

FINAL MEETING MINUTES
OCONEE COUNTY PRT COMMISSION
March 4, 2021
County Council Chambers
12:00 pm

Members present were: Shane Smith, Greg Coutu, Riley Johnson, Kevin Evans, Trey Barnett, Alex Butterbaugh & Shawn Johnson

Guests present were: Lauren Pierce, The Journal

Also present were: Phil Shirley, PRT Director, Ken Sloan, Visit Oconee Director & Mandy Holbrooks, PRT Secretary

Call to Order

Shane Smith called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm

Approval of Minutes

Motion to accept minutes of November 19, 2020, by Kevin Evans, seconded by Greg Coutu. Vote was unanimously carried.

Treasurer's Report

Phil Shirley presented the treasurer's report. Balance as of March 4, 2020, Local ATAX is \$588,423.00 and State ATAX is \$217,945.00.

Election of Officer

Greg Coutu agreed to serve as Secretary of the PRT Commission.

All members agreed.

Presentation of Grants

1. Discover Upcountry Carolina Association – advertising - \$10,000.00
2. Walhalla Performing Arts Center – new HVAC - \$15,000.00
3. Oconee Community Theatre – new stage - \$20,000.00
4. The Foothills Farmstead – purchase an 1835 log cabin - \$3,000.00
5. Museum of the Cherokee – Library/Research room - \$4,725.00

Vote on Grants

- Upon a motion by Kevin Evans, seconded by Alex Butterbaugh and carried, the Committee approved motion to recommend to County Council a grant to Discover Upcountry Carolina Association for \$10,000.00 for advertising. Vote was unanimously carried.
- Upon a motion by Alex Butterbaugh, seconded by Riley Johnson and carried, the Committee approved motion to recommend to County Council a grant to Walhalla Performing Arts Center for \$15,000.00 for new HVAC. Vote was unanimously carried.

- Upon a motion by **Greg Coutu**, seconded by **Riley Johnson** and carried, the Committee approved motion to recommend to County Council a grant to **Oconee Community Theatre** for **\$20,000.00** for **a new stage**.
Vote was unanimously carried.
- Upon a motion by **Kevin Evans**, seconded by **Shane Smith** and carried, the Committee approved motion to recommend to County Council a grant to **The Foothills Farmstead** for **\$3,000.00** for **purchasing an 1835 log cabin**.
Vote was unanimously carried.
- Upon a motion by **Trey Barnett** seconded by **Shawn Johnson** and carried, the Committee approved motion to recommend to County Council a grant to **Museum of the Cherokee in SC** for **\$2,000.00** for **Library/Research room**.
Vote was unanimously carried.

PRT Action Items:

1. Radio Communication Upgrade - \$39,234.07
 2. PRT Project List - \$71,300.00
 - a. Chau Ram (\$18,300)
 - b. High Falls (\$12,000)
 - c. South Cove (\$41,000)
 3. Skeeter Bass Tournament - \$2,500.00
- Upon a motion by **Shane Smith**, seconded by **Kevin Evans** and carried, the Committee approved motion to recommend to County Council a grant to **Oconee PRT** for **\$39,234.07** for **radio communication upgrade**.
Vote was unanimously carried
 - Upon a motion by **Trey Barnett**, seconded by **Shawn Johnson** and carried, the Committee approved motion to recommend to County Council a grant to **Oconee PRT** for **\$71,300.00** for **PRT project list**.
Vote was unanimously carried
 - Upon a motion by **Greg Coutu**, seconded by **Trey Barnett** and carried, the Committee approved motion to recommend to County Council a grant to **Visit Oconee** for **\$2,500.00** for **Skeeter Bass Tournament**.
Vote was unanimously carried

Upcoming Events

Mar. 20, 2021	Amercian Bass Anglers (South Cove)
April 11, 2021	Skeeter Bass Tournament (South Cove)
May 7-8, 2021	Bass Nation Tournament (South Cove)
May 10-14	Sports Express Conference- SC Sports Alliance
July 30, 2021	Christian Motorcycle Fishing (South Cove)
September 23-24	Fishers of Men District Championship (South Cove)
September 25	National Hunting & Fishing Day (South Cove)

September 26	Family Fun Day (Oconee County Staff)
September 30-Oct 2	Palmetto Boat Center High School Trail (South Cove)
October 16	High School Swimming Competition (South Cove)
October 23	SC Bass Nation Fishing (South Cove)
October 2021	Fishers of Men District Championship (South Cove)
October 31, 2021	Boo by the Lake (South Cove)

Next scheduled meeting of the PRT Commission is **May 6, 2021, at 12:00 pm** in **County Council Chambers**

Meeting Dates:

May 6, 2021	Business Meeting
August 19, 2021	Review Grants
August 26, 2021	Vote on Grants
November 18, 2021	Business Meeting

Grants for the Fall cycle will be due August 13, 2021, by 3:00 pm.

Adjourn

As there was no further business, **Kevin Evans**, so moved to adjourn at **12:30 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted:

Phil Shirley
Director of Parks, Recreation & Tourism