



MINUTES
OCONEE COUNTY
CAPITAL PROJECT SALES TAX COMMISSION
March 13, 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 the Council Chambers, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all representatives present [except Ms. Davis] 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: Ray Chandler – Anderson Independent, Carlos Galarza -The Daily Journal.

Call to Order:

Mr. Price called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Ms. Miller made a motion, seconded by Mr. McPheeters, approved 5 – 0 to approve the minutes from the March 10, 2014 meetings as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING PROPOSED PROJECT LIST:

	<u>PROPOSED PROJECT AMOUNT</u>
• Museum of the Cherokee Annex	\$ 290,000
• Walhalla Water Plant Upgrade	\$ 250,000
• Oconee County Indoor Recreation / Aquatic Center	\$11,000,000
• Oconee County Library System Enhancement	\$15,548,560
• Oconee 9/11 Memorial	\$ 420,000
• Golden Corner Community Center	\$ 3,300,000
• Oconee Heritage Center Multi-Site Renovations	\$ 425,000
• Foothills Agricultural Resource & Marketing Center	\$ 6,705,000
• Northern Economic Development	\$ 1,150,000
• Recreation & Senior Center	\$ 736,000

Mr. Price addressed the public outlining the process the Commission would follow to ensure that comments for all projects are received. Sign-In Sheets for all projects are filed with these minutes. Additionally he instructed the Clerk to Council to keep time and notify each speaker at two minutes thirty seconds that they time is close to ending.

NOTE: *Public Comment is presented here grouped by project for clarity and not in the order in which citizens addressed the Commission.*

Museum of the Cherokee Annex

None at this meeting.

Walhalla Water Plant Upgrade

Ms. Suzanne Earle addressed the Commission in support for the water plant upgrade.

Oconee County Indoor Recreation / Aquatic Center

Ms. Linda Holt addressed the Commission in support for the Indoor Recreation/Aquatic Center project.

Oconee County Library System Enhancement

Ms. Ellis Hughes addressed the Commission in support for the Library project. She presented the Commission with copies of petitions in support for the project.

Ms. Leah Price, Oconee Public Library Employee, addressed the Commission in support for the Library project.

Ms. Holly McPheeters, Oconee Public Library Board, addressed the Commission in support for the Library project.

Ms. Gretchen Fuller addressed the Commission in support for the Library project.

Mr. Kevin Larkin addressed the Commission in support for the Library project.

Ms. Becky Heatherington, Oconee Public Library Board, addressed the Commission in support for the Library project.

Ms. Suzanne Earle addressed the Commission in support for the Library project.

Ms. Linda Holt addressed the Commission in support for the Library project.

Oconee 9/11 Memorial

Mr. Mike McAlister addressed the Commission opposing inclusion of the 9/11 memorial in the request for the capital project sales tax; noting the project was valuable but he didn't feel tax dollars should be used to fund this project.

Golden Corner Community Center

Ms. Gretchen Fuller declined speaking; noting she would provide written comment later.

Ms. Ruth Ann Maciag addressed the Commission in support for the Community Center project.

Mr. Jacob Massey chose to not address the Commission.

Mr. Gerry Spejenski addressed the Commission in support for the Community Center project.

Ms. Peggy Laydenor addressed the Commission in support for the Community Center project.

Oconee Heritage Center Multi-Site Renovations

Ms. Patsy Earnhardt addressed the Commission in support for the Heritage Center project.

Ms. Joyce Brickett, Patriot Hall Board Member, addressed the Commission in support for the Heritage Center project.

Ms. Suzanne Earle, Heritage Center Board, addressed the Commission in support for the Heritage Center project.

Ms. Nancy Todd James, Heritage Center Board, addressed the Commission in support for the Heritage Center project.

Foothills Agricultural Resource & Marketing Center

Mr. Anthony Hall addressed the Commission in support for the Agricultural Center.

Northern Economic Development

Ms. Kim Alexander, Salem Town Clerk, addressed the Commission in support for the northern economic development project.

Mr. Russell Patterson, Salem Town Council, addressed the Commission in support for the northern economic development project.

Ms. Suzanne Earle addressed the Commission in support for the northern economic development project.

Ms. Diane Head, Salem Mayor, addressed the Commission in support for the northern economic development project.

Ms. Lorraine Bolick chose to not address the Commission.

Recreation & Senior Center

Mr. Lane Duncan addressed the Commission in support of the Recreation Center for Salem.

Mr. Brian Hunter, Salem Recreation Team Coach, addressed the Commission in support for the Recreation Center for Salem.

Ms. Kim Alexander, Salem Town Clerk, addressed the Commission in support for the Recreation Center project. Ms. Alexander presented copies of surveys to the Commission [copies filed with these minutes].

Ms. Shalana Pitts addressed the Commission in support for the Recreation Center for Salem.

Ms. Diane Head, Salem Mayor, addressed the Commission in support for the Recreation Center for Salem.

Mr. Russell Patterson addressed the Commission in support for the Recreation Center for Salem.

Mr. Ed Frye, Salem Athletic Director Boys Basketball, addressed the Commission in support for the Recreation Center for Salem.

Ms. Lorraine Bolick addressed the Commission in support for the Recreation Center for Salem.

Ms. Jessica Jones was not present when called; she did not address the Commission.

Mr. Gage Steward chose to not address the Commission.

Other Business

None at this meeting

Next Meetings:

- March 17, 2014
- March 27, 2014
- April 10, 2014

Adjourn

Mr. Fuller made a motion, approved unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Elizabeth G. Hulse
Clerk to Council