

FINAL MINUTES
OCONEE COUNTY PRT COMMISSION
May 2, 2019
South Cove County Park 12:00 pm

Members present were: Andrew Conkey, Kevin Evans, Shane Smith, Greg Coutu, & Trey Barnett

Guests present: Riley Morningstar

Also present were: Phil Shirley, PRT Director & Mandy Holbrooks, PRT Secretary

Call to Order

Shane Smith called the meeting to order at **12:08 pm**.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to accept minutes of **March 7, 2019**, by **Trey Barnett**, seconded by **Andrew Conkey**. Vote was **unanimously** carried.

Treasurer's Report

Phil Shirley presented the treasurer's report. Balance as of **May 2, 2019**, for Local ATAX is **\$121,709.00** and State ATAX is **\$55,187.00**.

Election of Officers

Since no other nomination was presented **Andrew Conkey**, agreed to be **Secretary of the PRT Commission**. Vote was **unanimously** carried.

Action Items

- Upon a motion by **Kevin Evans**, seconded by **Trey Barnett** and carried, the Committee approved a motion to recommend to County Council the purchase of the **Chauga Heights property** and for Oconee County to utilize non-expended funds to cover the gap between grant funds and funds needed to purchase the property and fulfill all due diligent items such as closing costs, updated property survey and conservation easement costs. Funds to be repaid to Oconee County through local ATAX revenues over the next five (5) years. Vote was **unanimously** carried.
- Upon a motion by **Kevin Evans**, seconded by **Trey Barnett** and carried, the Committee approved motion to recommend to County Council to place **Chauga Heights Property/Conservation Easement with Upstate Forever** as part of the closing procedures. Vote was **unanimously** carried.
- Upon a motion by **Trey Barnett**, seconded by **Kevin Evans** and carried, the Committee approved motion to recommend to County Council to fund **South Cove County Park Four (4) Speed Humps** up to **\$10,000.00**. Vote was **unanimously** carried.
- Upon a motion by **Kevin Evans**, seconded by **Andrew Conkey** and carried, the Committee approved motion to recommend to County Council to fund **Museum docent program** up to **41,500.00 divided into two (2) installments July/January**. Vote was **unanimously** carried.

- Upon a motion by Andrew Conkey, seconded by Kevin Evans and carried, the Committee approved motion to recommend to County Council to fund South Carolina Sports Alliance up to \$5,000.00. Vote was unanimously carried.
- Upon a motion by Trey Barnett, seconded by Andrew Conkey and carried, the Committee approved motion to recommend to County Council to fund the Visit Oconee SC up to \$171,000.00 for the 2019-2020 budget year. Vote was unanimously carried.

New Business

PRT Update: Phil Shirley spoke on the 2019-2020 budget year. He updated the PRT Commission on Capital Projects; Chau Ram Office/Restrooms, High Falls Restroom/rental shelter, and the long range plan. He informed the Committee of the increase of funds to the Recreation Departments which will now receive \$30,000.00 per Fiscal Year. Mr. Shirley informed the Commission of upcoming events for 2019-2020.

Old Business

Next scheduled meeting of the PRT Commission is August 22, 2019, at Oconee History Museum beginning at 12:00 pm.

Grants for the Fall cycle will be due August 15, 2019, by 3:00 pm.

Adjourn

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:45.

Respectfully Submitted:

Phil Shirley
Director of Parks, Recreation & Tourism