

FINAL MINUTES  
OCONEE COUNTY PRT COMMISSION  
August 26, 2021  
County Council Chambers 12:00 pm

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

**Guests present were:** Luther Lyle

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

**Call to Order**

**Shane Smith** called the meeting to order at **12:00**.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion to accept minutes of **August 19, 2021**, by **Kevin Evans**,  
seconded by **Greg Coutu**. Vote was unanimously carried.

**Presentation of Grants**

1. City of Seneca – advertising 12<sup>th</sup> annual Half Marathon & 5K - \$10,000.00
2. Devils Fork State Park –RV site tent impact pad restoration- \$7,775.19
3. Discover Upcountry Carolina Association – advertising - \$15,000.00
4. The Foothills Agricultural Resource Marketing Center – FARM center sign - \$10,000.00
5. Walhalla Performing Arts Center – advertising 2021-2022 season - \$16,000.00
6. Museum of the Cherokee in SC – reenact a Kituwah (Pow-Wow) on Earth Day 2022 - \$3,500.00
7. Gateway Arts Council – advertising exhibits, art programs & Westminster mural project - \$2,500.00
8. Oconee History Museum – create & promote an app-based historic walking tour of Walhalla - \$8,050.00
9. Main Street Walhalla – organize & implement “Walhalla Wonderland” – events in December - \$6,170.00
10. The Foothills Farmstead – wiring electricity to main farmhouse - \$2,800.00

**Vote on Grants**

- Upon a motion by **Greg Coutu**, seconded by **Trey Barnett** and carried, the Committee approved motion to recommend to County Council a grant to **City of Seneca** for **\$9,000.00** for **advertising**. Vote was unanimously carried. **Riley Johnson abstained from voting.**
- Upon a motion by **Trey Barnett**, seconded by **Kevin Evans** and carried, the Committee approved motion to recommend to County Council a grant to **Devils Fork State Park** for **\$5,000.00** for **improvements to RV site tent impact pads.** Vote was unanimously carried.
- Upon a motion by **Kevin Evans**, seconded by **Riley Johnson** and carried, the Committee approved motion to recommend to County Council a grant to **Discover Upcountry Carolina Association** for **\$7,500.00** for **advertising.** Vote was unanimously carried.
- Upon a motion by **Riley Johnson**, seconded by **Kevin Evans** and carried, the Committee approved motion to recommend to County Council a grant to **The Foothills Agricultural Resource Marketing Center** for **\$7,500.00** for **FARM Center sign.** Vote was unanimously carried.

- Upon a motion by Trey Barnett, seconded by Greg Coutu and carried, the Committee approved motion to recommend to County Council a grant to Walhalla Performing Arts Center for \$8,000.00 for advertising the 2021-2022 season. Vote was unanimously carried.
- Upon a motion by Kevin Evans, seconded by Greg Coutu and carried, the Committee approved motion to recommend to County Council a grant to Museum of the Cherokee in South Carolina for \$2,500.00 for reenacting a Kituwah. Vote was unanimously carried.
- Upon a motion by Shawn Johnson, seconded by Kevin Evans and carried, the Committee approved motion to recommend to County Council a grant to Gateway Arts Council for \$2,000.00 for advertising exhibits, art programs & Westminster mural project. Vote was unanimously carried.
- Upon a motion by Alex Butterbaugh, seconded by Trey Barnett and carried, the Committee approved motion to recommend to County Council a grant to Oconee Heritage Museum for \$3,000.00 for creating & promoting an app-based historic walking tour of Walhalla. Vote was unanimously carried.
- Upon a motion by Kevin Evans, seconded by Riley Johnson and carried, the Committee approved motion to recommend to County Council a grant to Main Street Walhalla for \$4,000.00 for a marketing campaign "Walhalla Wonderland". Vote was unanimously carried.
- Upon a motion by Alex Butterbaugh, seconded by Shawn Johnson and carried, the Committee approved motion to recommend to County Council a grant to The Foothills Farmstead for \$1,500.00 for wiring electricity to main farmhouse. Vote was unanimously carried.

**Action Item:**

Oconee PRT – High Falls/Mullins Ford – asphalt work – up to \$47,700.00

- Upon a motion by Kevin Evans, seconded by Shawn Johnson and carried, the Committee approved motion to recommend to County Council a grant to Oconee PRT for up to \$47,700.00 for asphalt work at HighFalls/Mullins Ford. Vote was unanimously carried.

**Next meeting is November 17, 2021, in County Council Chambers beginning at 12:00.**

**Adjourn**

As there was no further business, Kevin Evans made a motion, approved unanimously, to adjourn at 12:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

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 Phil Shirley  
 Director of Parks, Recreation & Tourism