

FINAL MINUTES  
OCONEE COUNTY PRT COMMISSION  
August 31, 2017  
Oconee Heritage Museum 12:00 pm

**Members present were:** Mike Wallace, Becky Wise, Kevin Evans, Rick Lacey, Darlene Greene, Andrew Conkey, & Shane Smith

**Guests present were:** Mark Thompson

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

**Call to Order**

**Mike Wallace** called the meeting to order at **12:00 pm**.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion to accept minutes of **August 24, 2017**, by **Rick Lacey**, seconded by **Kevin Evans**. Vote was **unanimously** carried.

**Presentation of Grants**

1. Issaqueena's Last Ride - advertising - \$2,000.00
2. Museum of the Cherokee in SC – print 5,000 brochures - \$1,000.00 (application withdrawn 8.25.17)
3. Walhalla Oktoberfest – advertising the 39<sup>th</sup> annual Oktoberfest – \$7,000.00
4. Discover Upcountry Carolina Association – advertising - \$10,000.00
5. OPUS Trust – Appalachian Homecoming – advertising - \$700.00
6. The Foothills Farmstead – farmhouse rebuild - \$24,000.00
7. Westminster Music Centre – advertising - \$10,000.00
8. City of Seneca – Lunney House Museum – advertising - \$3,000.00
9. Walhalla Civic Auditorium – mold clean-up & repairs to SC chiller unit - \$14,440.00
10. Blue Ridge Arts Center – advertising - \$3,500.00
11. Upstate Heritage Quilt Trail – print brochures & advertising - \$2,000.00
12. Oconee Heritage Center – General Store Museum – repair/replace roof - \$14,227.00
13. City of Seneca – advertising 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Half Marathon & 5K - \$10,000.00

**New Business**

• **Grant Requests Approval**

- Upon a motion by **Kevin Evans**, seconded by **Rick Lacey** and carried, the Committee approved motion to recommend to County Council a grant to **Issaqueena's Last Ride** for **\$1,710.00** for **advertising**. Vote was **unanimously** carried.
- Upon a motion by **Rick Lacey**, seconded by **Shane Smith** and carried, the Committee approved motion to recommend to County Council a grant to **Walhalla Oktoberfest** for **\$3,500.00** for **advertising the 39<sup>th</sup> annual Oktoberfest**. Vote was **unanimously** carried.

- Upon a motion by Becky Wise, seconded by Darlene Greene and carried, the Committee approved motion to recommend to County Council a grant to Discover Upcountry Carolina Association for \$5,000.00 for advertising. Vote was unanimously carried.
- Upon a motion by Shane Smith, seconded by Becky Wise and carried, the Committee approved motion to recommend to County Council a grant to OPUS Trust for \$500.00 for advertising Appalachian Homecoming. Vote was unanimously carried. Mike Wallace abstained from voting.
- Upon a motion by Becky Wise, seconded by Kevin Evans and carried, the Committee approved motion to recommend to County Council a grant to The Foothills Farmstead for \$4,000.00 for farmhouse rebuild. Vote was unanimously carried.
- Upon a motion by Becky Wise, seconded by Rick Lacey and carried, the Committee approved motion to recommend to County Council a grant to Westminster Music Centre for \$4,000.00 for advertising. Vote was unanimously carried.
- Upon a motion by Kevin Evans, seconded by Darlene Greene and carried, the Committee approved motion to recommend to County Council a grant to Lunney House Museum for \$2,000.00 for advertising. Vote was unanimously carried. Rick Lacey abstained from voting.
- Upon a motion by Rick Lacey, seconded by Becky Wise and carried, the Committee approved motion to recommend to County Council a grant to Walhalla Civic Auditorium for \$10,000.00 for mold clean-up & repairs to AC chiller unit. Vote was unanimously carried.
- Upon a motion by Kevin Evans, seconded by Darlene Greene and carried, the Committee approved motion to recommend to County Council a grant to Blue Ridge Arts Center for \$790.00 for advertising. Vote was unanimously carried.
- Upon a motion by Darlene Greene, seconded by Becky Wise and carried, the Committee approved motion to recommend to County Council a grant to Upstate Heritage Quilt Trail for \$1,500.00 for print brochures & advertising. Vote was unanimously carried.
- Upon a motion by Kevin Evans, seconded by Shane Smith and carried, the Committee approved motion to recommend to County Council a grant to Oconee Heritage Center – General Store Museum for \$8,500.00 for repairs/replace the roof. Vote was unanimously carried.
- Upon a motion by Shane Smith, seconded by Darlene Greene and carried, the Committee approved motion to recommend to County Council a grant to City of Seneca for \$8,500.00 for advertising the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Half Marathon & 5K. Vote was unanimously carried. Rick Lacey abstained from voting.

**New Business**

Next meeting is November 16, 2017, at South Cove County Park beginning at 12:00.

**Adjourn**

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:45 .

Respectfully Submitted:

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Phil Shirley  
Director of Parks, Recreation & Tourism