

FINAL MEETING MINUTES
OCONEE COUNTY PRT COMMISSION
March 3, 2022
County Council Chambers
12:00 pm

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

Guests present were: Crystal Romanyszyn, Shelby Henderson, Nicklaus McKinney,
& Lauren Pierce

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 February 24, 2022 by Shane Smith,
seconded by Riley Johnson. Vote was unanimously carried.

Election of Officer

- Upon a motion by Shane Smith, seconded by Riley Johnson and carried, the Committee approved **Shawn Johnson serve as Chairperson of the PRT Commission.** Vote was unanimously carried.
- Upon a motion by Alex Butterbaugh, seconded by Kevin Evans and carried, the Committee approved **Shane Smith serve as Vice-Chairperson of the PRT Commission.** Vote was unanimously carried.
- Upon a motion by Alex Butterbaugh, seconded by Shane Smith and carried, the Committee approved **Staff serve as Secretary of the PRT Commission.** Vote was unanimously carried

Presentation of Grants

1. Lake Hartwell Country – advertising - \$15,000.00
2. South Carolina Apple Festival (60th) – advertising - \$10,000.00
3. Discover Upcountry Carolina Association – advertising - \$15,000.00
4. Upstate Heritage Quilt Trail – promotion of UHQT & interpretive signage - \$3,399.00
5. Oconee Military Museum – window replacement - \$7,470.00
6. Bertha Lee Strickland Cultural Museum – advertising Juneteenth Festival - \$15,000.00
7. Main Street Walhalla – new light pole banners - \$7,000.00
8. Rock the Ranch – advertising - \$5,000.00
9. City of Walhalla – purchase transportation shuttle - \$9,500.00

10. Oconee County Chamber of Commerce – staffing for Visitor Information Center in Westminster - \$20,000.00
11. Walhalla Performing Arts Center – advertising the 2022 season - \$12,000.00

Vote on Grants

- Upon a motion by Shane Smith, seconded by Kevin Evans and carried, the Committee approved motion to recommend to County Council a grant to Lake Hartwell Country for \$7,000.00 for advertising.
Vote was unanimously carried.
- Upon a motion by Trey Barnett, seconded by Riley Johnson and carried, the Committee approved motion to recommend to County Council a grant to SC Apple Festival for \$4,400.00 for advertising.
Vote was unanimously carried.
- Upon a motion by Kevin Evans, seconded by Shawn Johnson and carried, the Committee approved motion to recommend to County Council a grant to Discover Upcountry Carolina Association for \$7,000.00 for advertising.
Vote was unanimously carried
- Upon a motion by Shane Smith, seconded by Kevin Evans and carried, the Committee approved motion to recommend to County Council a grant to Upstate Heritage Quilt Trail for \$2,000.00 for promotion of UHQT & interpretive signage.
Vote was unanimously carried.
- Upon a motion by Alex Butterbaugh, seconded by Shane Johnson and carried, the Committee approved motion to recommend to County Council a grant to Oconee Military Museum for \$4,000.00 for window replacement.
Vote was unanimously carried.
- Upon a motion by Trey Barnett, seconded by Alex Butterbaugh and carried, the Committee approved motion to recommend to County Council a grant to Bertha Lee Strickland Cultural Museum for \$9,000.00 for advertising Juneteenth Festival. Riley Johnson recused from voting.
Vote was unanimously carried.
- Upon a motion by Kevin Evans, seconded by Shawn Johnson and carried, the Committee approved motion to recommend to County Council a grant to Main Street Walhalla for \$3,500.00 for new light pole banners.
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 Rock the Ranch for \$1,600.00 for advertising.
Vote was unanimously carried

- Upon a motion by Shane Smith, seconded by Shawn Johnson and carried, the Committee approved motion to recommend to County Council a grant to City of Walhalla for \$1,500.00 for transportation shuttle.
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 a grant to Oconee Chamber of Commerce for \$10,000.00 for staffing for Visitor Information Center in Westminster.
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 Walhalla Performing Arts Center for \$10,000.00 for advertising the 2022 season.
Vote was unanimously carried.

Next scheduled meeting of the PRT Commission is **May 5, 2022, at 12:00 pm** in **County Council Chambers**

Meeting Dates:

May 5, 2022	Business Meeting
August 18, 2022	Review Grants
August 25, 2022	Vote on Grants
November 17, 2022	Business Meeting

Grants for the Fall cycle will be due August 15, 2022, by 3:00 pm.

Adjourn

As there was no further business, Kevin Evans, so moved to adjourn at 12:30 pm

Respectfully Submitted:

Phil Shirley
Director of Parks, Recreation & Tourism