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Minutes of the Oconee County
Parks & Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting
502 East Main Street
Walhalla, South Carolina
April 21, 2003

Present were: Tim Mays, Chairperson; Mike Lemons, Ken Davis, Pat Cromer, Larry Brandt and Vickie Satterfield, Director of Parks, Recreation & Tourism

The Meeting was called to order by Mr. Mays at 5:00 p.m. and the invocation by given by Mr. Lemons.

Upon a motion by Mr. Cromer, seconded by Mr. Davis and unanimously carried, the Commission approved to recommend to the Oconee County Council that Tamassee-Salem Recreation Corporation be granted \$9,000 from District 1 2002-2003 budgeted recreation funds. It is to be taken from account number 010-202-30901 00000.

At the April meeting, Oconee County Council had asked Mrs. Satterfield to have the Parks & Recreation Commission list their top priorities for initial implementation of the recreation master plan beginning with Phase I of the Executive Summary, which should be completed within the next five years. This was discussed by the Parks & Recreation Commission. Upon a motion by Mr. Brandt, seconded by Mr. Lemons and unanimously carried the Oconee County Parks & Recreation Commission recommends to County Council, in priority order, the following:

1. **Most Importantly Continue financial assistance** to youth recreation programs, which are limited to municipalities with youth recreation programs and to include Districts 1 and 5, which consist of Fair Oak Youth Center and Tamassee-Salem Recreation Corporation. The breakdown with increases are as follows:

District	Name	Current	Recommendation
		2002-2003	2003-2004
1	Tamassee-Salem	\$14,500	\$17,500
2	Walhalla	5,000	8,000
3	Seneca	5,000	8,000

4	Westminster	5,000	8,000
5	Fair Play	15,000	18,000
		Cost	\$59,500

\$3,000 increase per district. Also, not provided for in the Parks & Recreation Budget, but is provided for in the County Budget, \$10,000 for Seneca, Westminster and Walhalla and \$500 for the Town of Salem in other County designated recreation funds.

Cost \$30,500

2. **Hire an Athletic Director** to work with Districts 1 & 5 to organize teams, schedule games, work with parents and coaches, assume administrative duties, and represent both of these areas when meeting with the municipalities. This position would seek grant opportunities, maintain fields if needed, schedule tournaments and special athletic events, which would not be limited to youth recreation activities. This position would also plan and carry out summer activity programs for all age groups, as well as, any other activities deemed necessary. **Approximate cost \$35,000 to \$40,000 plus fringe.**

3. **Purchase Land**—Ideally this property would be located in the geographical center of the county, which is in the Richland/Poplar Springs area if available or off of Highway 11 South. **Cost of \$200,000 to \$400,000.**

These recommendations were made with the understanding that Oconee County will continue to keep existing parks in good repair and properly maintained and well supervised. Increased park participation has resulted in additional revenue, more demand for services and revenue generated over and above the previous year should be spent for park improvements.

The next Commission meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 19, at 5:30 p.m. at which time the Commission will make recommendations for revisions of the youth recreation funds policy. The Commission will not meet in June or July.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Vickie L. Satterfield

PUBLIC COMMENTS AS TO PROPOSED
ORDINANCE 2003-07
ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COUNCIL-ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT
May 6, 2003

Article II: Form of Government

ADD: Boundaries set by County Council are in compliance with State and Federal guidelines respecting communities of interest.

NOTE: I oppose control of the county by three members of Council and support a referendum to vote to add additional council seats with the number of districts based on population, plus two at-large members, one from the West and one from the East side of the county alternating appointments as Council Chair.

Article V: County Departments

ADD: Information Technology as a separate department. IT capability spans county communications and information systems and there should be a central point of administration of the technical side of this important capability.

Article VII: Operating Authority and Guidelines

INCLUDE: Consequences for failure to comply with requirement that no member of Council shall give direct orders to employees and officials, other than the Administrator and Council Clerk. For example, a minimum requirement for failure to comply is duty noted in Council records for the purpose of public censure. Further provide that all official contact with or requests made of an employee or other county official by a council member, is of record with the council clerk and that a violation of this provision shall be recorded with the Council Clerk.

Article VIII: Meetings of Council

8.1 INCLUDE: Name the three places for public posting of Special Meetings and consider requiring posting to the County Web page.

8.2 ADD: A process for the public to request correction of approved Council minutes.

8.2.1 INCLUDE: The Council Clerk is required to record all requests for matters to be heard at any meeting of Council, duly noting whether the request was refused, or granted and the Committee to which granted requests have been referred.

Article IX: Ordinances and Resolutions

9.3.2 Public Hearings: ADD: Any action which is restrictive on the public.

9.3.6 Resolutions: INCLUDE: Resolutions that involve publicly secured funds shall be presented in full to the public for a reasonable period prior the vote for authorization.

§ 5-3 Inter-Fund Borrowing: INCLUDE: A provision to adjust budgets of Department 4 who receive "windfall" benefits and return to the taxpayers compensatory benefit for having suffered the social costs of ill-gotten assets derived from illegal behavior at community expense.

Article X Treasurer and Auditor

CHANGE: To provide that these two officials are elected in different election cycles so that term of office overlaps.

NOTE: The Library is not mentioned in the Ordinance and I'm unsure which Committee the Council intends to oversee this public service. The following is a list of activities I see the Community use in our local libraries:

- Check out books to read
- Check out audio books
- Check out videos
- Check out art to hang on walls
- Meeting point for families and friends
- Scheduled community service meetings
- Book Sales
- Map Sales
- Computer Disc Sales
- Obtain Tax Forms
- Clipped Coupons
- Photocopy service
- After-school tutoring
- Children's reading programs
- Summer programs
- Community instructional literature distribution
- Internet Access, e-mail and printing service
- Perform Student Homework on the computer
- Stock Market research
- Genealogy research
- Personal research and research requests
- Local historical research in library archives
- Review official State and County Publications
- Review personal memorabilia in local collections
- Read current newspapers and magazines
- Goof-off and socialize

DULY NOTED: State law provides for Counties to enact impact fees on new development relieving consequences of additional taxes on existing property owners for meeting the needs resulting from growth of the population.

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OCONEE COUNTY ATAX GRANT
APPLICATION FORM

FOR TOURISM RELATED PROJECTS

I. APPLICANT

A. Name of Organization Boy Scout Troop # 124
B. Address PO Box 631
West Union, SC 29696

II. FUNDS REQUESTED

A. ATAX funds requested \$ 700.00
B. Itemized budget for ATAX funds requested (attach on separate sheet)
C. Funds furnished by your organization \$ 0
Matching grant \$ 500.00 Source Oconee Arts & Historical Comm.
Other Funding \$ 0 Source

III. NARRATIVE PROJECT DESCRIPTION

A. Project Title Waynes Interchange Landscaping/Rehabilitation
B. Description of project We want to make the embankments
at the Interchange, establish and cover and
plant 100 trees and grass

C. Who will benefit from this project? The citizens of West ^{and merchants}
Union, Walhalla, and Oconee County. Visitors
will benefit by seeing how much we care
about our heritage and the appearance of our community.

IV. APPROXIMATE DATES OF PROJECT

Beginning April 2003 Ending May/June 2003

V. APPLICANT CATEGORY

Government Entity: _____

Non-profit Organization: Incorporation date 7

Eleemosynary Organization under IRS Code: IRS # American Legion post # 121
576022583

Date of Determination Letter _____

VI. DEMOGRAPHIC DATA

How will the project influence tourism in Oconee County? The beautification
project at the Gen. John A. Wagnon Interchange
(I-95 #11/25) will entice visitors to visit West Union,
Walhalla and spend time (and money)

VII. AUDIT

Does your organization perform an independent audit? Yes _____ No

Name of the Auditor: _____

I have read the guidelines for the Oconee County Accommodations Grant Request and do hereby agree to comply with all rules and requirements. I understand failure to comply may result in a loss of funding for the project.

A. Contact Name Ket Addis

Title Scoutmaster - Troop #1211

Signature [Signature] Date April 8, 2003

Phone Number (s) 814-638-9112

B. Alternate Contact Leather Life

Title Manager Interscholastic Project Coordinator

Signature [Signature] Date April 8, 2003

Phone Number (s) 814-638-6030

AVERAGE DAILY TRAFFIC VOLUME

Hwy. 28 to Walhalla, SC	<u>13,400</u>
Hwy 11 to West Union, SC	<u>13,600</u>
Total vehicles traveling through Hwy 11/28 interchange:	<u>27,000</u>

Statistics courtesy of:
SCDOT Maintenance Office
150 Richland Road
Westminster, SC 29693

Re: Contractor bids

Several landscaping contractors were contacted
but only Kenice Contractors responded.

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PROPOSAL

PROPOSAL NO.	1
SHEET NO.	1
DATE	3-18-03

PROPOSAL SUBMITTED TO:

NAME	Kew Adolis
ADDRESS	Boy Scout Troop # 124
PHONE NO.	

WORK TO BE PERFORMED AT:

ADDRESS	Hwy 11 Bridge Intersecting with Hwy 28 W. side
DATE OF PLANS	4/03
ARCHITECT	LARRY M. WHITE

We hereby propose to furnish the materials and perform the labor necessary for the completion of: DEMOLITION & REPAIRS, PLANTING CREPE MYRTLES (3) AND BARK MULCH SPECIFIED & WATER PROOF THE EXISTING SUBSTRATE

- 10. New SANDSTONE \$ 360.00 (Disposal Top Soil) + (New Bank)
 - 24. 1/2" x 1/2" x 1/2" SMALL EQUIPMENT \$ 210.00
 - 50. BARK MULCH STRAIN \$ 200.00 + free Delivery
 - 25. 1 GAL - Sunipers Fertilizer \$ 123.75
 - 2. Loads of debris to dump \$ 80.00
 - 3. MANHOLE CREEP CAPSULES MONITORED BY Keweenaw Contractors Inc.
- \$ 1243.75

All material is guaranteed to be as specified, and the above work to be performed in accordance with the drawings and specifications submitted for above work and completed in a substantial workmanlike manner for the sum of Twelve hundred forty three and 75/100 Dollars \$ 1243.75 with payments to be made as follows: Once approved work is complete full payment is due.

No alteration or deviation from above specifications involving extra work will be executed and such extra work will become an extra charge over and above the estimate. An agreement contract, upon execution, shall be a condition precedent to award of this contract.

Respectfully submitted Keweenaw Contractors Inc.
 Pat Joseph M. White

Note - This proposal may be withdrawn by us if not accepted within 60 days.

ACCEPTANCE OF PROPOSAL

The above prices, specifications and conditions are satisfactory and are hereby accepted. You are authorized to do the work as specified. Payments will be made as outlined above.

Signature _____
 Date _____

Signature _____
 Date _____