



PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION SIGN IN SHEET

OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, September 21, 2011

6:00 PM

Limited to forty [40] minutes, four [4] minutes per person.

Please be advised that citizens not utilizing their full four [4] minutes may not "donate" their remaining time to another speaker. As stated above, each speaker is restricted to four [4] minutes.

Citizens with comments related to a specific action agenda item will be called first.

If time permits additional citizens may be permitted to speak on a non agenda items [at the discretion of the Chair].

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Council may make closing comments directly following the public & extended public comment sessions if time permits.

PLEASE PRINT INFORMATION BELOW

	FULL NAME	AGENDA ITEM FOR DISCUSSION	NON-AGENDA ITEM FOR DISCUSSION
1	BECKY SILLINGER	PROPERTY # H	
2	Margaret Stone		Tax assessment
3	Tom Underwood		Property
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A Guide To Reading Your Assessment Notice



Oconee County - Main Entry Office
412 E. Pine Street
Walhalla, SC 29687
803.633.4124

Phone Number:
121 Pine St.
Walhalla, SC

ASSESSMENT NOTICE THIS IS NOT A TAX BILL

DATE ISSUED: 11-29-2011
DATE OF ASSESSMENT: 11-29-2011

Special Assessment:
Date: 11-29-2011
Amount: \$11,250.00
Assessor: [Name]

OFFICE OF CLASSIFICATION AND ASSESSMENT - OCONEE COUNTY, GEORGIA

PROPERTY	2010 MARKET VALUE	2011 MARKET VALUE	2011 ADJUSTMENT	2011 ADJUSTMENT PERCENTAGE	2011 ADJUSTMENT DOLLARS
Green Mountain Apartments	575,400	110,000	-.04		20,000
Green Property	30,000	20,000	-.06		1,200
Specialty Manufacturing	15,000	22,000	.15		7,000
Highway 101	10,000	10,000	.00		0
TOTAL ADJUSTMENT					\$28,000

THIS IS NOT THE AMOUNT OF TAXES YOU PAY
FOR A PROPERTY, CONTACT YOUR LOCAL TAX COLLECTOR



Your Notice is **NOT** a tax bill. No payment is required.

1. Market value of owner occupied residential, other properties or agriculture properties.
2. Agricultural use value is set by statute plus any agricultural improvement fee if applicable.
3. Taxable limited value: The value used to calculate your 2011 taxes. In some instances this may be different than the market value as in the example above. This value reflects up to a 15 percent value increase set by statute. This 15 percent does not apply to new improvements, a change in composition or a new product.
4. Assessment rate is set by statute for different types of properties. The taxable value is multiplied by this rate to arrive at the assessment.
5. Assessment which is used by the taxing authorities when they set your taxes. The assessment will be the amount of taxes. The assessor's office determines the value and assessment rate. The assessment will be multiplied by the appropriate millage by the taxing authority.



A tax notice will arrive at a later date.
So what should you do now?

A. You're satisfied with your assessment: **No action required.**

B. You have questions or concerns regarding your property assessment:

Step One

Contact Tyler Technologies to set up an appointment to review your assessment.

Tyler Technologies
864-718-1424
100 Browns Square
Walhalla, SC 29691

Step Two

Gather supporting documents including:

- A:** Name, address, and telephone number of the property owner.
- B:** A description of the property being appealed, including the tax map number.
- C:** A statement outlining the reasons for the appeal and supporting facts.
- D:** The value which the taxpayer considers to be the fair market value.



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**APPALACHIAN REGION
COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY**



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2011 ANNUAL REPORT
OCONEE COUNTY ELEMENT

Full CEDS Committee

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**SC Appalachian Region
2011 CEDS Progress Report**

Oconee County Council - Submitted for Review and Endorsement

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What is CEDS?

The Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy, hereafter referred to as "CEDS", is a compilation of the economic development efforts of communities in the Appalachian Region of South Carolina to assess and improve upon regional economic conditions.

The Economic Development Administration (EDA), a division of the US Department of Commerce states:

"A CEDS should promote economic development and opportunity, foster effective transportation access, enhance and protect the environment, and balance resources through sound management of development. For the purpose of these guidelines, the term "region" refers to areas that have been defined economically, environmentally, or geographically as appropriate units for addressing economic development and related challenges.

The CEDS document should be short and easily accessible. The general public, government decision makers, and business investors should be able to use it as a guide to understanding the regional economy and to taking action to improve it. The CEDS should take into account, and where appropriate, incorporate, other planning efforts in the community. Its quality should be judged by its usefulness as a guide to local decision making. There should be a continuing program of communication and outreach to encourage broad-based engagement and commitment of partners."

The CEDS document is mandated by the EDA to serve as a mechanism to guide economic development decisions for the Economic Development Districts (EDD) throughout the nation. The South Carolina Appalachian Council of Governments (SCACOG) is the designated EDD for the Appalachian Region that includes Anderson, Cherokee, Greenville, Oconee, Pickens, and Spartanburg Counties and the forty-two municipalities included in those counties.

It is the desire of the EDA, SCACOG, and the CEDS Strategy Committee to provide this document as the reference for economic conditions, development strategies, and projects throughout the six county region. The strategies and projects listed are used as a guide by EDA when making decisions on funding for future projects. However, the CEDS should not be considered a "stand-alone" document. The plan is a compilation of the many economic development efforts going on in the region and should be considered one tool of many to be used for economic development purposes.

Update Process

The SCACOG staff monitors projects identified in the CEDS plan adopted in 2007. Each year a progress report is developed to update the status of all projects identified in the plan. The report summarizes progress made on each project through updates of timelines, construction progress, or completion status. Projects that are scheduled to be completed or begin in the coming year are also reviewed.

Project updates and new initiatives have been identified through a survey of local governments, special purpose districts, economic development agencies, and human services agencies for the 2011 progress report. To ensure that the information contained in the plan is accurate and current the individuals listed in this document were contacted and given the opportunity to provide feedback to be compiled and used to produce the CEDS Progress Report.

Following completion of the Progress Report, each county is asked to review and endorse its respective strategy section by providing a letter of concurrence to the SCACOG, signed by the respective County Council Chair. These letters are included in the submittal of the annual progress report and update to the EDA. Once all six counties have endorsed their sections of the CEDS update, it will be presented to the SCAOCG Board of Directors, submitted to EDA and will serve as the official CEDS plan for the Appalachian Region for the next year.

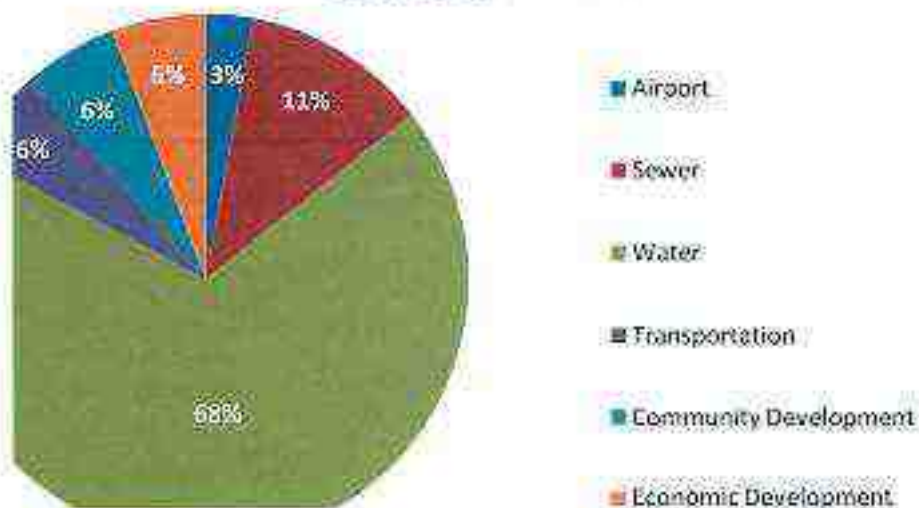
2011 Oconee County CEDS Projects

Oconee County has a total of thirty-five (35) projects that have been included in the CEDS Plan. The initial plan included twenty-seven (27) projects submitted by municipalities, water and sewer districts, economic development agencies and other officials throughout the County. These projects range from community and workforce development projects to water and sewer infrastructure projects. Agencies have added eight (8) additional projects since the original plan's adoption including two (2) added to the plan for 2011.

Of the thirty-three (33) previously submitted projects, four (4) have been completed since 2007. The completed projects represent roughly \$12.7 million in investments that have supported economic development over the last three years. Ten (10) additional projects are currently under construction and three (3) additional projects are expected to begin this year.

The majority of the projects focus on water infrastructure (24). One project in progress is the Golden Corner Commerce Park Infrastructure project. Oconee County and Pioneer Rural Water District have come together to improve the infrastructure of the existing park to attract businesses and create new jobs in Oconee County. Pioneer Rural Water District just received an ARC grant to cover the water costs and Oconee County is currently working on the sewer infrastructure. In total, the project should be an almost \$30 million investment.

**Oconee County Project Types
2007-2011**



Project Information

Project Type	Number	Future Projects	Completed Projects	In Progress	Expected to Begin in 2010
Airport	1	1	0	0	0
Sewer	4	3	0	1	0
Water	24	11	4	7	2
Transportation	2	1	0	1	0
Community Development	2	1	0	1	0
Economic Development	2	1	0	1	0
Total	35	18	4	11	2
Percentage		51%	11%	32%	6%

Completed Projects Since 2007

Project Type	Number	Investment
Water	4	\$12,750,000
Total	4	\$12,750,000

2007 Original Projects

Organization	Project Name	Project Description	Timeline	Estimated Costs	Status
City of Seneca	Storage Tanks	install 1 MG storage tanks with one being located on the western end of the system near the hospital	2008	\$2,200,000	Completed in 2008
City of Seneca	Pump Station Upgrades	Upgrade and/or replacement of pump stations	2008-2015	\$1,500,000	Future Project
City of Seneca	Highway 130 Water Storage Tank	Install 1 MG storage tank being located on the northeast end of the system	2011-2012	\$2,200,000	Future Project
City of Seneca	Water Plant Upgrade	Upgrade water plant from 14 MGD capacity to 20 MGD capacity	2009	\$4,800,000	Completed in 2009
City of Walhalla	Downtown Streetscape		2007-2012	TBD	Future Project
City of Walhalla	Water Plant Upgrade	Construct a new 6 MGD water treatment plant at the existing water plant site. finished water storage tank	2007-2012	\$10,000,000	Future Project
City of Westminster	Bennett Road & Mountain Road North Loop	Build 20" loop at US 76 along Bennett Rd & along Mountain Rd to US 11 then south to Drive Hill Rd	2011-2013	\$1,250,000	Expected to begin in 2011

Organization	Project Name	Project Description	Timeline	Estimated Costs	Status
City of Westminster	Elevated Tank	Build new 1 million gallon elevated tank at water plant;	2012-2014	\$1,150,000	Future Project
City of Westminster	Pre Sediment Pond	Build new pre-sediment pond at water plant; 25 MG pre-sedimentation pond, and raw water transfer pumps	2009	\$1,250,000	Completed in 2009
City of Westminster	Raw Water Intake	Build new raw water intake & 24" raw water main at intake on Lake Hartwell in the Tabor Church area & along US 123 W to existing water plant	2009	\$4,500,000	Completed in 2009
City of Westminster	Stephens County Interconnect	Develop connection from Stephens County, GA along US 123 to existing 8" line at Madison Shores	2011-2013	\$540,000	Future Project
City of Westminster	Walhalla Interconnect	Build connection at proposed Bennett Rd Loop, then along SC 183	2011-2013	\$1,000,000	Future Project
Oconee County	Golden Corner Commerce Park Infrastructure	Provide the necessary infrastructure to supply the commerce park with needed infrastructure	2009-2012	\$25,000,000	In Progress

Organization	Project Name	Project Description	Timeline	Estimated Costs	Status
Oconee County	Wells Highway Extension	Extend Wells Hwy via Sheep Farm Rd to SC 28; improve & upgrade approximately 3.5 miles of Sheep Farm Road	2009-2012	\$14,000,000	In Progress
Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority	Martin Creek Sewer Project	Relief sewer with pump station, flow equalization system, speeds pump station upgrade & Perkins Creek gravity relief sewer	2010-2012	\$6,000,000	75% complete
Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority	Ravenel Pump Stations Upgrade	Upgrade & expansion of 3 Ravenel pump & force mains in the Ravenel School area	2010-2013	\$2,000,000	Future Project
Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority	Richland Creek/Bountyland Sewer Project	Approximately 5 miles of gravity sewer to serve this rapid growth area & will eliminate 5 pumping station	2010-2013	\$7,300,000	Future Project
Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority	Southern Oconee Regional Sewer Project	Provide sewer service to 400 acre Industrial Park, SCDOT Welcome Center & Commercial Property on I-85	2010-2015	\$15,000,000	Future Project

Organization	Project Name	Project Description	Timeline	Estimated Costs	Status
Pioneer Rural Water District	Fair Play Area Supply	From Highway 123; 71,000 LF, 16" water, 1 MG tank, 2 pump stations	2011-2012	\$1,600,000	In Progress
Pioneer Rural Water District	Highway 11 Backup connection	25,000 LF 12" Water	2007-2012	\$1,600,000	Future Project
Pioneer Rural Water District	Highway 24 Tokeena & Oakway Tank Connector	13,5000 LF of 18" water, 10,5000 LF of 12" water, 1 pump station	2007-2012	\$5,400,000	Future Project
Pioneer Rural Water District	Highway 59 Seneca Supply Upgrade	17,000 LF 12" water line, pump station upgrade	2008-2012	\$6,000,000	In progress
Pioneer Rural Water District	Little Choestoea Road Reinforcements	25,300 LF of 8" water	2011-2014	\$1,900,000	In progress
Pioneer Rural Water District	Old Knox Bridge Road Extensions	8,900 LF 12" water	2011-2012	\$2,100,000	Expected to begin in 2011
Pioneer Rural Water District	Water System Upgrade	Extend a 16 inch main from Hwy 123 along Armstrong Rd & Hwy 24 to point near Hatensford Rd South of I-85.	2007-2012	\$10,800,000	In Progress
Oconee County - Regional Airport	Runway Extension	Extend approach end of runway 25 600 ft to include extension of the parallel taxiway & the new length of the runway would be	2011	\$1,766,041	Future Project

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Town of Salem	New North Basin Booster Pump Station	This project will allow the distribution of water from Salem to the north, in the direction of well defined water needs to the north & north east of Salem	2011-2014	\$3,168,000	2011
Town of Salem	Transmission Main/Main Supply	New 12" Ductile Iron Pipe Installation following SC 130 from its intersection with Nimmons Bridge Road to the 100,000 gallon elevated storage tank.	2011-2014	\$2,180,100	Expected to begin in 2011

2008 New Projects

Organization	Project Name	Project Description	Timeline	Estimated Costs	Status
Pioneer Rural Water District	New Elevated Storage Tank	500,000 gallon tank of Hwy 59 near Commerce Park	2008-2012	\$1,600,000	In Progress
Pioneer Rural Water District	Seneca Delivery Upgrade	17000 ft of 16" & 12" transmission main between the Seneca meter & the Crossroads Tank	2008-2012	\$6,000,000	In Progress
Pioneer Rural Water District	Southeast System Improvements	24,500 ft of 8" transmission main along SC 243 east of Fair Play	2008-2012	\$4,000,000	In Progress

2009 New Projects

Organization	Project Name	Project Description	Timeline	Estimated Costs	Status
Town of Salem	Downtown Revitalization	Landscaping, street lights, rock wall repairs, crosswalks, island separators and signs	2011-2014	TBD	Expected to begin in 2011

2010 New Projects Added

Organization	Project Name	Description	Timeline	Estimated Costs	Status
City of Seneca	Sheep Farm Road Water line Relocation	Relocate existing 10" water line to accommodate the SCDOT project of relocating Sheep Farm Road	2010-2011	\$500,000	Future Project
Oconee County Regional Airport	Land Acquisition	Acquire 11.23 acres of land adjacent to Airport Road for future expansion	2010-2011	\$300,000	Future Project

2011 New Projects Added

Organization	Project Name	Description	Timeline	Estimated Costs	Status
City of Seneca	Seneca Industrial Center	City has purchased the former Propex plant for the purpose of attracting industrial tenants to the area - seeks wants to repair and upfit to the building and property	2011-2013	\$3,500,000	Future Project
City of Seneca	North First Street Boulevard Project	Reduce traffic lanes and include center turn lane, bike lanes will be added, sidewalks will be widened, commercial driveway will be defined, bus pull outs and shelters will be installed, traffic calming measure and pedestrian crossing features will be installed, stormwater issues will be addressed, new curb and gutter	2011-2012	\$25,000,000	Future Project



PUBLIC HEARING SIGN IN SHEET

COUNTY COUNCIL REDISTRICTING PLAN 1 MAP

OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

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Public comment during a public hearing is not limited to four minutes per person.

Sign up sheets will be available thirty minutes prior to the hearing for those interested in addressing Council.

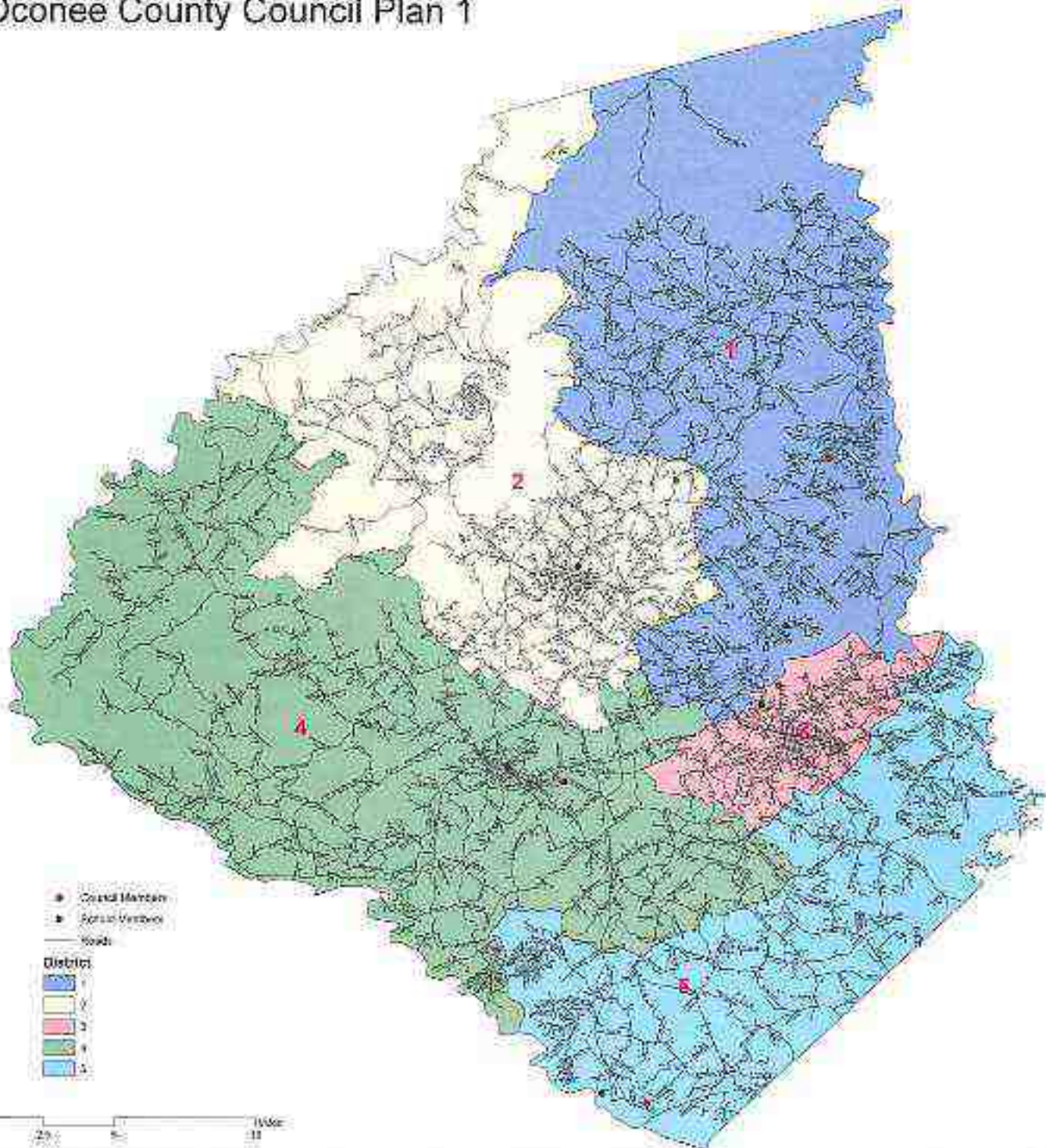
Written comments may be submitted at any time prior to the hearing for inclusion in the official record of the meeting.

Please submit written comments to the Clerk to Council, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, South Carolina, 29691.

Please PRINT your name

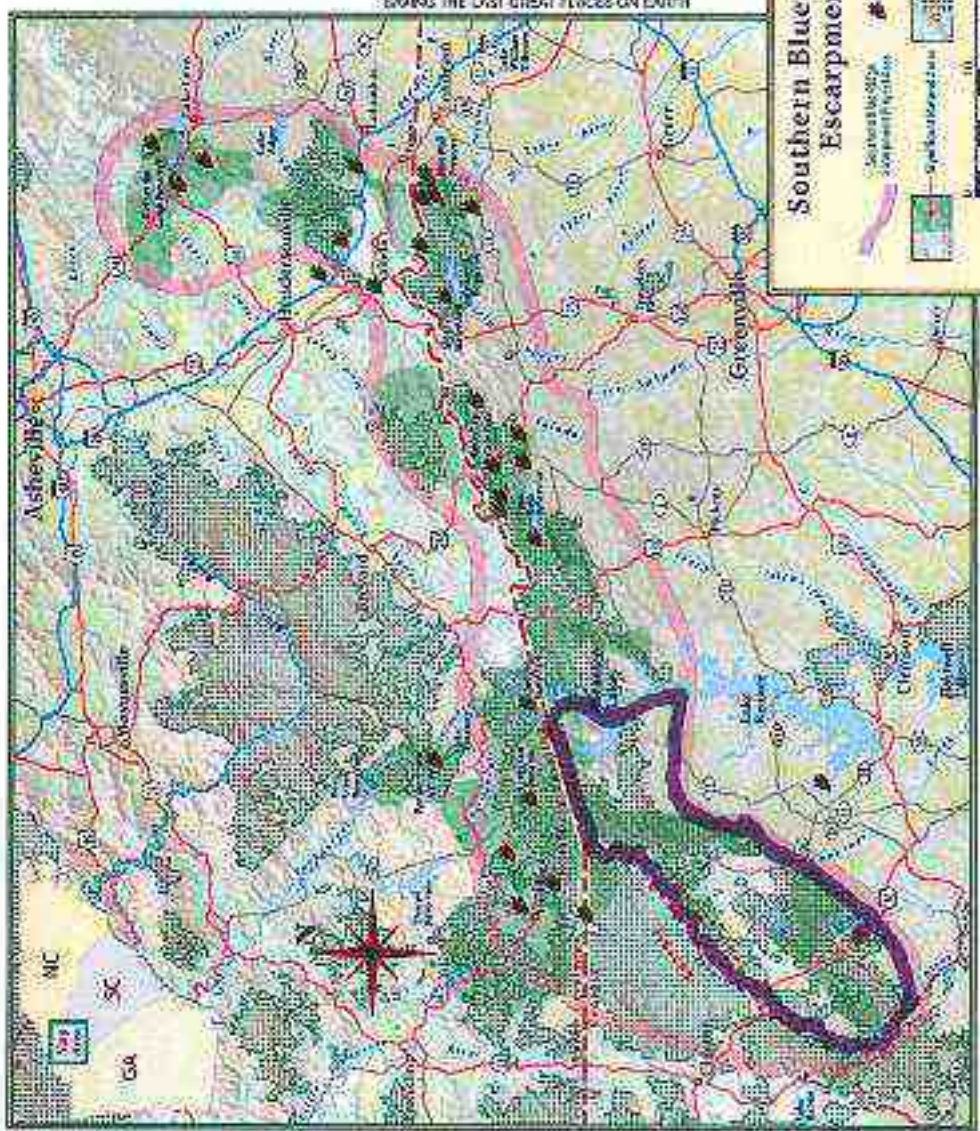
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Oconee County Council Plan 1



Submitted by
John Adams
9-21-2011

The Nature Conservancy 
SUPPORTS THE LAST GREAT PLACES ON EARTH



Southern Blue Ridge Escarpment

-  Southern Blue Ridge Escarpment
-  National Forest
-  State Park
-  Private Land
-  Interstate
-  State Road
-  River
-  Stream
-  Railroad

Scale: 1 inch = 10 miles
1:50,000

**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
OCONEE COUNTY
RESOLUTION R2011-12**

A RESOLUTION RE-AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF CERTAIN OCONEE COUNTY REAL PROPERTY, CONTINGENT ON THE SATISFACTORY COMPLETION OF ALL DUE DILIGENCE AND CONTRACTUAL REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED BY OCONEE COUNTY, TO THE SATISFACTION OF OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL; RE-AUTHORIZING THE COMPLETION OF SUCH DUE DILIGENCE AND CONTRACTS; RE-AUTHORIZING THE RECEIPT OF ALL LAWFUL FUNDS AUTHORIZED FOR SUCH PURCHASES; RE-AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF ALL CONTRACTS, INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS, AND OTHER DOCUMENTS RELATED TO SUCH PURCHASES; RE-AUTHORIZING THE AMENDMENT OF THE CURRENT OCONEE COUNTY BUDGET ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE ACCOUNTING AND FUNDING FOR THE TOTAL COST OF CONTRACTING FOR AND PURCHASING SUCH PROPERTIES; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

WHEREAS, Oconee County, South Carolina (the "County"), a body politic and corporate and political subdivision of the State of South Carolina, acting by and through the Oconee County Council (the "County Council"), is authorized and empowered by Section 4-9-30, South Carolina Code, 1976, as amended (the "Code"), among other authorities, to purchase and own real property, for the benefit and well being of the County and its people; and

WHEREAS, Oconee County is authorized by the Code to enter into certain intergovernmental agreements with other political subdivisions of the State, to carry out the County's authority, responsibilities, and duties under the Code, including, without limitation, economic development efforts of the County; and

WHEREAS, by the Code and by its own internal policies and procedures, the County is required to account for its expenditure of public funds, to provide for the accounting for such funds and their expenditure, and to appropriate such funds in accordance with the Code and County policies and procedures; and

WHEREAS, by the Code and by Oconee County policy and procedure, the County Council is authorized and required to enter into contracts for certain purchases involving the appropriation and expenditure of public funds; and

WHEREAS, the Oconee County Budget Ordinance provides the appropriation and accounting authority for the expenditure of major public funds by Oconee County Council, and, from time to time, must be amended when County Council desires to appropriate and expend public funds in addition to those previously budgeted for in the Oconee County Budget Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, prior to the purchase of real property, as authorized in this Ordinance, any public body, including Oconee County, must do appropriate due diligence, to ensure that public funds are being expended wisely and in the best interests of the public body and the public; and

WHEREAS, Oconee County, acting by and through its County Council, has identified two (2) separate parcels of real property, each known to Oconee County Council at the time of each of the readings of Oconee County Ordinance 2010-29, which, for separate reasons, unique to each, were needed to further the interests of Oconee County and its people, and were available for purchase by Oconee County; and

WHEREAS, Oconee County, acting by and through its County Council, has already purchased one of the parcels, and desires: to explore the possibility of purchasing the other of the two (2) parcels; to explore the facts and circumstances involving such parcel; to conduct the due diligence required for such purchase, and to re-authorize the purchase of such parcel, contingent on the satisfactory completion of all due diligence and contractual requirements established by Oconee County Council through the Oconee County Code of Ordinances, the Oconee County Budget Ordinance, Ordinance 2010-29, and other determinations of Oconee County Council; to explore the purchase options for such parcel of property and the funding requirements therefore; to identify the sources of funding for such parcel; to authorize the receipt of all lawful funds available to the County and authorized and available for such purchase, including, without limitation, grant funds, contributions from private entities, and contributions from other political subdivisions; to prepare all documentation related to such purchase, including, without limitation, all contractual documents, all intergovernmental agreements, and other documents related to such purchases; and, upon the successful completion of all such administrative work required for the prudent and successful purchase of such property, to authorize the expenditure of public funds for such purchase and to amend the Oconee County Budget Ordinance, if necessary and not already done, to provide the accounting and funding for the total cost of contracting for and purchasing such property; and

WHEREAS, Oconee County, acting by and through its County Council, has previously enacted its Ordinance 2010-29, for the purposes described in the caption of this Resolution and in the preamble of that Ordinance and in the immediately preceding paragraph; and

WHEREAS, such Oconee County Ordinance 2010-29 specifically, but without limitation, granted the following authorities:

“1. The Oconee County Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to: explore the possibility of purchasing the two (2) parcels of real property concerned in this ordinance, more specifically identified as Property 1 and Property 2 on Exhibits A and B, respectively, of this Ordinance; explore the facts and circumstances involving both parcels; conduct the due diligence required for such purchases; explore the purchase options for both parcels of property and the funding requirements therefore; identify the sources of funding for both parcels; accept and account for all lawful funds available to the County and authorized and available for such purchases, including, without limitation, grant funds, contributions from private entities, and

contributions from other political subdivisions; prepare all documentation related to such purchases, including, without limitation, all contractual documents, all intergovernmental agreements, and other documents related to such purchases; and, bring all such matters, in the form of recommendations, back to Oconee County Council for such approval as may be required, by and through the successful enactment of this Ordinance.

2. Contingent upon the satisfactory completion of all due diligence and contractual requirements established by Oconee County Council, herein and otherwise, and upon successful enactment of this Ordinance, the Chairman of Oconee County Council and the Oconee County Administrator are hereby authorized and directed to execute all contractual documents, all intergovernmental agreements, and all other documents related to the purchases authorized by this Ordinance, and, upon the successful completion of all such administrative work required for the prudent and successful purchase of such properties, to expend the public funds authorized by this Ordinance, and more specifically as set forth on Exhibits A and B, hereto, for such purchases, and to complete the purchases of each or all of the two (2) parcels.

3. To the extent that any such amendment is required to comport with the funding for such purchases set forth on Exhibits A and B, hereto, the Oconee County budget ordinance is hereby amended so as to provide the accounting and funding for the total cost of contracting for and purchasing such properties, in the amounts as set forth on Exhibits A and B, hereto.”

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of Oconee County Council that the authorities granted by Oconee County Ordinance 2010-29, stated above, may have expired, or, if not, will soon expire, and Oconee County Council desires to re-authorize, in their entirety, the authorities granted by Oconee County Ordinance 2010-29. The amendment of the Oconee County budget ordinance was previously effected by Ordinance 2010-29, and that authority would not appear to need re-authorizing, unless the budget ordinance needs further amendment:

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

1. All authority and authorities granted by Oconee County, acting by and through the Oconee County Council, in Oconee County Ordinance 2010-29, are hereby re-authorized, in full, and in their entirety, as though stated in full, herein. The body and contents of Oconee County Ordinance 2010-29 are hereby incorporated herein by reference, as fully as if set forth verbatim herein. The authority and authorities re-authorized hereby are extended to, and will otherwise expire automatically on December 31, 2011, if not sooner implemented and executed prior thereto. All termination and expiration dates of Oconee County Ordinance 2010-29, and the acquisition deadline set out in the conditions precedent for the Intergovernmental Agreement authorized thereby, are hereby revised to read December 31, 2011.

2. The Chairman of Oconee County Council and the Oconee County Administrator are hereby authorized and directed to execute, enter into, and deliver all documents necessary for the completion of the actions authorized and directed in this Ordinance, including, but not limited to all contractual documents, all Intergovernmental Agreements, and all other transactional documents, just as previously authorized by Oconee County Ordinance 2010-29.

3. Should any portion of this Resolution be deemed unconstitutional or otherwise enforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, such determination should not affect the remaining terms and provisions of this ordinance, all of which are hereby deemed separable.

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

5. This Resolution shall take effect and be in full force and effect after enactment by Oconee County Council.

RESOLVED this 21st day of September, 2011, in meeting duly assembled.

OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

By: _____
Joel Thrift, Chairman of County Council
Oconee County, South Carolina

SEAL:

ATTEST:

By: _____
Elizabeth G. Hulse, Clerk to County Council
Oconee County, South Carolina

**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
OCONEE COUNTY
RESOLUTION R2011-13**

**A RESOLUTION HONORING OCONEE COUNTY
EMERGENCY SERVICES MEMBERS UPON THEIR DEATHS**

WHEREAS, the South Carolina State Firefighter's Association has honored Jack Bryan Lyles of the Cleveland Fire Department, Keith Frank Galloway of the Pickett Post Camp Oak Fire Department, and James Raymond Sanders of the Salem Fire Department and Salem Rescue Squad upon their deaths during the year of our Lord 2010 in a Memorial Service held at the annual Fire-Rescue Conference on June 11, 2011; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Lyles, Mr. Galloway, and Mr. Sanders were all faithful members of their respective organizations; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lyles, Mr. Galloway, and Mr. Sanders Served in organizations that serve and protect the citizens of Oconee County; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Lyles, Mr. Galloway, and Mr. Sanders all served voluntarily for a combined total of over seventy-five years of service to protect the lives and property of the citizens of Oconee County; and

WHEREAS, Oconee County, South Carolina, a body politic and corporate and a political subdivision of the State of South Carolina, acting by and through the Oconee County Council, desires to recognize and honor Mr. Jack Bryan Lyles, Mr. Keith Frank Galloway, and Mr. James Raymond Sanders posthumously for their dedicated service to the residents, visitors, and stakeholders of Oconee County.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by Oconee County Council in meeting duly assembled, that Oconee County Council hereby expresses its profound sorrow upon the deaths of Mr. Jack Bryan Lyles, Mr. Keith Frank Galloway and Mr. James Raymond Sanders and extends its deepest sympathy to their family and many friends.

THIS RESOLUTION WILL TAKE EFFECT and be in force immediately upon enactment.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 21st day of September, 2011.

OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

By: _____
Joel R. Thrift, Chairman of County Council
Oconee County, South Carolina

ATTEST:

By: _____
Elizabeth G. Hulse, Clerk to County Council
Oconee County, South Carolina



**PUBLIC HEARING
SIGN IN SHEET
OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
DATE: September 21, 2011 6:00 p.m.**

Ordinance 2011-27 "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CREATION AND ORGANIZATION OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA WORKLINK WORKFORCE INVESTMENT CORPORATION AS A SOUTH CAROLINA NONPROFIT CORPORATION TO SERVE AS THE LOCAL WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD FOR THE WORKFORCE INVESTMENT AREA COMPRISED OF ANDERSON COUNTY, OCONEE COUNTY, AND PICKENS COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA THROUGH EXECUTION OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BY AND AMONG SAID COUNTIES; AUTHORIZING EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF SUCH INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT; AND, OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO."

Everyone speaking before Council will be required to do so in a civil manner.

Council will not tolerate personal attacks on individual council members, county staff or any person or group. Racial slurs will not be permitted. Council's number one priority is to conduct business for the citizens of this county. All citizens who wish to address Council and all Boards and Commission appointed by Council should do so in an appropriate manner.

Public comment during a public hearing is not limited to four minutes per person.

Sign up sheets will be available thirty minutes prior to the hearing for those interested in addressing Council.

Written comments may be submitted at any time prior to the hearing for inclusion in the official record of the meeting.

Please submit written comments to the Clerk to Council, 415 South Pine Street, Waihalla, South Carolina, 29691.

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**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF OCONEE
ORDINANCE NO. 2011-27**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CREATION AND ORGANIZATION OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA WORKLINK WORKFORCE INVESTMENT CORPORATION AS A SOUTH CAROLINA NONPROFIT CORPORATION TO SERVE AS THE LOCAL WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD FOR THE WORKFORCE INVESTMENT AREA COMPRISED OF ANDERSON COUNTY, OCONEE COUNTY, AND PICKENS COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA THROUGH EXECUTION OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BY AND AMONG SAID COUNTIES; AUTHORIZING EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF SUCH INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT; AND, OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.

WHEREAS, the United States Congress enacted Public Law 105-220, known as the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (“WIA”), which among other things, was enacted to facilitate workforce investment activities through the implementation of state and local workforce investment systems; and

WHEREAS, by virtue of a Consortium Agreement entered into by and among Anderson County, Oconee County, and Pickens County, South Carolina (the “Counties”) in 1999 (the “Consortium Agreement”), in accordance with Section 117(c)(1)(B)(i) of the WIA, a consortium known as the WorkLink Workforce Investment Board (the “Consortium Board”) was formed to serve as the local workforce investment board for the workforce investment area comprised by the three Counties (the “Pendleton Workforce Area”), as designated by the Governor of South Carolina, all as required under the WIA and the state plan adopted by the Governor of South Carolina implementing the WIA (the “State Plan”), as same may be amended; and

WHEREAS, the Consortium Board and the County Council for each of the Counties believe that it would be beneficial to all parties for the Consortium Board to be replaced by a South Carolina nonprofit corporation to be known as the **South Carolina WorkLink Workforce Investment Corporation** (hereinafter referred to as the “Corporation”), which shall apply to be tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, so that the Corporation can carry on all of the current functions of the Consortium Board as the local workforce investment board for the Pendleton Workforce Area, and therefore, desire to authorize the creation of such non-profit corporation in furtherance of such purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Counties, desire to enter into an intergovernmental agreement in substantially the same form as the agreement attached hereto as **Exhibit A** (the “Intergovernmental Agreement”), which among other things, provides for the creation and organization of the Corporation and sets out certain duties and obligations of the Counties related to the Corporation, all in accordance with the WIA and the State Plan; and

EXHIBIT A

Intergovernmental Agreement

SEE ATTACHED

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT
CREATING THE
SOUTH CAROLINA WORKLINK WORKFORCE INVESTMENT CORPORATION**

THIS INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT is entered into effective the ___ day of _____, 2011, by and between Anderson County, Oconee County, and Pickens County, South Carolina (hereinafter collectively referred to as the “Counties”), in accordance with and as authorized by ordinances duly adopted by the County Council for each of the Counties.

WHEREAS, the United States Congress enacted Public Law 105-220, known as the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (“WIA”), which among other things, was enacted to facilitate workforce investment activities through the implementation of state and local workforce investment systems; and

WHEREAS, by virtue of a Consortium Agreement entered into by and between the Counties in 1999 (the “Consortium Agreement”), in accordance with Section 117(c)(1)(B)(i) of the WIA, a consortium known as the WorkLink Workforce Investment Board (the “Consortium Board”) was formed to serve as the local workforce investment board for the workforce investment area comprised by the three Counties (the “Pendleton Workforce Area”), as designated by the Governor of South Carolina, all as required under the WIA and the state plan adopted by the Governor of South Carolina implementing the WIA (the “State Plan”), as same may be amended; and

WHEREAS, the Consortium Board and the County Council for each of the Counties believe that it would be beneficial to all parties for the Consortium Board to be replaced by a South Carolina nonprofit corporation, tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, so that, the new entity could carry on all current functions of the Consortium Board as the local workforce investment board for the Pendleton Workforce Area, and to that end, have agreed to create such non-profit corporation as set forth below.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements contained herein, the Counties agree as follows:

1. **Formation of Corporation.** The Consortium Board shall form a South Carolina nonprofit corporation to be known as the **South Carolina WorkLink Workforce Investment Corporation** (hereinafter referred to as the “Corporation”), which shall apply to become tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Chairpersons of County Council for each of the Counties (collectively, the “Chief Local Elected Officials”) shall act as the incorporators of the Corporation and shall serve as the “Worklink Consortium Panel”, for all purposes set forth below.
2. **Appointment of Initial Board.** Once the Corporation is duly formed with the Secretary of State, the Worklink Consortium Panel shall appoint the current members of the Consortium Board to also serve as the initial Board of Directors of the Corporation (the “Directors”).
3. **Organizational Meeting of the Corporation.** Once appointed, after providing proper notice under the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act, the Directors shall hold the

organizational meeting of the Board of Directors of the Corporation, in order to take notice of and document the existence and composition of the initial Board of Directors of the Corporation, to adopt and ratify the Articles of Incorporation filed with the Secretary of State as the Articles of Incorporation of the Corporation, to adopt appropriate By-Laws for the Corporation as approved by the Worklink Consortium Panel, to elect officers of the board of directors, to resolve, on behalf of the Corporation, to file an application for tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and to register the Corporation as a fundraising organization with the South Carolina Secretary of State.

4. **Notice Letter.** Once notice is received by the Corporation that the Corporation is tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, the Chairperson of the Board of Directors for the Corporation shall notify the Worklink Consortium Panel, in writing, that all conditions precedent to the Corporation becoming the local workforce investment board for the Pendleton Workforce Area have been satisfied (the "Notice Letter"). The first day of the first month following the date of the Notice Letter shall be the Transition Date for purposes of this Agreement (the "Transition Date").

5. **Transition.** The Parties agree that, as of the Transition Date, the Corporation shall serve as the local workforce investment board for the Pendleton Workforce Area, any and all assets of the Consortium Board shall become the Corporation's assets, any liabilities of the Consortium Board shall become the liabilities of the Corporation and the Consortium Board shall be disbanded effective as of the Transition Date. From and after the Transition Date, the Corporation shall be tasked with the responsibility of implementing and carrying out the provisions of the WIA, the State Plan, and any duly adopted local plan, as the local workforce investment board for the Pendleton Workforce Area.

6. **Appointment of the Members of the Board of Directors.** Pursuant to Section 117(c)(1)(B)(i)(I) of the WIA, the Worklink Consortium Panel shall unanimously appoint the members of the Board of Directors of the Corporation in accordance with this Agreement, the By-Laws of the Corporation, the criteria established in Section 117(b) of the WIA, and in accordance with any criteria established by the Governor of South Carolina in partnership with the South Carolina Workforce Investment Board under the State Plan, all as same may be amended. The Worklink Consortium Panel shall jointly bear the responsibility for meeting all requirements and criteria for board appointments and board composition prescribed by the WIA and the State Plan, and each member of the Worklink Consortium Panel shall use his or her best efforts to ensure the appointments made meet all criteria established in Section 117(b) of the WIA and any criteria established under the State Plan, as same may be amended.

7. **Composition of the Board of Directors.** After the Transition Date, and only to the extent the following methodology is not in conflict with the WIA or the State Plan, the Worklink Consortium Panel, by unanimous agreement of its members, and in accordance with this Agreement and the By-Laws of the Corporation, shall appoint Directors from each of the Counties in the ratio that each county's population plays to the aggregate population of all three Counties. For purposes of calculating relative populations, the population estimates from the most recent US Census Bureau Census (the "Census") shall be utilized, with any adjustments to the numbers of Directors appointed by the Worklink Consortium Panel taking effect at the time new Directors of the Corporation are to be appointed under the By-Laws of the Corporation. For example, if under the most recent Census, Pickens County had an estimated population of 200,000 and the aggregate population estimate for all three Counties was 500,000, the Worklink

Consortium Panel would attempt to appoint 40% of the Directors of the Corporation from Pickens County at the time new appointments of Directors are made in accordance with the By-laws of the Corporation. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Worklink Consortium Panel may alter the representation ratio of the Board of Directors where necessary to ensure compliance with the requirements of Section 117(b) of the WIA, as amended.

8. **Local Grant Recipients.** Section 117(d)(3)(B)(i)(I) of the WIA requires that the Chief Local Elected Officials of the Counties serve as the local grant recipients for, and shall be liable for any misuse of, the grant funds allocated to the Pendleton Workforce Area under Sections 128 and 133 of the WIA (the "Grant Funds"). The parties agree that fiscal responsibility for the Grant Funds under this Agreement shall be allocated among the Chief Local Elected Officials based upon the relative proportion of Grant Funds received by each County for the applicable calendar year.

9. **Designation of Corporation as Subrecipient/Fiscal Agent.** In accordance with Section 117(d)(3)(B)(i)(II) of the WIA, effective as of the Transition Date, the Counties, by and through the Worklink Consortium Panel, hereby re-appoint the Appalachian Council of Governments ("ACOG") as the local grant subrecipient and/or fiscal agent for the local workforce investment board for the Pendleton Workforce Area, to carry out such responsibilities in compliance with all requirements of the WIA through June 30, 2012. In the event the Worklink Consortium Panel replaces ACOG as the local grant subrecipient and/or fiscal agent as of July 1, 2012, ACOG shall diligently cooperate with the Worklink Consortium Panel and the Corporation in the transfer of all funds held by ACOG as local grant subrecipient and/or fiscal agent, in the transfer of all record-keeping related to said funds, and in the orderly transition of all of said responsibilities to the newly appointed local grant subrecipient and/or fiscal agent for the local workforce investment board for the Pendleton Workforce Area; and the WorkLink Consortium Panel and the Corporation shall diligently cooperate with ACOG to ensure ACOG does not have any unfunded liabilities relating to accrued and unused annual leave time for ACOG employees whose salaries were funded with WIA funds or any unfunded unemployment liabilities to ACOG employees whose salaries were funded with WIA funds. The designation of any other party as the local grant subrecipient and/or fiscal agent for the local workforce investment board for the Pendleton Workforce Area shall in no way relieve the Chief Local Elected Officials of the liability for any misuse of funds as noted in Paragraph 8 above, nor shall it relieve ACOG of any liability for misuse of funds while it served as subrecipient and/or fiscal agent for the local workforce investment board for the Pendleton Workforce Area.

10. **Withdrawal by County.** Any County may withdraw from the Corporation and terminate its obligations under this Agreement as of the end of any two year Workforce Investment Area designation period, by giving written notice of withdrawal to the Chairperson of the Corporation, and to each of the other Chief Local Elected Officials, at least six months prior to the end of any two year Workforce Investment Area designation period; provided, however, any such withdrawal shall in no way limit, release or abrogate the liability of the Chief Local Elected Official from the withdrawing county for misuse of Grant Funds prior to the effective date of the withdrawal.

11. **Obligations and Responsibilities of the Counties.** Each County shall promptly furnish the Corporation with any information reasonably requested in writing by the Corporation related to this Agreement or which is related to the Corporation's role under the WIA. The governing body of each County agrees to cooperate with the Corporation in carrying out the Corporation's

responsibilities under the WIA as required in Section 117 of the WIA. The responsibilities of the Worklink Consortium Panel shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- a) Timely appointment of members of the Board of Directors of the Corporation in compliance with this Agreement, the By-Laws of the Corporation, the criteria established in Section 117(b) of the WIA, any criteria established by the Governor of South Carolina in partnership with the South Carolina Workforce Investment Board under the State Plan, all as same may be amended;
- b) Cooperation with the Corporation's selection of members to the Youth Council of the Corporation;
- c) Cooperation with the Corporation in conducting oversight with respect to local programs of applicable youth activities and local employment and training activities in the local area;
- d) Shared oversight of the One-Stop System within the Pendleton Workforce Area in partnership with the Corporation, and participation in the selection process for One-Stop Operators and in their termination for cause;
- e) Participation in negotiation of local area performance measures;
- f) Collaboration with the Corporation in developing all local plans for the Pendleton Workforce Area; and
- g) Participation in the preparation and approval of the budget for the Corporation.

12. **Entire Agreement.** This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties and there are no collateral contracts or agreements between the parties relating to the subject matter of this Agreement.

13. **Applicable Law.** This Agreement shall be construed and enforced under the laws of the State of South Carolina, without regard to conflict of law principles.

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SIGNATURE PAGE OF ANDERSON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
FOR INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

ANDERSON COUNTY

Signature of Chief Elected Official

Date

Print Name and Title

ATTEST:

By:

Clerk of County Council
Anderson County, South Carolina

SIGNATURE PAGE OF OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
FOR INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

OCONEE COUNTY

Signature of Chief Elected Official

Date

Joel Thrift, Council Chairman,
Oconee County, South Carolina

ATTEST:

By:

Elizabeth G. Hulse, Clerk of County Council
Oconee County, South Carolina

SIGNATURE PAGE OF PICKENS COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
FOR INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

PICKENS COUNTY

Signature of Chief Elected Official

Date

Print Name and Title

ATTEST:

By:

Clerk of County Council
Pickens County, South Carolina

**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF OCONEE
ORDINANCE 2011-28**

**AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT A REDISTRICTING PLAN FOR
OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA; AND OTHER MATTERS
RELATED THERETO**

WHEREAS, Oconee County, South Carolina (the "County"), a body politic and corporate and a political subdivision of the State of South Carolina, acting by and through its County Council (the "County Council"), in compliance with the United States Constitution, the Constitution of the State of South Carolina, Section 4-9-90 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, as amended, and the United States Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended (collectively, the "Law"), has determined to realign the electoral districts for the election of members of County Council following, pursuant to, and in accordance with the Federal Decennial Census of 2010 ("2010 U.S. Census") and the Law; and,

WHEREAS, there presently exists five single member districts ("Election Districts") for the election of County Council members in the County; and,

WHEREAS, this Ordinance is for the purpose of defining the district boundaries of the Election Districts to meet the requirements of, and in accordance with, the Law; and,

WHEREAS, the re-defining of the election district boundaries for redistricting purposes is based upon the 2010 U.S. Census in order that the population of such Election Districts shall comply with the requirements set forth in the United States Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; and,

WHEREAS, the pertinent demographic data in reference to the Election Districts, from such 2010 U.S. Census, is attached to this ordinance as Exhibit A, and is incorporated herein by reference as if fully set forth verbatim herein; and,

WHEREAS, the County, acting by and through its County Council, has heretofore adopted the criteria that it has elected to use, in accordance with the Law, as set out explicitly in Oconee County Resolution R2011-XX; and,

WHEREAS, a map depicting the redistricting of the Election Districts, as determined by County Council, in accordance with the law, utilizing the criteria set out in Resolution R2011-XX, and utilizing the services and assistance of the South Carolina State Demographer, Mr. Bobby Bowers, is attached to this ordinance as Exhibit B, and is incorporated herein by reference as if fully set forth verbatim herein; and,

WHEREAS, County Council desires to authorize and direct the Oconee County Administrator to take such administrative actions and to promulgate and execute such procedures and policies as may be necessary or desirable to carry into effect and implement the redistricted Election Districts provided for and adopted in this Ordinance, including the elections required thereby, and in accord with the Law and any directions, suggestions or objections of the Civil Rights Division, U. S. Department of Justice, after submittal to it of this Ordinance.

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

1. The five single member Election Districts for the election of County Council members in Oconee County are hereby redistricted as depicted on the map of the County attached to this Ordinance as Exhibit B.

2. The County Administrator is authorized and directed to take all such administrative actions to promulgate and execute such procedures and policies as may be necessary or desirable to carry into effect and implement the redistricted election districts provided for and adopted in this Ordinance, including the elections required thereby, and in accord with the Law and any directions, suggestions or objections of the Civil Rights Division, U. S. Department of Justice, after submittal to it of this Ordinance.
3. 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.
4. All ordinances, orders, resolutions, and actions of County Council inconsistent herewith are, to the extent of such inconsistency only, hereby repealed, revoked, and rescinded.
5. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force and effect from and after third reading and enactment by County Council.

ORDAINED in meeting, duly assembled, this ____ day of _____, 2011.

OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

Joel Thrift, Chairman
Oconee County Council

ATTEST

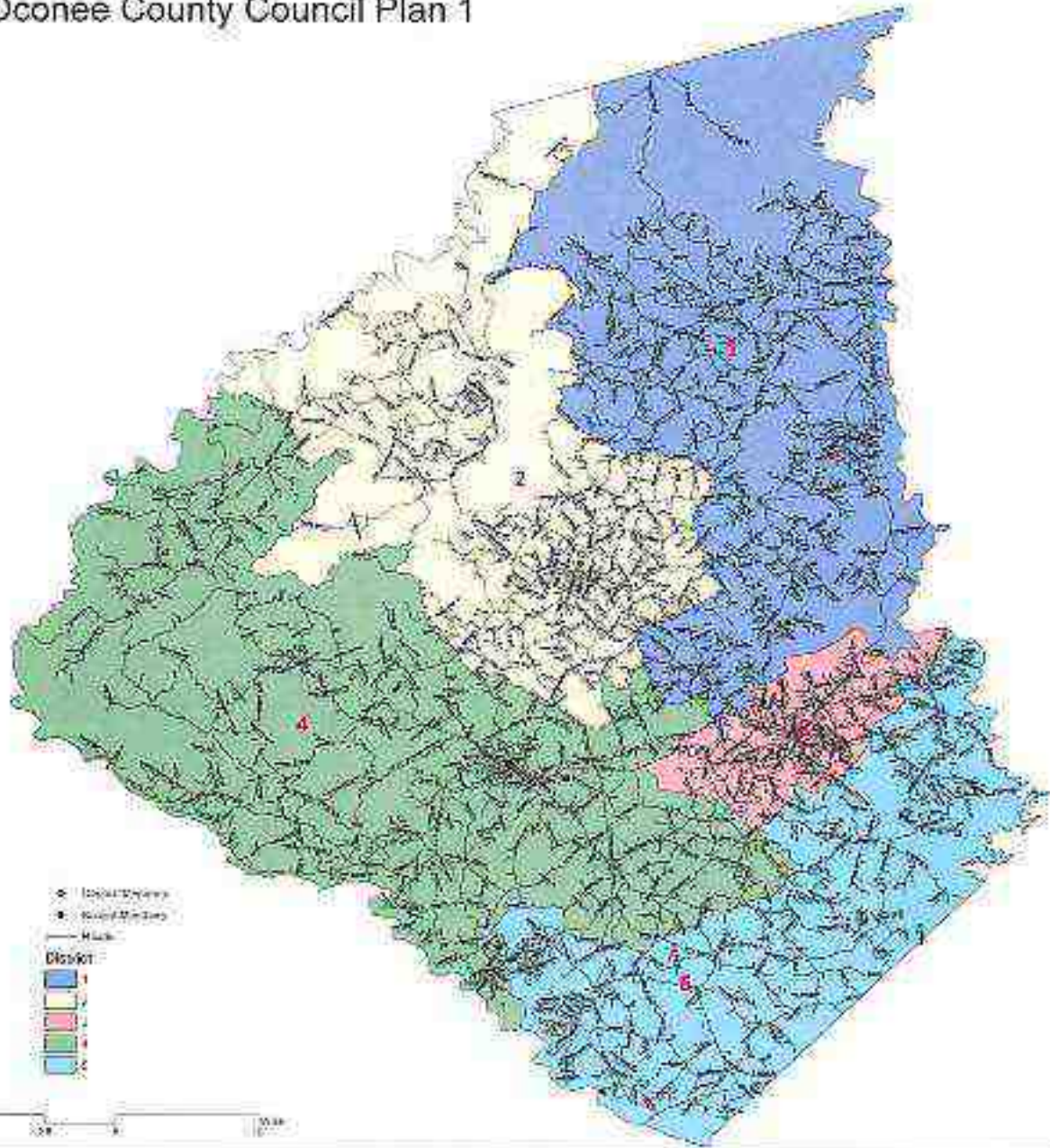
Elizabeth G. Hulse
Clerk to County Council

First Reading: September 6, 2011
Second Reading: September 20, 2011
Public Hearing: October 4, 2011
Third Reading: _____, 2011

Doonee County Council Plan 1 Statistics

District	Pop	Dev.	%Dev.	NH_Whi	NH_BlK	%NH_BlK	VAP	NHWVAP	NHBVAP	%NHBVAP	All Oth	All Oth VAP
1	14,565	-290	-1.95%	13,928	241	1.65%	12,347	11,899	165	1.34%	396	279
2	14,714	-141	-0.95%	12,423	475	3.23%	11,144	9,749	317	2.84%	1,816	1,078
3	15,151	296	1.99%	10,595	3,570	23.56%	11,853	8,707	2,506	21.14%	986	640
4	14,933	78	0.53%	13,563	707	4.73%	11,416	10,498	499	4.37%	663	419
5	14,910	55	0.37%	13,298	1,022	6.85%	12,810	10,714	704	5.96%	590	392
TOTAL	74,273			63,807	6,015	8.10%	58,566	51,567	4,191	7.16%	4,451	2,808

Oconee County Council Plan 1





OCONEE COUNTY CONSERVATION BANK BOARD OPEN POSITION

Oconee County Council is seeking interested citizens wishing to serve on the new Oconee County Conservation Bank Board. Interested candidates should complete a Questionnaire [copies available on line and from the Clerk to Council] and return it to the Clerk to Council for Council's consideration.

Board Requirements

[please view Ordinance 2011-16 online for full details and description of the duties of the Board]

- a. All members must be Oconee County residents
- b. One member will be appointed from each of the County Council Districts
- c. One members shall be a board member or executive officer of a charitable corporation or trust authorized to do business in this State that is one of the following:
 - (i) actively engaged in the acquisition of interests in land from voluntary sellers for the purposes of natural resource or land conservation in Oconee County; or
 - (ii) is organized for historic or cultural preservation purposes; or
 - (iii) is an organization that represents hunting, fishing or outdoor recreation interests; and
- d. One member shall be an owner of rural real property who is actively engaged in the management and operation of forestlands, farmlands, or wildlife habitat
- e. One member shall be actively engaged in one of the following:
 - (i) the real estate business; or
 - (ii) the business of appraising forestland, farmland, or conservation easements; or
 - (iii) the business of banking, finance or accounting; or
 - (iv) a licensed attorney admitted to practice before the South Carolina Supreme Court with an emphasis in real estate or land use law.

Council will begin considering interested candidate questionnaires at their October 4, 2011 regular meeting.



NOTES
REAL ESTATE, FACILITIES & LAND MANAGEMENT
COMMITTEE MEETING
September 12, 2011

Echo Hills Marketing Strategies

Mr. Moulder stated that work is ongoing on this matter but that nothing had yet been finalized nor was it ready for presentation to this committee. Discussion followed.

The committee directed the Administrator to come back to the committee with recommendations for the formation of the advisory committee [comprising 9 members: 2 realtors, 2 commercial members, 2 industry group leaders, 2 citizens with development/marketing background, and one county representative].

OCPL / Seneca Property Site / Long Term Care & Maintenance

Mr. Moulder updated the Committee regarding work completed on the site and the ongoing work related to the detention pond. Discussion followed.

The committee took no additional action at this meeting.

Westminster Building on Library Site

Mr. Moulder updated the Committee regarding the demolition of the building and removal of the buried fuel tank and surrounding soil. Discussion followed.

The committee took no additional action at this meeting.

West Union Historic School Demolition / ACOG Request for Assistance

Mr. Moulder noted that he has met with the Mayor and Mr. Dirk Reis, ACOG, offering county assistance with the demolition project / debris removal. He stated that at the present time the county's assistance is not needed. Discussion followed.

The committee took no additional action at this meeting.

RFP for Uses for Old Courthouse & Brown Building

Mr. Moulder stated that the buildings were offered to both the City of Walhalla and Tri County Technical College [Tri County Tech]; noting both were interested. The City identified a need for city services and Tri County Tech wished to establish a business incubator. Mr. Moulder noted that an RFP has been sent out regarding the Old Courthouse with a deadline in December 2011. Discussion followed.

Mr. Corbeil made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved 3 – 0 to authorize the Administrator to work with the Mountain Lakes Small Business Development Corporation to develop a short term lease agreement for currently available space in the Brown Building.

Public Comment

Mr. Bud Lorsch, Mr. Charlie Brickett & Mr. Rocky Anderson, Patriots Hall Board Members, addressed the Committee requesting part of the Old Courthouse for Patriots Hall for possible expansion.

Mr. Spencer Wilson addressed the Committee regarding previous statements that possible credits that could be granted related to the Old Courthouse project demolition costs. Mr. Moulder reiterated that Council stated that they MAY be willing to offer a credit but that there was no guarantee.

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Administrator's Report
Oconee County Council Meeting

September 21, 2011

Transportation

- Construction for paving, Edgewood, Wisteria and Cartee are complete. Notices of Termination will be complete when grasses stabilize.
- Engineering for in-house paving of Argo Road has begun.
- The Roads and Bridges Division has also been assisting in several other County projects
 - Clearing for the construction of the Ranger Residence at Chau Ram
 - Hauling of soil at the Westminster Library site

Real Estate, Facilities & Land Management

Airport Runway Extension Project

- Plateau Excavation is currently in the process of seeding (final step)

Airport T-Hangar Construction (SC Aeronautics Grant)

- Ramp paving was scheduled for this week, but has been delayed due to recent rain.

Airport Engineer RFG

- Recommendation will be submitted for Council approval in October.

New Detention Center

- Mediation is set for Thursday, October 6, at the Oconee County Courthouse.

Planning & Economic Development

Echo Hills

- Waterline Extension plans have been approved by SC DHEC and SC DOT
- Sewer line plans have been approved by SC DOT; SC DHEC approval anticipated within a few weeks
- Mass grading plans have been submitted to SC DHEC (this process will take several weeks)

Administrator Notes

- Facilities Maintenance has begun the carpeting upgrades in the tax wing at Pine Street
- Foundation and block work have been completed at the Chau Ram Park Ranger's residence – the entire house is being built by County Staff
- Walthalla Magistrate's Office is currently being re-roofed
- Administrator spoke at the Democratic Party Breakfast last Saturday
- Administrator is keynote speaker at Seneca Tea Party meeting tomorrow evening at Bountiful Baptist Church
- Currently conducting a recycling and waste disposal analysis to ensure most effective and efficient means of recycling are implemented. Toured a recycling facility in Georgia with Mr. McCall, and will be touring Anderson County Solid Waste facility next week.
- We have received a lot of positive feedback about the Reassessment media campaign.





South Carolina Association of Counties

Joseph B. Dill, President
Greenville County

Michael B. Case
Executive Director

September 13, 2011

TO: Steering Committee Members

FROM: Joe Dill
President, South Carolina Association of Counties

RE: Local Government Fund (LGF)

Next year the state is expected to see an increase in overall revenues. Because of this increase, the state should be expected to meet its statutory obligations. We should push for full funding of the LGF. Based upon the latest projections the LGF should be formula funded next year at \$60,966,373 more than was funded last year. It is anticipated that the number will increase as current state revenues are outstripping projections.

In order to achieve full funding of the LGF, it is important to meet with your legislative delegation no later than October and ask that the LGF be fully funded in accordance with the statutory formula. On the SCAC website is power point presentation Dorchester County used to explain the impact of the LGF on county services and its fiscal health. This is a great way you can convey the importance of the LGF in the county budget to your delegation.

Some of the Things You Should Talk about with Your Delegation Are:

The State ended FY 2010-11 with more than a \$122 million dollar surplus. The LGF could have easily been fully under the statutory formula in FY 10-11.

Counties either perform or fund many functions as an administrative arm of the state. For instance counties are responsible for housing and funding the following state functions:

Circuit Courts
Family Courts
Master-in-Equity
DSS
Alcohol & Drug Abuse
Juvenile Justice

Voter Registration
DHHC's County Health Department
Public Defender
Solicitor
Veterans' Affairs

These functions cost money and the LGF was intended to offset those expenses.

The LGF is typically the second biggest source of revenue after property taxes (and an important source of property tax relief used to fund services.) The hard millage cap requires even more local government reliance on this source of revenue. This is especially true with increases required in the retirement contribution rate, the employer portion of the State Health Plan, etc...which exceed the allowed increases in the millage rate.

Losses in LGF distribution are undermining the financial health of many South Carolina counties. Earlier this year, Moody's downgraded a county's bond rating to A2 from A1. This downgrade was a result of the dramatic depletion of the county's reserve fund which had primarily decreased because reserves had been used to offset reductions in the LGF. Many counties are similarly depleting their reserves as a result of the reductions in the LGF. Standard and Poor's also made a comment about the unreliability of state aid to that county when they put the county on negative outlook.

Explain the impact of LGF cuts in terms of the total property tax millage increase necessary to offset the cut and in terms of what impact solely using budget cuts would be. Not all counties have the option to completely offset the cut through the millage rate because the rate caps have no exception for LGF cuts.

Explain the impact LGF cuts in terms of basic service reduction to the citizens. Only you can tell the delegation members what the potential service impacts would be made in your county after the county budget is impacted by a LGF cut.

Most counties received an extra reduction in funding from state aid to subdivisions this fiscal year. The LGF is distributed in accordance with the most recent census. Thirty-five of 46 counties would have seen a reduction in their percentage of LGF funding even without a cut in the size of the LGF.

Let your delegation know what your reserve funds are obligated for (tied to outstanding bonds or to avoid tax anticipation notes, etc....) and how little of that reserve is really available to use. Remind them that using reserve funds to pay for recurring expenses led to the reduction of the State's bond rating and the same is expected if the county were to use reserve funds to fill a revenue gap.

HISTORICAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND DISTRIBUTION

FISCAL YEAR	ACTUAL LGF	AMOUNT REQUIRED FOR FULL FUNDING	DIFFERENCE
1994-95	165,266,702	165,266,702	
1995-96	181,102,181	181,102,181	
1996-97	190,509,294	190,509,294	
1997-98	195,569,599	195,569,599	
1998-99	206,474,224	206,474,224	
1999-00	218,056,570	218,056,570	
2000-01	221,874,595	221,874,595	
2001-02	225,303,162	228,731,729	-3,428,567
2002-03	228,614,568	235,354,541	-6,739,973
2003-04	221,874,595	221,874,595	
2004-05	223,551,057	223,551,057	
2005-06	230,232,591	230,232,591	
2006-07	249,347,728	249,347,728	
2007-08	280,171,196	280,171,196	
2008-09	280,180,502	299,632,631	-19,452,129
2009-10	230,232,591	287,657,747	-57,425,156
2010-11	202,619,411	249,487,775	-46,868,364
2011-12	182,619,411	235,885,310	-53,265,899

History of the Local Government Fund

Aid to Subdivisions is the section of the state budget that appropriates monies to local governments. The funds are generally allocated on a per capita formula. Aid to subdivision funds were envisioned to make up for numerous exemptions to local property taxes, alcoholic beverage taxes, and former local taxes that have been abolished. The Local Government Fund is the largest component of the state aid to subdivisions. The LGF has been governed by a funding formula since 1991 for both the amount distributed and the way it is distributed among counties and municipalities.

The origin of State Aid to Subdivisions stems from pre-Home Rule legislative delegation control of county government budgets when the County Senator and House members set and approved the county budget. Rather than increase property taxes, the General Assembly began sharing State revenue sources with counties to subsidize the State functions performed by counties. In addition to being providers of basic services at the local level, counties also serve as an administrative arm of the State. Counties have dual roles: (1) as a local government providing basic, essential services, and (2) as an administrative arm of the State to assist the State in providing State agency support.

- State aid to subdivisions originally consisted of per capita appropriations of eleven (11) different tax sources: alcoholic liquors tax, beer and wine tax, mini-bottle tax, gasoline tax, income tax, bank tax, state accommodations tax, insurance tax, brokers premium tax, fire department tax, and motor transport fees. Today many of these tax sources have been reallocated using different formulas, or abolished.
- SC Code §6-27-30 requires that the state appropriate the first 4.5% of general fund revenues of the most recently completed fiscal year to the LGF.
- State aid to local governments offsets losses local governments experience from a number of tax exemptions and revenue raising prohibitions, such as the Homestead property tax exemption, business inventories tax exemption, and 15% cap on millage rate increases.
- The LGF was intended to be protected from mid-year cuts. SC Code §6-27-20 requires a majority vote of the Budget & Control Board to reduce the LGF, and such vote must be separate from other reductions. Additionally, the General Assembly provided special protections against cutting LGF funding: S.C. Code Ann. §6-27-50 states that, "No section of this chapter may be amended or repealed except in separate legislation solely for that purpose."
- The LGF is calculated based on the general fund revenues from the most recent fiscal year and are to be set aside before other state budget commitments are made. Previous changes the General Assembly made to the definition of base revenues have resulted in reduced funding of the LGF.



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Ogechi O. Anyanwu, PSOB Outreach Specialist
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Bureau of Justice Assistance
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RE: Request for Information Needed to Complete Fallen Deputy Schuck's Public Safety Officers' Benefits Claim File

Dear Ogechi Anyanwu,

The purpose of this letter is to fulfill the request you made to Captain Stephen B. Jenkins dated 04/14/2010 for a "Detailed Statement of Circumstances" in the form of "...a summary of the incident that led to fallen Motor Deputy Schuck's death, continuing through to when and where he was pronounced."

On February 6, 2010 Deputy William Frederick Schuck, III was on routine motor patrol for the Sheriff's Office in Oconee County, South Carolina. The last radio contact with Deputy Schuck was made by Deputy Tommy Galloway at 1:06 a.m. on February 7, 2010. As confirmed by Deputy Schuck's wife and the call log on his personal cell phone, Deputy Schuck spoke with his wife at 1:37 a.m. During that conversation, Deputy Schuck informed his wife that his patrol vehicle had become "stuck" and that he was going to attempt to move it without calling anyone else for assistance. At 2:13 a.m. County Dispatch attempted to contact Deputy Schuck to assign a call to him, but received no response. At 2:14 a.m. County Dispatch sent a page to Deputy Schuck's pager. At approximately 2:14 a.m. Deputy Price attempted to contact Deputy Schuck on his personal cell phone. At 2:35 a formal search was coordinated in an effort to locate Deputy Schuck.

Shortly before 3:00 a.m. South Carolina Highway Patrolman Scott McMahan observed car lights in a wooded area and, upon closer inspection confirmed that it was an Oconee County Sheriff's patrol vehicle. The exact location was a private logging road off North Highway 11 between South Carolina Highway 183 and the west entrance to the Falcon's Lair development, coordinates N 34.8174 and W - 83.0392. Deputy Schuck was not initially visible to Patrolman McMahan from his vantage point. Patrolman McMahan immediately notified South Carolina Highway Patrolman Jeremy Duncan, who in turn notified Oconee County Sheriff's Office Units.



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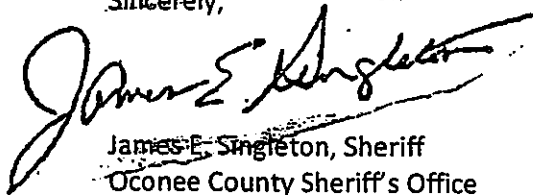
Walhalla City Police Officer Chris Grant arrived at the incident location shortly thereafter. EMS was requested to be en route prior to locating Deputy Schuck. Shortly after a ground search of the area begun, Deputy Schuck was found lying on the ground pinned at an angle beneath the right front bumper of the patrol vehicle and the base of a tree. The patrol vehicle was still running and the headlights were on, but no emergency lights had been activated. Although it seemed apparent that Deputy Schuck was deceased, every possible effort was made to move the car and free Deputy Schuck. The attempts were unsuccessful. The Ford Motor company lists the gross vehicle weight of Deputy Schuck's patrol vehicle as 5,251 pounds, which does not include any additional equipment added after manufacture. The vehicle was removed by Mike Towe Tow Service by attaching a cable from a tow truck and pulling it out of its original position.

Deputy Coroner Greg S. Long arrived at the incident location at 3:45 a.m. on February 7, 2010, at which time he verified and pronounced the death of Deputy Schuck. Oconee County Coroner Karl E. Addis arrived at 3:59 a.m. The body of Deputy Schuck was transported by the Coroner to the AnMed Medical Center morgue. The autopsy was performed by Dr. Brett H. Woodard at 10 a.m. on February 7, 2010. The autopsy confirmed the cause of Deputy Schuck's death as traumatic asphyxiation, with no other fatal or incapacitating injuries being found.

All subsequent investigations and resulting reports from the South Carolina Highway Patrol and the Oconee County Coroner's Office (copies of which will supplement this letter) are consistent in their findings that Deputy Schuck appeared to have gotten his patrol vehicle stuck in the mud, became pinned while attempting to move it, and died as a result of traumatic asphyxiation.

I would like to commend your office for the expeditious manner in which you are processing this claim and ask that you contact us immediately regarding any additional information we can provide to further facilitate this process.

Sincerely,


James E. Singleton, Sheriff
Oconee County Sheriff's Office

Cc: Captain Stephen Jenkins



September 20, 2011

We the elected officials of Oconee County council endorse and support the naming of the N. hwy 11 and Pickens hwy. bridge the "Deputy Bill Schuck Memorial Bridge".

Signed : _____



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September 21, 2011

To: Chairman Thrift and Members of County Council, Mr. Moulder, and
Ms. Hulse

From: Oconee County Planning Commission

Re: MOU with Duke Energy Recommendation

On Monday, September 19, 2011 the Planning Commission voted to recommend to Council that this is not the appropriate time to pursue the Memorandum OF Understanding with Duke Energy; however it may be appropriate to reconsider at a future date.

Sincerely,

Aaron Gadsby
Oconee County Planning