



# MINUTES

## LAW ENFORCEMENT, PUBLIC SAFETY, HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE MEETING

October 03, 2023

### COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr. Don Mize, Chair, District III

Mr. Matthew Durham, District II

Mr. Glen Hart, District V

The Law Enforcement, Public Safety, Health & Welfare Committee met at 4:30 p.m. in Council Chambers, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all Committee Members present, County Administrator Amanda F. Brock, County Attorney David Root, & Jennifer C. Adams, Clerk to Council, present.

Members of staff present: Scott Krein / Director of OC Emergency Services, Sheriff Mike Crenshaw, James Coley / Planning and Zoning Director.

**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](http://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: Riley Morningstar / The Journal

### **Call to Order**

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

### **Moment of Silence**

Mr. Mize asked for a moment of silence.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Mr. Scott Krein, Director of Oconee County Emergency Services, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

### **Invocation by County Council Chaplain**

Mr. Root, County Council Chaplain, gave the invocation.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Durham made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hart, approved 3 – 0, to approve the July 18, 2023 regular meeting minutes as presented.

### **Discussion Items**

#### **Update to Alternative to Incarceration Program – Sheriff Mike Crenshaw**

Sheriff Crenshaw provided an update to the Committee regarding the Alternative to Incarceration Program, noting several milestones that current inmates have achieved and informed the Committee about the award of a \$1 million-dollar federal grant that will be facilitated through their partnership

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with OARS to help expand mental health services, addiction services and transitional housing for inmates.

Sheriff Crenshaw went on to note that OARS has been awarded additional grant funding that will help establish an Alternative to Incarceration program within their facility that will be available free of charge to not only inmates but any citizen in Oconee County seeking help with addiction.

**Emergency Services Update – Scott Krein / Director OC Emergency Services**

Mr. Scott Krein provided the Committee with Emergency Services updates on the following topics:

1. Opioid Reduction Coordinator position and the training that has been provided for Emergency Services staff regarding Narcan.
2. CPR training by an on-staff certified CPR Instructor.
3. Community Medic Outreach program that helps reduce repeat callers to 911.
4. Integration of an updated Public Warning System by an opt-out system.
5. Current open positions within Emergency Services and the applications they have received.
6. Updates related to Bountyland Fire Station.

Mr. Mize presented questions related to Narcan use by Emergency Services, programs within the school district to ensure all homes have smoke detectors and the Community Medic Outreach Program.

Mr. Krein stated that the use of Narcan varies from day to day, noting that some departments have a higher use rate than others and also informed the Committee of previous efforts within the schools to help ensure all families have access to fire detectors in their homes, then went on to provide the Committee with ways that the Community Medic Outreach Program has been able to assist residents with problems within their homes that ultimately reduced their need to repeatedly call 911.

Mr. Hart inquired about staff CPR training.

Mr. Krein noted that Emergency Services does have an on-staff trainer for CPR and First Aid who is accredited through the American Heart Association.

**Discuss commercial junkyard ordinance. (The Planning Commission has recommended no further action.)**

Mr. James Coley, Planning and Zoning Director, informed the Committee that the Planning Commission determined that they were not going to make a recommendation regarding the grandfather clause and recommended no further action regarding the proposed Junkyard Ordinance.

Mr. Mize noted that this recommendation would possibly be taken into consideration by the Committee at a later date.

**Adjourn:**

Mr. Hart made a motion, approved unanimously, to adjourn the meeting at 4:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Jennifer C. Adams  
Clerk to Council

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