

FINAL MINUTES
OCONEE COUNTY ATAX COMMITTEE
August 30, 2012
Oconee Heritage Center
12:00 PM

Members present: Rosemary Bailes, David LaVere, Brian Greer, Becky Wise, Rick Lacey, Jo Ann Blake, Mike Wallace, Ken Sloan (Ex-Officio) and Phil Shirley (Ex-Officio)

Also present: Mandy Holbrooks, PRT Secretary

Guest present: Mike Eads, Maxie Duke, Tom Rusk, Bill Chiusano, Kristy McElroy,
Dr. John Martin, Doug Bailey, & Vanessa Penton

Call to Order

Rosemary Bailes called the meeting to order at 12:00 P.M.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to accept minutes of **August 23, 2012** by Mike Wallace,
seconded by Rick Lacey Vote was unanimously carried.

Treasurer's Report

Phil Shirley presented the treasurer's report. Balance as of **August 30, 2012**, for Local ATAX is \$ 139,572.48 and State ATAX is \$ 65,739.73.

Review of Grants

1. Oconee Community Theatre – advertising - \$5,812.00
2. Cherokee Bear Clan – video - \$2,000.00
3. Walhalla Civic Auditorium – advertising - \$22,921.00
4. City of Seneca – 3rd Annual Half Marathon – advertising - \$5,050.00
5. Westminster Chamber of Commerce – Mayberry Days – advertising \$14,350.00
6. Downtown Seneca Merchants – radio advertising - \$15,000.00
7. Oconee Co. Emergency Service Fire Dept. – Summer Safety Program - \$1,500.00
8. Seneca Women's Club – advertising - \$2,375.00
9. Bertha Lee Strickland Museum – advertising - \$2,375.00
10. Oconee Heritage Center – mannequins & benches - \$1,429.98
11. Walhalla Chamber of Commerce – Oktoberfest – advertising - \$12,043.93
12. Pendleton District Commission – advertising - \$15,000.00
13. Walhalla Partners for Progress – Old St. John's Meeting House - \$10,000.00

New Business

• **Grant Request Approval:**

- Upon a motion by Mike Wallace, seconded by Rick Lacey and carried, the Committee approved motion to recommend to County Council a grant to **Oconee Community Theatre** for \$2,325.00 for advertising
Vote was unanimously carried.
- Upon a motion by Jo Ann Blake, seconded by Becky Wise and carried, the Committee approved motion to recommend to County Council a grant to **Cherokee Bear Clan** for \$2,000.00 for videos
Vote was unanimously carried. **David LaVere abstained from voting.**
- Upon a motion by David LaVere, seconded by Rick Lacey and carried, the Committee approved motion to recommend to County Council a grant to **Walhalla Civic Auditorium** for \$7,105.51 for advertising
Vote was unanimously carried. **Mike Wallace abstained from voting.**

- Upon a motion by Mike Wallace, seconded by Becky Wise and carried, the Committee approved motion to recommend to County Council a grant to City of Seneca for \$5,050.00 for advertising. Vote was unanimously carried. **Rick Lacey abstained from voting.**
- Upon a motion by Rick Lacey, seconded by Jo Ann Blake and carried, the Committee approved motion to recommend to County Council a grant to Westminster Chamber of Commerce – Mayberry Days for \$2,870.00 for advertising. Vote was unanimously carried. **Mike Wallace abstained from voting.**
- Upon a motion by Becky Wise, seconded by Dave LaVere and carried, the Committee approved motion to recommend to County Council a grant to Downtown Seneca Merchants for \$1,000.00 for radio advertising. Vote was unanimously carried.
- Upon a motion by David LaVere, seconded by Mike Wallace and carried, the Committee approved motion to recommend to County Council a grant to Bertha Lee Strickland Museum for \$2,375.00 for advertising. Vote was unanimously carried. **Rick Lacey abstained from voting.**
- Upon a motion by Becky Wise, seconded by Jo Ann Blake and carried, the Committee approved motion to recommend to County Council a grant to Oconee Heritage Center for \$687.00 for mannequins & benches. Vote was unanimously carried.
- Upon a motion by Mike Wallace, seconded by Rick Lacey and carried, the Committee approved motion to recommend to County Council a grant to Walhalla Chamber of Commerce - Oktoberfest for \$4,797.00 for advertising. Vote was unanimously carried. **Rosemary Bailes abstained from voting.**
- Upon a motion by Becky Wise, seconded by Rick Lacey and carried, the Committee approved motion to recommend to County Council a grant to Pendleton District Commission for \$1,000.00 for advertising. Vote was unanimously carried.
- Upon a motion by David LaVere, seconded by Rick Lacey and carried, the Committee approved motion to recommend to County Council a grant to Walhalla Partners for Progress – Old St. John’s Meeting House for \$1,000.00 for advertising. Vote was unanimously carried. **Rosemary Bailes abstained from voting.**

Deadline for Spring Grant cycle will be February 15, 2013. Meeting on February 21, 2013, to review grants and meeting on February 28, 2013, to vote on grants.

Adjourn

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:40 P.M..

Respectfully Submitted:

 Phil Shirley
 Director of Parks, Recreation & Tourism