include Vote and/or Action on matters brought up for discussion, if required]*

Director Scott Krein's Report *[to include Vote and/or Action on matters brought up for discussion, if required]*

- Update on open Commission seat
- Discussion regarding 20 fund proposed budget overview
- Discussion regarding 10 fund proposed budget overview
- Discussion regarding Fire / Rescue call response report

County Fire Chief Larry Greer's Report *[to include Vote and/or Action on matters brought up for discussion, if required]*

- Continued discussion regarding ID cards
- Continued discussion regarding social media policy
- Discussion regarding contracts for ladders, pumps, hoses, and air packs
- Discussion regarding volunteers needed
- Discussion regarding Volunteer Fire & Rescue Appreciation Day
- Discussion regarding helmet policy deadline set for January 2023
- Discussion regarding physicals held until County Attorney views rules & regulations
- Discussion regarding accountability on hold

Fire Commissioner's Updates

- Region 1 – Stations 4, 9, 10, 24, and Hazmat / VACANT
- Region 2 – Stations 11, 14, and 16 / Tony McAlister
 - Incentives for 2021
 - Reports not available to be examined
- Region 3 – Stations 3, 12, and 17 / Austin Grant
- Region 4 – Stations 1, 8, 13, and 15 / Jamie Brock
- Region 5 – Stations 2, 5, 6, and 7 / Brandon Burton

Chief Brandon Burton's Report, City of Walhalla *[to include Vote and/or Action on matters brought up for discussion, if required]*

[None Scheduled.]

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Locations

Station 1: Oakway; Station 2: Salem; Station 3: Corinth-Shiloh; Station 4: Mountain Rest; Station 5: Walhalla; Station 6: Westminster; Station 7: Seneca; Station 8: Fair Play; Station 9: Long Creek; Station 10: Cleveland; Station 11: Keowee-Ebenezer; Station 12: Friendship; Station 13: Crossroads; Station 14: Pickett Post/Camp Oak; Station 15: South Union; Station 16: West Union; Station 17: Keowee; Station 18: Hazmat; Station 24: Holly Springs

OCONEE CODE OF ORDINANCES

Sec. 2-61. - Access to and conduct at county meetings, facilities and property.

(a) *Purpose.* The county council has determined that it is necessary to regulate access to county facilities, grounds and property in order to ensure the safety and security of the public who visit these areas or the county employees who serve them. The conduct of persons who visit county facilities and/or who have contact with county employees must also be regulated to preserve public order, peace and safety. The regulation of access and conduct must be balanced with the right of the public to have reasonable access to public facilities and to receive friendly, professional service from county employees. These regulations apply to all county facilities and meetings, as defined below, for and over which county council exercises control and regulation, and to the extent, only, not pre-empted by state or federal law.

(b) *Definitions.* The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this section, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this subsection, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Facility means any building, structure, or real property owned, leased, rented, operated or occupied by the county or one of its departments, offices or agencies.

Meeting means any assemblage of persons for the purpose of conducting county governmental business, operations or functions or any assemblage of persons within a county governmental facility. The term "meeting" includes, but is not limited to, county council meetings, county board and committee and staff meetings, trials, hearings and other proceedings conducted in the courts of general sessions and common pleas, family court, master-in-equity, probate court and magistrate's court; and other meetings by entities duly authorized by the county council.

(c) *Prohibited acts.* It shall be unlawful for any person to:

- (1) Utter loud, obscene, profane, threatening, disruptive or abusive language or to engage in any disorderly or disruptive conduct that impedes, disrupts or disturbs the orderly proceedings of any meeting, or operations of any department or function of the county government, including, without limitation, speaking when not explicitly recognized and authorized to do so by the presiding official in such meeting.
- (2) Bring, carry, or otherwise introduce any firearm, knife with blade longer than two inches or other dangerous weapon, concealed or not concealed, into any facility or meeting. This prohibition does not apply to law enforcement personnel or any other person whose official, governmental duties require them to carry such firearm, knife, or other weapon.
- (3) Engage in partisan political activity, including speech, in any meeting not authorized and called for the purpose of partisan political activity and explicitly authorized for such purpose in the facility in which such activity is to be conducted, or refusing to cease such activity when the presiding official of the meeting in question has ruled that the activity in question is partisan political activity and has directed that such activity stop.
- (4) Interfere with, impede, hinder or obstruct any county governmental official or employee in the performance of his duties, whether or not on county government property.
- (5) Enter any area of a county government facility, grounds or property when such entry is prohibited by signs, or obstructed or enclosed by gates, fencing or other physical barriers. Such areas include rooms if clearly marked with signs to prohibit unauthorized entry.
- (6) Enter by vehicle any area of a county governmental facility, grounds or property when such area is prohibited by signs or markings or are obstructed by physical barriers; or park a vehicle in such restricted areas; or park in a manner to block, partially block or impede the passage of traffic in driveways; or park within 15 feet of a fire hydrant or in a fire zone; or park in any area not designated as a parking space; or park in a handicapped parking space without proper placarding or license plate; or park in a reserved parking space without authorization.

- (7) Use any county governmental facility, grounds or other property for any purpose not authorized by law or expressly permitted by officials responsible for the premises.
 - (8) Enter without authorization or permission or refuse to leave any county governmental facility, grounds or other property after hours of operation.
 - (9) Obstruct or impede passage within a building, grounds or other property of any county governmental facility.
 - (10) Enter, without legal cause or good excuse, a county governmental facility, grounds or property after having been warned not to do so; or, having entered such property, fail and refuse without legal cause or good excuse to leave immediately upon being ordered or requested to do so by an official, employee, agent or representative responsible for premises.
 - (11) Damage, deface, injure or attempt to damage, deface or injure a county governmental property, whether real property or otherwise.
 - (12) Enter or attempt to enter any restricted or nonpublic ingress point or any restricted access area, or bypass or attempt to bypass the designated public entrance or security checkpoint of a facility without authorization or permission.
 - (13) Perform any act which circumvents, disables or interferes with or attempts to circumvent, disable or interfere with a facility's security system, alarm system, camera system, door lock or other intrusion prevention or detection device. This includes, without limitation, opening, blocking open, or otherwise disabling an alarmed or locked door or other opening that would allow the entry of an unauthorized person into a facility or restricted access area of the facility.
 - (14) Exit or attempt to exit a facility through an unauthorized egress point or alarmed door.
- (d) *Penalty for violation of section.* Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be punished in accordance with section 1-7. In addition, vehicles that are improperly parked on any county property, facility, or other premises may be towed at the owner's expense.

(Ord. No. 2003-04, §§ 1—4, 4-15-2003; Ord. No. 2012-06, § 1, 4-3-2012)



OCONEE COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES
Standard Operating Policy # 1xxx
Subject: Use of Digital, Still and Video Camera Images

PURPOSE: To establish a policy for the use of digital, still and video images used to record images during activities of Oconee County Fire & Rescue Departments and the distribution of such images.

SCOPE: All Oconee County Emergency Services personnel (staff, fire & rescue volunteer & career). This policy shall be applicable to any digital, still and / or video Images captured or recorded by Oconee County Fire & Rescue personnel and any civilians that may be present while participating in Oconee County Fire & Rescue activities. (i.e., interns, job shadows etc.)

STANDARD: Original images or copies recorded by digital, still and/or video cameras, including cell phones, whether personally owned or those devices owned by Oconee County shall not be distributed manually or electronically to any person, public or private agency, media outlet, website, social media site or post externally without authorization of the Volunteer Fire Chief, Battalion Fire Chief, Career Fire Chief, Volunteer Rescue Chief or Haz-Mat/Special Teams Chief. Images may be uploaded to the Departments incident reports and/or 3rd party recovery site or sites (i.e., Innovapad). Social gatherings such as Department dinners, etc. are excluded from these restrictions.

All images recorded as described in the previous paragraph while on duty or off duty or volunteering with fire or rescue involving Oconee County Fire & Rescue incidents, training, or other activities become the property of Oconee County Fire & Rescue Volunteer and career divisions.

Any employee or volunteer in violation of this policy shall be subject to disciplinary action.

(1) Nature of Offense- Immediate supervisory counseling session.
Volunteer Chief and or Battalion Chief counseling session.

(2) Nature of Offense- 7 to 30 Day suspension with no department contact or station visits.
Three-month probation possible at the discretion of the Volunteer Chief's and Career Chief 's findings to be true with nature of offense in accordance to their department.

(3) Nature of Offense- Violations of one or more could regardless of past history could lead up to termination after being discussed by Volunteer Fire & Rescue Chiefs alongside the Oconee County Fire & Rescue Chiefs in determining proper discipline. Additional actions may come through the proper Human Resources Division.

Larry Greer County Fire Chief

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LEGAL NOTICES

LEGALS

Community First Bank, 3685 Blue Ridge Boulevard, Walhalla, South Carolina 29691 has filed an application with the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation to acquire control by merger of Security Federal Bank, 612 Elk Avenue, Elizabethton, Tennessee 37643. It is contemplated that all offices of Community First Bank and Security Federal Bank will continue to be operated following the merger. Any person wishing to comment on the application may file his or her comments in writing with the Regional Director of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, 10 Tenth Street, NE, Suite 800, Atlanta, Georgia 30309-3906 not later than March 1, 2021. The nonconfidential portions of the application are on file at the above office of the FDIC and are available for inspection during regular business hours. Photocopies of the nonconfidential portions of the application will be made available upon request.

Public Notice
 The Fire Service Advisory Commission will meet on the following dates/times in Oconee County Council Chambers located at 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC unless otherwise advertised:
 February 18, 2021, March 18, 2021, April 15, 2021, May 20, 2021, June 17, 2021, July 15, 2021, August 19, 2021, September 16, 2021, October 21, 2021, November 18, 2021. All meetings are scheduled for 6pm.

Public Notice
 The Oconee County Arts & Historical Commission will meet on the following dates/times in Oconee County Council Chambers located at 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC unless otherwise advertised:
 Meetings on February 11, 2021, March 11, 2021, April 8, 2021, June 10, 2021.

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OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL

IN RE: Public Notice- The Fire Advisory Commison

BEFORE ME the undersigned, a Notary Public for the State and County above named, This day personally came before me, Hal Welch, who being first duly sworn according to law, says that he is the General Manager of **THE JOURNAL**, a newspaper published Tuesday through Saturday in Seneca, SC and distributed in **Oconee County, Pickens County** and the Pendleton area of **Anderson County** and the notice (of which the annexed is a true copy) was inserted in said papers on 01/29/2021 and the rate charged therefore is not in excess of the regular rates charged private individuals for similar insertions.



Hal Welch
General Manager

Subscribed and sworn to before me this
01/29/2021



Aubry Bethea
Notary Public
State of South Carolina
My Commission Expires November 20, 2030



Oconee County, South Carolina
 Emergency Services Protection District Special Revenue Fund
 2021-2022 Budget

Description	FY 2017 Actual	FY 2018 Actual	FY 2019 Actual	FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Budget	FY 2022 Administrator Recommended
Number of Mills	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9
Revenues						
Emergency Services Protection District Millage	1,485,135	1,509,945	1,512,019	1,508,384	1,512,000	1,512,000
Total Revenues	1,485,135	1,509,945	1,512,019	1,508,384	1,512,000	1,512,000
Expenditures						
Equipment Maintenance	52,183	116,948	63,704	43,663	56,000	60,000
Telecommunication	9,132	9,026	8,843	14,783	10,000	10,000
Maintenance Bldg Grounds	-	6	-	-	500	2,000
Gas and Fuel Oil	3,159	5,602	3,661	3,289	4,000	5,000
Electricity	6,405	8,893	10,642	12,976	8,000	8,000
Water/Sewer/Garbage	1,637	1,767	1,505	1,451	3,500	3,500
Medical Physicals	-	-	-	-	-	15,000
Small Equipment	313,743	-	-	4,867	10,000	13,500
Operation - Pickett Post	-	-	3,278	11,832	-	-
Buildings, Capital Exp	14,771	171,171	9,205	654	-	40,000
Land, Capital Exp	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vehicles, Capital Exp	-	28,192	-	-	-	-
Fire Trucks, Capital Exp	195,772	-	-	-	-	-
Gasoline	-	-	-	24	-	-
Diesel	-	-	-	1,036	-	-
Grant to Independent Agencies/Basic Station Exp	871,000	1,131,625	1,149,119	1,136,726	1,155,000	1,155,000
Volunteer Compensation	159,151	242,216	218,250	194,880	200,000	200,000
Total Department 107	1,626,954	1,715,446	1,468,207	1,426,181	1,447,000	1,512,000
Other Financing Sources						
Insurance Recoveries	-	-	-	-	-	-
Change in Fund Balance	(141,819)	(205,501)	43,812	82,203	65,000	-
Beginning Fund Balance	624,413	482,594	277,093	320,905	403,107	468,107
Ending Fund Balance	482,594	277,093	320,905	403,107	468,107	468,107

**Oconee County, South Carolina
Fire/Emergency Services (107)
2021-2022 Budget**

Description	FY 2017 Actual	FY 2018 Actual	FY 2019 Actual	FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Approved Supplemental 09/17/2020	FY 2022 Administrator Recommended
Salary and Wages	942,813	1,033,365	1,348,486	1,324,581	1,442,662	1,514,220
Overtime	35,102	21,939	23,144	40,673	20,000	30,000
Social Security	71,606	77,782	100,548	101,602	111,591	109,515
Retirement	136,280	164,417	232,553	233,603	264,381	273,198
Workers Compensation	42,544	123,945	129,102	144,627	148,377	146,494
Health Insurance	208,556	161,762	260,890	250,248	319,865	319,865
Dental	9,323	-	7,795	15,898	19,250	19,250
Vision	1,518	-	1,270	1,864	3,500	3,500
Salary and Wage Totals	1,447,742	1,583,210	2,103,788	2,113,096	2,329,626	2,416,042
New Position						
Fire Marshal	-	-	-	-	-	85,951
Firefighter I	-	-	-	-	-	53,038
Firefighter I	-	-	-	-	-	53,038
Firefighter I	-	-	-	-	-	53,038
Career Center Instructor	-	-	-	-	-	(29,122)
New Position Total	-	-	-	-	-	215,943
Travel	-	-	696	-	-	-
Equipment Maintenance	15,415	15,962	18,575	17,499	16,000	18,000
Professional	356	2,180	4,948	1,036	5,775	5,775
Telecommunications	5,070	4,744	4,176	4,096	5,000	5,000
Data Processing	23,364	25,966	31,227	28,564	31,352	33,000
Copier Click Charges	5,646	3,469	4,476	3,583	4,200	4,200
Medical - Physicals for						
Volunteers and Medical Supplies	85,442	83,202	79,096	80,476	82,500	87,500
Dues: Organizations	2,476	2,249	1,579	1,797	2,525	3,500
Staff Development	33,605	45,195	44,372	15,910	60,000	60,000
Commission Honoraria	1,200	1,200	-	1,100	1,200	1,200
Buildings/Grounds Maintenance						
Gas and Fuel Oil - Westminster	-	-	-	-	-	-
Electricity	6,897	8,404	9,318	8,928	8,800	8,800
Water/Sewer/Garbage	409	442	710	923	850	850
Small Equipment	30,766	46,416	69,489	42,306	37,000	30,000
Small Equipment - Turnout Gear						
Operational	32,169	26,738	25,439	20,097	27,000	25,000
Postage	457	189	317	242	700	700
Food	8,660	9,453	8,008	5,241	9,050	7,000
It Replacement						
Equipment/Software	5,674	2,736	725	5,089	5,000	3,000
Uniforms/Clothing	9,506	12,883	10,163	17,876	15,200	30,000
Capital Equipment	8,975	6,533	35,484	20,924	-	-
Capital Equipment - Hurricane	-	-	-	35,484	-	-
Capital Vehicle	88,454	55,779	141,275	165,725	-	-
Fire Truck	373,891	52,469	352,600	-	800,000	1,125,000
Vehicle Maintenance	120,772	156,548	172,063	121,240	165,000	165,000
Gasoline	41,023	47,195	51,435	43,914	55,000	55,000
Diesel	7,310	6,625	11,598	7,925	8,000	8,000
OMH Ambulance Service	175,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	300,000	300,000
City of Seneca - Fire Contract	650,000	650,000	650,000	650,000	650,000	650,000

Oconee County, South Carolina
Fire/Emergency Services (107)
2021-2022 Budget

Description	FY 2017 Actual	FY 2018 Actual	FY 2019 Actual	FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Approved Supplemental 09/17/2020	FY 2022 Administrator Recommended
City of Walhalla Fire	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000
City of Westminster Fire	285,000	285,000	285,000	285,000	285,000	285,000
Town of Salem Fire	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000
Capital OCES Oakway Restoration	-	-	-	-	-	250,000
Miscellaneous Grant Match	3,794	8,657	7,196	9,918	10,000	10,000
Expenditure Total	2,542,694	2,223,674	2,695,597	2,258,058	3,105,152	3,715,025
Department Total	3,990,436	3,806,884	4,799,385	4,371,154	5,434,778	6,347,010

Cost to Serve Analysis	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
Percentage of Budget	9.05%	7.66%	10.00%	8.93%	10.37%	12.11%
Departmental Total Cost	3,990,436	3,806,884	4,799,385	4,371,154	5,434,778	6,347,010
Departmental Direct Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Revenue	602,868	384,380	675,065	748,673	643,151	751,105
Cost in Tax Dollars	3,387,568	3,422,504	4,124,320	3,622,481	4,791,627	5,595,905
Estimated Millage	6.54	6.54	7.67	6.64	8.54	9.97
Total Full Time Employees	21	27	27	36	36	39
Cost Per Employee	68,940	58,637	77,918	58,697	64,712	67,487