



MINUTES
OCONEE COUNTY
CAPITAL PROJECT SALES TAX COMMISSION
January 16, 2014

MEMBERS

Mr. Russell Price, Chairperson, County Representative
Ms. Thelma Miller, Vice Chairperson, City of Walhalla Representative
Ms. Brenda Davis, City of Westminster Representative
Mr. Don Fuller, County Representative
Mr. Glen McPheeters, County Representative
Ms. Mollie Smith, City of Seneca Representative

The Oconee County Capital Sales Tax Commission [CPSTC] met at 6:30 PM in Council Chambers, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all representatives present and Clerk to Council Elizabeth G. Hulse present.

Press: Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, notice of the meeting, date, time, place of meeting and agenda were posted on the bulletin board at the County Administrative Offices, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC, and the County Council website [www.oconeese.com/council]. In addition it was made available [*upon request*] to the newspapers, radio stations, television stations and concerned citizens.

Member of the press present: Dick Mangrum – WGOG, Ray Chandler – Anderson Independent, Carlos Galarza -The Daily Journal.

Call to Order:

Mr. Price called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Fuller made a motion, seconded by Mr. McPheeters, approved 5 – 0 [Ms. Miller had not yet arrived] to approve the minutes from the December 13, 2013 meeting.

Identification of and Review/Discussion of Projects Received
Establish Schedule for Presentation of Projects

Mr. Price led discussions regarding the twelve projects received [full project listing filed with these minutes].

1 Wild Fern Road

Mr. Price questioned if this was a county road and if it was on the existing road paving priority listing. Ms. Hulse provided the member with a report from the County Engineer [copy filed with these minutes] outlining issues related to this road.

Mr. McPheeters made a motion, seconded by Ms. Davis, approved 6 – 0 to remove Wild Fern Road from consideration for funding.

Mr. Price directed Ms. Hulse to draft a letter to the entity notify them of the reasons that they will not be considered for the tax by the Commission. Mr. Fuller requested that the letter be provided to all Commission members prior to distribution.

2 Cherokee Museum Annex

3 Walhalla Water Plant Upgrade

4 Oconee County Indoor Recreation / Aquatic Center

5 Oconee County Library System Enhancement

6 Oconee 9/11 Memorial

7 Golden Corner Community Center

8 Oconee Heritage Center Multi-Site Renovations

- 9 Foothills Agricultural Resource / Marketing Center [Farm Center]
- 10 Northern Economic Development
- 11 Recreation & Senior Center
- 12 Broadband Access Development

Mr. Price requested that Ms. Hulse inquire from the County Administrator if the county would be willing to accept this project; noting that this project will not be scheduled for presentation until an update is received.

The Commission approved the remaining projects [#2-#11] for presentation scheduling.

Mr. Price requested in addition the following:

- Directed Ms. Hulse to request from the County Attorney his opinion if the Commission may partial fund a project submitted
- Directed Ms. Hulse to ask the County Attorney review projects #2-11 to identify if there is anything listed in the requests that would not be eligible for funding with the sales tax.

Mr. Price suggested the following presentation schedule that was accepted unanimously by the Commission:

January 22, 2014: Projects 4 & 5
January 30, 2014: Projects 2, 6 & 8
February 13, 2014: Projects 7 & 9
February 19, 2014: Projects 3, 10 & 11

The Commission also unanimously established the following guidelines for presentations:

- 20 minute presentation maximum time + Q&A period
- Presentations will be scheduled 45 minutes apart to allow for a breaks and set time
- No more than two speakers will be permitted for the presentation and Q&A period
- Handouts for Commission:
 - Material that was submitted with the original questionnaire should not be submitted again.
 - If the entity wishes the staff liaison to provide copies to the Commission they must be provided via email no later than twenty four hours prior to the meeting.
 - If the entity wishes to distribute material at the meeting you will be required to provide 7 copies of each handout and the handouts must be 3-hole punched.

Discuss Public Awareness meetings

This matter was deferred.

Old Business

Timeline Review

Mr. Price reviewed with the Commission the updated timeline. It was the consensus of the group that the timeline is appropriate at this time and the Commission is on schedule.

Adjourn

Ms. Davis made a motion, approved unanimously by the Commission to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Elizabeth G. Hulse
Clerk to Council