



**MINUTES**  
**LAW ENFORCEMENT, PUBLIC SAFETY, HEALTH &**  
**WELFARE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**July 17, 2012**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Mr. Wayne McCall, Chairman, District II  
Mr. Archie Barron, District III  
Mr. Joel Thrift, District IV

The Law Enforcement, Public Safety, Health & Welfare Committee met at 5:30 PM in Council Chambers, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all Committee Members present, Administrator Scott Moulder, Assistant Administrator Glenn Breed and Elizabeth G. Hulse, Clerk to Council present.

**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.oconeese.com/council](http://www.oconeese.com/council)]. In addition it was made available to the newspapers, radio stations, television stations and concerned citizens.

Member of the press present: Dick Mangrum – WGOG Radio & Ray Chandler – Anderson Independent.

**Call to Order:**

Chairman McCall called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Mr. Thrift made a motion, seconded by Mr. Barron, approved 3 – 0 to approve the June 16, 2011 minutes as presented.

**New Business:**

**Building Codes Ordinance Review/Update**

Mr. Moulder requested that the Committee consider allowing discussion of an item not listed on the agenda: Building Codes Ordinance Review/Update. Mr. McCall approved the addition and asked Mr. Moulder and Mr. David Stokes, Building Codes Director, to address the Committee regarding their request. Discussion followed.

**Mr. Thrift made a motion, seconded by Mr. Barron, approved 3 – 0 to direct staff and the county attorney to review and update the Building Codes Ordinance[s] to include removing any criminal penalties and replacing them with civil penalties and eliminating conflicting language.**

Mr. McCall also asked Mr. Stokes to provide a written statement for the next meeting outlining briefly suggested changes.

**Hazardous Material Plan / Scott Krein**

Mr. Krein addressed the Committee utilizing a PowerPoint presentation entitled “Oconee County Emergency Services Emergency Management Western Piedmont Regional Emergency Management Task Force [WPREMTF] Regional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan”. He highlighted the following areas:

- Hazard Mitigation & Planning
- Planning Process
- Plan Approval Process
- Oconee County Natural Hazards
- Oconee County Loss Statistics
- Objectives & Strategies

Mr. Krein also provided all members with copies of the Western Piedmont Regional Emergency Management Task Force [WPREMTF] Regional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan. Copies of the Plan[s] will be maintained as follows:

- Oconee County Specific Book

[copy filed in Clerk to Council Office, Administrator's Office & Emergency Management Office]

- Five County WPREMTF Book  
[copy filed in Administrator's Office & Emergency Management Office]
  - CD for both reports  
[filed in with these minutes and in Clerk to Council Office & Emergency Management Office]
- Discussion followed.

**Mr. Barron made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thrift, approved 3 – 0 to forward the plan to full Council at their next meeting for formal adoption of the WPREMTF Regional Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan.**

**Water / Boating Safety Programs**

**Oconee County PRT / Phil Shirley, PRT Director  
DNR / Lance Corporal Eric Martin, Oconee/Pickens Counties**

Mr. Shirley and Corp. Martin addressed the Committee utilizing several handouts [copies filed with these minutes].

Mr. Shirley highlighted the following areas:

- Life Jacket Loaner Boards
- Designated Swim Area at High Falls
- YMCA Swim Program
- Boating Safety

Corp. Martin highlighted the following areas:

- Water/Boating Safety, Rules & Regulations
- Boating Education Courses available to include through the internet, home video kit and live instruction
- Proper fitting of Life Jackets
- Alcohol Awareness
- BUI – Boating Under the Influence

Chairman McCall thanked both Mr. Shirley and Corp. Martin for their informative presentations and the work that they are doing to keep the citizens informed and safe.

**Old Business:**

**Fire Plan Update / Chief Charlie King**

Chief King addressed the Committee utilizing a PowerPoint presentation [copy filed with these minutes] highlighting the following areas:

- Organization
- Core Improvement Areas
- Organization Management
- Volunteer Station Assistance
- Training
- Equipment & Vehicles
- Substations
- Rescue
- Fire Prevention
- Forestry Strike Team
- Path Forward

Chairman McCall thanked Chief King for his thorough presentation.

**Steroid Screening Update / Follow up from June 16, 2011 meeting**

Due to time constraints; this agenda item was unanimously deferred to the next scheduled meeting.

**Adjourn:**

Mr. Thrift made a motion, approved unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:34 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Elizabeth G. Hulse  
Clerk to Council