

FINAL MINUTES  
OCONEE COUNTY PRT COMMISSION  
August 21, 2025  
County Council Chambers 10:00 am

**Members present were:** Alex Butterbaugh, Riley Johnson, Kevin Cope, Trey Barnett, Noah Baker, Tony Adams, & Kelli Thomason

**Guests present were:** Janine Hartley, Pam Murdock, Jani Spade, Darlene Chapman, Elaine Oliver, Dale Glymph, Jessica Glymph, Judy Gamber, Doug Gamber, Randall Roberts, & BJ Callahan

**Also present were:** Phil Shirley, PRT Director, & Mandy Holbrooks

**Call to Order**

**Alex Butterbaugh** called the meeting to order at **10:00 am**.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion to accept minutes of **May 1, 2025**, by **Trey Barnett**, seconded by **Riley Johnson**. Vote was unanimously carried.

**Treasurer's Report**

**Phil Shirley** presented the treasurer's report. Balance as of **August 21, 2025**, Local ATAX is **\$649,587.89** and State ATAX is **\$212,554.00**.

**Presentation of Grants**

1. City of Seneca – advertising annual “Race for the Green” - \$6,000.00
2. City of Walhalla – Stumphouse Mtn. signage & trail map - \$10,106.00
3. City of Westminster – bleachers for sports complex - \$7,709.10
4. Devil's Fork State Park – standard site impact pad restoration- \$13,690.11
5. Discover Upcountry Carolina Association – advertising - \$15,000.00
6. Downtown Seneca Merchants – advertising Sip N' Stroll - \$1,500.00
7. Eagles Nest Art Center – advertising 2025 season/production upgrades/supplies - \$2,000.00
8. South Carolina Bigfoot Festival – aerial advertising, Greenville News advertising, & stage upgrade - \$15,000.00
9. The Foothills Agricultural Resource Marketing Center – advertising the SC Foothills Heritage Fair & public service expenses - \$11,517.00
10. Walhalla Performing Arts Center – advertising fall & winter 2025/2026 season - \$12,000.00
11. Westminster Music Centre – produce & promote “Music on Main” - \$10,000.00
12. Wild Hearts Equine Therapeutic Center –upfitting of Visitor Center & nature trail signs- \$9,759.56

**Vote on Grants**

- Upon a motion by **Trey Barnett**, seconded by **Noah Baker** and carried, the Committee approved motion to recommend to County Council a grant to **City of Seneca** for **\$4,500.00** for **advertising “Race for the Green”**.  
Vote was unanimously carried. **Riley Johnson abstained from voting.**
- Upon a motion by **Alex Butterbaugh**, seconded by **Kevin Cope** and carried, the Committee approved motion to recommend to County Council a grant to **City of Walhalla** for **\$7,000.00** for **Stumphouse Mtn. signage & trail map**.  
Vote was unanimously carried.

- Upon a motion by Noah Baker, seconded by Alex Butterbaugh and carried, the Committee approved motion to recommend to County Council a grant to City of Westminster for \$7,000.00 for bleachers for sports complex.  
Vote was unanimously carried.
- Upon a motion by Kelli Thomason, seconded by Kevin Cope and carried, the Committee approved motion to recommend to County Council a grant to Devils Fork State Park for \$6,000.00 for site improvements.  
Vote was unanimously carried.
- Upon a motion by Trey Barnett, seconded by Alex Butterbaugh and carried, the Committee approved motion to recommend to County Council a grant to Discover Upcountry Carolina Association for \$6,000.00 for advertising.  
Vote was unanimously carried.
- Upon a motion by Trey Barnett, seconded by Noah Baker and carried, the Committee approved motion to recommend to County Council a grant to Downtown Seneca Merchants Association for \$900.00 for advertising Sip N' Stroll. Vote was unanimously carried. Riley Johnson, Kevin Cope & Alex Butterbaugh abstained from voting.
- Upon a motion by Alex Butterbaugh, seconded by Riley Johnson and carried, the Committee approved motion to recommend to County Council a grant to Eagles Nest Arts Center for \$6,500.00 for advertising 2025 season/production upgrades/supplies.  
Vote was unanimously carried.
- Upon a motion by Noah Baker, seconded by Kevin Cope and carried, the Committee approved motion to recommend to County Council a grant to SC Bigfoot Festival for \$9,600.00 for advertising & stage upgrade.  
Vote was unanimously carried.
- Upon a motion by Alex Butterbaugh, seconded by Kevin Cope and carried, the Committee approved motion to recommend to County Council a grant to The FARM Center for \$6,000.00 for advertising the Foothills Heritage Fair & public service expenses.  
Vote was unanimously carried.
- Upon a motion by Kelli Thomason, seconded by Noah Baker and carried, the Committee approved motion to recommend to County Council a grant to Walhalla Performing Arts Center for \$6,000.00 for advertising 2025/2026 fall & winter season.  
Vote was unanimously carried.
- Upon a motion by Trey Barnett, seconded by Alex Butterbaugh and carried, the Committee approved motion to recommend to County Council a grant to Westminster Music Centre for \$4,000.00 for advertising "Music on Main".  
Vote was unanimously carried.

- Upon a motion by **Noah Baker**, seconded by **Kevin Cope** and carried, the Committee approved motion to recommend to County Council a grant to **Wild Hearts Equine Therapeutic Center** for **\$6,500.00** for **upfitting Visitor Center & nature trail signage**.  
Vote was unanimously carried.

**Next meeting is November 13, 2025, in Council Chambers beginning at 10:00 am.**

**Adjourn**

As there was no further business, **Alex Butterbaugh** made a motion, approved unanimously, to adjourn at **10: 55 am.**

Respectfully Submitted:

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Phil Shirley  
Director of Parks, Recreation & Tourism