

REVIEW MEETING MINUTES  
OCONEE COUNTY PRT COMMISSION  
February 23, 2023  
COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

**Members present were:** Riley Johnson, Alex Butterbaugh, Shawn Johnson & Kevin Cope

**Guests present were:** Mark Thompson

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

**Call to Order**

**Shawn Johnson** called the meeting to order at **12:00 p.m.**.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion to approve minutes of **December 1, 2022**, will be completed at the March 2, 2023 meeting.

**Treasurer's Report**

**Phil Shirley** presented the treasurer's report. Balance as of **February 23, 2023**, Local ATAX is **\$497,635.91** and State ATAX is **\$382,564.71**.

**Presentation of Grants**

1. City of Seneca – advertising “Independence Day Celebration” – \$25,000.00
2. Discover Upcountry Carolina Association – advertising - \$15,000.00Lake
3. Eagles Nest Arts Center – advertising - \$2,400.00
4. Gateway Arts Council – advertising - \$1,500.00
5. Museum of the Cherokee in South Carolina – archaeological dig - \$12,000.00
6. Oconee Chamber of Commerce – employee funding for Visitor Information Center in Westminster - \$15,000.00
7. Oconee Military Museum – window replacement - \$7,435.00
8. The Foothills Agricultural Resource Marketing Center – installation of safety lighting - \$10,000.00
9. South Carolina Apple Festival – advertising - \$10,000.00
10. Walhalla Civic Auditorium – advertising the 2023 season - \$15,000.00
11. Westminster Music Center – advertising “Music on Main” - \$10,000.00
12. Wild Hearts Equine Therapeutic Center – construction project - \$10,000.00

**Grant Requests Review**

- Upon review of grant it was determined **City of Seneca**, is eligible for **\$25,000.00** for **advertising**.
- Upon review of grant it was determined **Discover Upcountry Carolina Association**, is eligible for **\$15,000.00** for **advertising**.
- Upon review of grant it was determined **Eagles Nest Art Center**, is eligible for **\$2,400.00** for **advertising**.
- Upon review of grant it was determined **Gateway Arts Council** is eligible **\$1,100.00** for **advertising**.
- Upon review of grant it was determined **Museum of the Cherokee in South Carolina**, is eligible for **\$4,800.00** for **an archaeological dig**.

- Upon review of grant it was determined Oconee County Chamber of Commerce, is eligible for \$15,000.00 for employee funding for Visitor Information Center in Westminster.
- Upon review of grant it was determined Oconee Military Museum, is eligible for \$3,790.00 for window replacement.
- Upon review of grant it was determined SC Apple Festival, is eligible for \$4,972.00 for advertising.
- Upon review of grant it was determined The Foothills Agricultural Resource Marketing Center, is eligible for \$10,000.00 for installation of safety lighting.
- Upon review of grant it was determined Walhalla Performing Arts Center, is eligible for \$15,000.00 for advertising the 2023 season.
- Upon review of grant it was determined Westminster Music Centre, is eligible for \$10,000.00 for advertising "Music on Main".
- Upon review of grant it was determined Wild Hearts Equine Therapeutic Center is eligible for \$10,000.00 for construction project.

Next PRT commission meeting will be March 2, 2023, at County Council Chambers beginning at 12:00.

**Adjourn**

As there was no further business, Shawn Johnson, so moved to adjourn at 12:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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 Phil Shirley  
 Director of Parks, Recreation & Tourism