



PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

**September 4, 2018
5:00 P.M.**

**Oconee County Administrative Offices
Council Chambers
415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC**

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes:
 - June 5, 2018
3. Foothills Collaborative Action Networks [Foothills CAN] Presentation – Mr. Mike Cannon
4. Discussion Items *[to include Vote and/or Action on matters brought up for discussion, if required]*
 - Creation of Protections for Agricultural Lands – Mr. Adam Chapman
 - Economic Development Update – Ms. Janet Hartman
5. Unfinished Business
5. New Business *[to include Vote and/or Action on matters brought up for discussion, if required]*
6. Adjourn

There will not be a scheduled opportunity for public to comment at this meeting.
Council members will discuss recommendations from the Administrator at this meeting.
If time permits at the end of the meeting *[and at the Committee Chair's discretion]* the Committee may take questions from the public.

[This agenda is not inclusive of all issues which the Committee may bring up for discussion at this meeting.]

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OCONEE COUNTY

AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY BOARD

RE: CREATION OF PROTECTIONS FOR AGRICULTURAL LANDS

June 11th, 2018

Committee members,

Farms and farmers in Oconee County are under threat. Between regulations, trade barriers, climate, pests and diseases, the last thing a farmer needs to worry about is if their new neighbors will be upset with sights and sounds of an existing farm or ranch. The Agricultural Advisory Board is recommending that a buffer or setback be created and codified, between existing farm lands and new, non-agricultural related developments. This buffer or setback should be on the non-agricultural side of a shared property line so to create as much distance between the existing farm and any new, non-agricultural development or use. This buffer or setback has vocal support among farmers and other agricultural professionals in the County. The Agricultural Advisory Board appreciates your time and looks forward to hearing from you on this matter.

Regards on behalf of the Agricultural Advisory Board,

Rex Blanton, Chairman

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VALLEY SERVICES, INC., located at 926 Shiloh Rd. Seneca, SC, will hold an auction on **MONDAY MARCH 12, 2018 AT 2PM** to auction off the following items:

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L8YTCAPFIEY602517

2017 Grey Sports 50 Moped
LT4ZINAA3HZ000394

2017 Black Sports 50 Moped
LT4ZINAA3HZ000692

2013 Red VIP Moped
L9NTECLKD2E1000701

2016 Black Solana Moped
LYDY3TB83G1500431

2013 Black/Grey VIP
Bahama Moped
L8YTCAPX4DM500174

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COUNTY OF OCONEE**

OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL

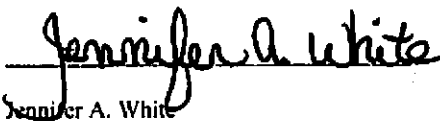
IN RE: OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE & EXCEPTIONS FOR 2018

BEFORE ME the undersigned, a Notary Public for the State and County above named, This day personally came before me, Hal Welch, who being first duly sworn according to law, says that he is the General Manager of **THE JOURNAL**, a newspaper published Tuesday through Saturday in Seneca, SC and distributed in **Oconee County, Pickens County** and the Pendleton area of **Anderson County** and the notice (of which the annexed is a true copy) was inserted in said papers on 02/21/2018 and the rate charged therefore is not in excess of the regular rates charged private individuals for similar insertions.

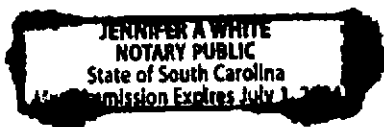


Hal Welch
General Manager

Subscribed and sworn to before me this
02/21/2018



Jennifer A. White
Notary Public
State of South Carolina
My Commission Expires July 1, 2024



Strengthening Community for Individuals with Disabilities



Strengthening Community for Special Needs and Disabilities

About Foothills Can

Welcome to Foothills CAN (Collaborative Action Network).

CAN... Working together to put the needs of individuals with disabilities first.

Foothills CAN is a collaborative initiative between Anderson, Oconee, and Pickens Counties. The CAN concept originally started in Greenville County as an initiative of the [Barbara Stone Foundation](#) and is known as [Greenville CAN](#) in Greenville County. The shared belief behind CAN is that through collaboration, we can make our communities a better place to for individuals with disabilities. As more communities start their own CAN initiatives unique to their specific needs, our collective efforts will hopefully impact our region and eventually our state.

Foothills CAN Mission Statement:

Foothills CAN's mission is to make our communities a better place to live, work, and play for individuals with all levels of disabilities.

Foothills CAN Model / Philosophy:

1. Foothills CAN is a coalition. It is not an organization, program, or entity.
 1. Foothills CAN serves as the table where organizations come together to take collective action.
 2. We were created by the communities for the communities. The organizations and individuals that comprise Foothills CAN feel a shared sense of ownership and investment because they co-created Foothills CAN together as a mechanism to work collaboratively on a collective desire to make our communities a better place to live, work, and play for people with disabilities.
 2. Foothills CAN fulfills our mission by:
 1. Promoting systemic change.
 2. Advocating for integration and inclusion.
 3. Providing a catalyst for change.
 4. Aiding in building capacity of existing organizations.
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Foothills CAN Strategic Priorities:

1. Increase employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities.
2. Improve the ability of individuals with disabilities to reach their desired destinations.
3. Create an easily accessible system for connecting service providers to help all stakeholders be aware of appropriate services and opportunities which are available to individuals with disabilities.
4. Help individuals of all ages and abilities have access to and be engaged in a comprehensive array of recreation, arts, and enrichment activities to enable them to thrive as engaged community citizens. Some of these activities should include Special Olympics and the "Night to Shine" prom.
5. Support individuals with disabilities so they may have a safe, affordable, and accessible housing suited to their needs and level of independence.

[Click Here for More Information about our Strategic Priorities.](#)

Untapped Workforce...

47,000

People under 65 in Anderson, Oconee, and Pickens County: US Census

28.7%

SC Unemployment Rate for Individuals with Disabilities: 2017

Anderson, Pickens, and Oconee County Disabilities and Special Needs Boards serve 2,300 individuals with disabilities and 1,300 individuals with disabilities are served through SC Vocational Rehabilitation for Anderson, Pickens, and Oconee Counties.

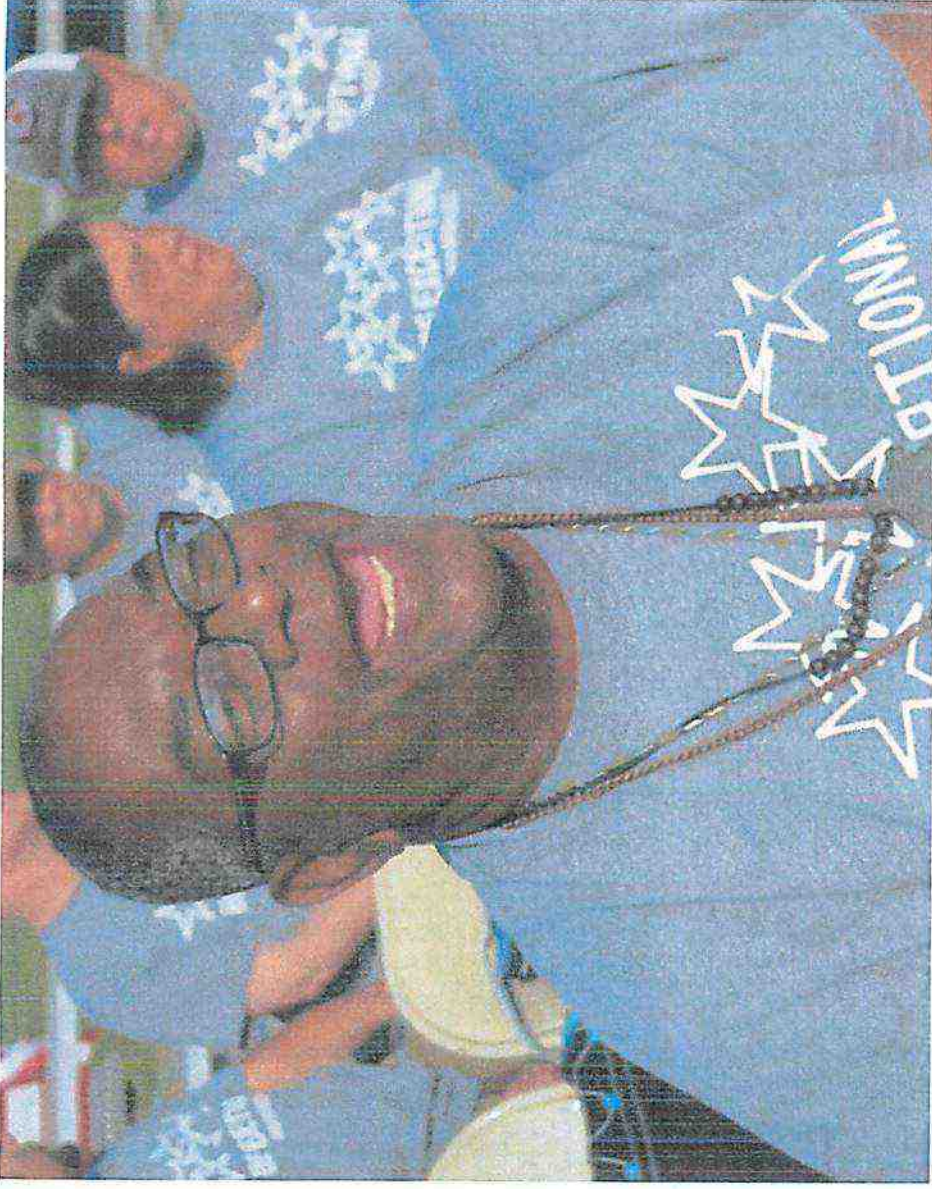
According to the 2010 US Census, there were 45,000 individuals with a disability under 65 years old living in the counties of Anderson, Pickens, and Oconee County in 2010. This number is estimated at 47,000 in 2017. The unemployment rate in South Carolina for all individuals with disabilities in 2017 was 28.70% and up to 90% for individuals with intellectual disabilities. One of the primary goals of Foothills CAN is to reduce the unemployment rate for individuals with disabilities.

Foothills CAN Support Group

- Anderson County DSN Board
- Pickens County DSN Board
- Arc of Oconee
- Vocational Rehab for Anderson, Oconee, & Pickens County
- The City of Anderson
- Clemson LIFE
- SC Works Worklink
- Concord Baptist Church
- Coastal Carolina National Bank of Greenville
- Crowe's Corporate Promotions of Anderson
- Congressman Gresham Barrett
- Defender Services of Anderson

- Foothills Motorsports of Anderson
- Grainger Machine of Anderson
- Barbara Stone Foundation
- Greenville CAN
- Palmetto Physical Medicine

- Tri-County Technical College
- Anderson University
- Southern Wesleyan University
- Clemson Outdoor Lab
- Dr. Dale Treash
- AnMed Health
- Walgreens
- The City of Seneca
- Oconee County Council
- Industrial Bonded Warehouse
- Ionosphere Travel
- Metrocon, Inc.
- Natalie Barrett
- Orian Rugs of Anderson
- Senator Thomas Alexander
- Upstate Alliance
- Dr. Lisa McWherter



Contact Us:

Foothills CAN: If you have questions, need additional information, or would like to be involved, please contact Mike Cannon at michaelcannon@charter.net.

Update to the
Planning and Economic
Development Committee
of Oconee County Council
September 4, 2018

Oconee Economic Alliance



OEA's mission is focused on having Oconee County be the location of choice for investment decisions.

Core Objectives:

- Diversify our Economy
- Develop Competitive Assets
- Nurture Strategic Partnerships
- Tell our Story to New and Existing Audiences

OEA Economic Development Efforts:

Job Creation:
2012-2018: **1,591** new jobs

Taxable Capital Investments:
2012-2018: **\$501,376,354** in taxable investments

Economic Development deals since 2012
38 completed

OEA Retention Efforts

- OCIG meetings
- work force development
 - AOP Showcase, WorkLink, SDOC, TCTC
- data research
- wage study
- demand curve

OEA Recruitment Efforts:

- Department of Commerce, Upstate Alliance, Utility Providers, Power Team, Site Consultants
- RFI's for future projects
- 25 projects in pipeline
- Project visits
- Site development

Seneca Rail Road Improvement

- July 23rd - Approval from Norfolk Southern
- August 6th - Bid packet ready
- September 18th - Bid opening
- October 2nd - County Council approval
- October 3rd - Contact let - work starts





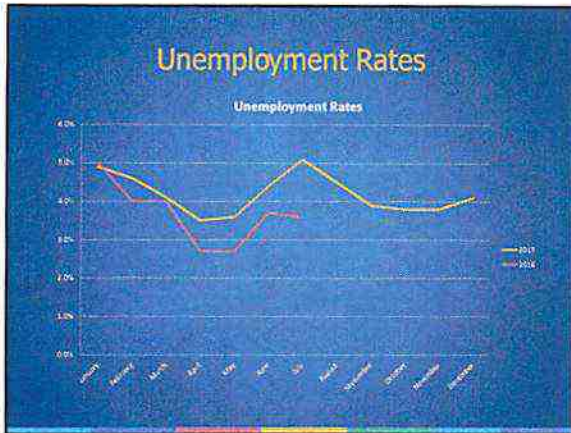
Additional lodging

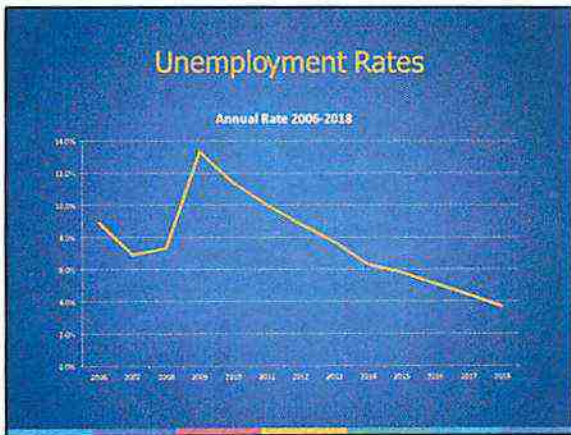


CASO Development



RESEARCH UPDATE





Tri-County Technical College Center for Workforce Excellence

- 133 students enrolled in credit programs
- 213 total students
- 7 credit programs offered for Fall 2018
- Additional training and certification courses offered

The poster features a circular graphic with a globe and a person working at a computer. Text on the poster includes: "OCTOBER CAMPUS OPEN HOUSE", "A Tri-County Technical College Event", "OCTOBER CAMPUS Open House and Registration Center is here!", "October 10th, 11th, and 12th, 2018", "10:00am - 5:00pm", "1000 S. Main St., Greenville, SC 29615", and the Tri-County logo.

South Carolina Economic
Development Institute
August 16-17





- OEA submitted application to host this event
- Topic: Industrial Development
- Over 60 participants
- Panel of local industry leaders led by Daja Dial



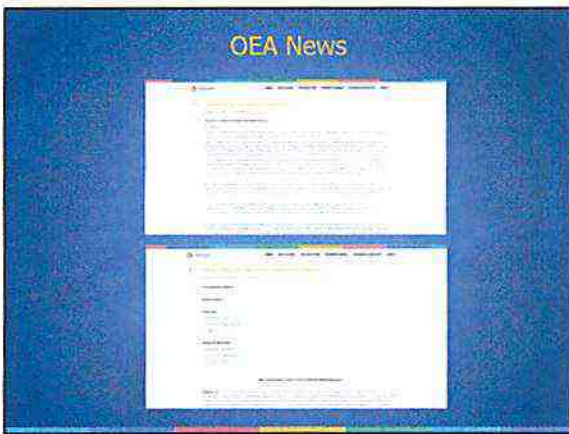
South Carolina
Department of Commerce
Just right for business.

MARKETING UPDATE

Social Media Update

-  1,376 (+280)
-  1,734 (+71)
-  846 (+289)
-  139

Total: 4,095








Downtown Initiatives

- Helped Establish & Serve on Walhalla Downtown Development Corporation
- Helped Establish & Serve on Seneca Development Committee
- Joined Westminster Economic Development Commission
- Orchestrated Business Incentive Plans
- Orchestrated Façade & Building Improvement Grant Programs
- Working on Downtown Building/ Business Inventory
- Working to support Downtown Business Recruitment

Destination Oconee Video

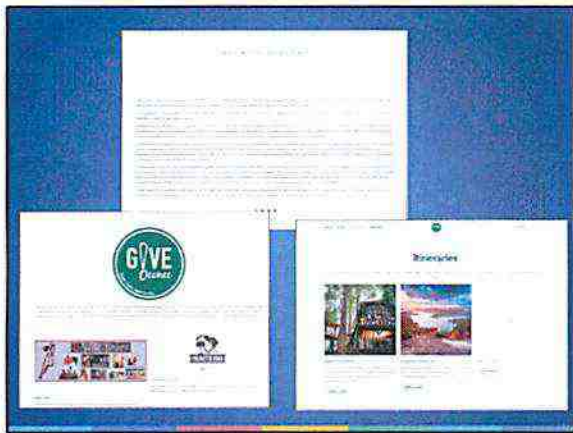


Destination Oconee Video thumbnail featuring a woman in a field with logos for Destination Oconee, Think Oconee, and MTN.

Think Oconee Website



Think Oconee Website thumbnail showing a website interface with a video player and the text 'THINK OCONEE' overlaid on a woman in a field.







\$40,000

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ENTREPRENEURIAL
SUPPORT, AND
MONETARY DONATIONS



884

FARMS ACROSS
THE COUNTY



2

USDA CERTIFIED
ORGANIC FARMS

OCONEE COUNTY AGRICULTURE BUSINESS CASE

20

CENTURY FARMS
IN THE COUNTY



AGRICULTURAL RANKING IN STATE
* VALUE OF SALES

#3

#3

AQUACULTURE

#3

POULTRY AND EGGS

#6

#6

HORSES, PONIES, MULES,
BURROS, AND DONKEYS

#8

#8

SHEEP, GOATS, WOOL,
MOHAIR, AND MILK

#10

#10

CATTLE AND CALVES



47

CERTIFIED SC PRODUCT
FARMS



5

CERTIFIED ROADSIDE
MARKETS

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AGROTOURISM
FARMS



OCONEE COUNTY AGRICULTURE ECONOMIC IMPACT

270 HORSE OWNERS GENERATE **\$1.5 million** ANNUALLY



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\$1.5 million

ANNUALLY

27 CORN PRODUCERS ACCOUNT FOR **\$6 million** ANNUALLY



CORN PRODUCERS ACCOUNT FOR

\$6 million

ANNUALLY

393 CATTLE GROWERS ACCOUNT FOR **\$15 million** ANNUALLY



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250 ACRES



36 GRAIN PRODUCERS GENERATE **\$1.6 million** ANNUALLY

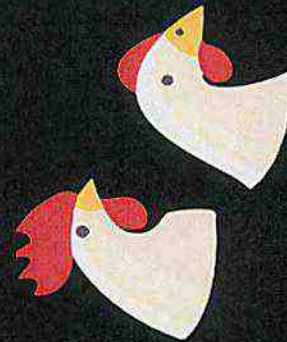


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47 BIRD GROWERS GENERATE **\$110 million** ANNUALLY



BIRD GROWERS

GENERATE

\$110 million

ANNUALLY

\$25,000 ANNUALLY IN SALES



FROM **280** HIVES

TOTAL VEGETABLE SALES



\$1.1

million

ANNUALLY