

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

OCONEE COUNTY, SC

MEETING DATE: 7/18/06

MEETING TIME: 7:00 pm

8/2/06

ITEM TITLE OR DESCRIPTION:

Third & Final Reading Ordinance 2006-17, "AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SUSPENSION OF SUNDAY WORK PROHIBITIONS UNDER SOUTH CAROLINA LAW"

BACKGROUND OR HISTORY:

Oconee County has received a request from Wal-Mart to suspend the blue laws during the month of August for "Tax Free Weekend". Council has adopted Ordinance 2002-16 which suspends the blue laws for the month of December.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS OR CONCERNS:

Council should consider making this decision effective permanently, rather than just for certain months.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION FOR COMMITTEE ACTION:

Third & final reading of Ordinance 2006-17.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

Proposed Ordinance 2006-17

Submitted or Prepared By:

Opal O. Green
Department Head

Approved for Submittal to Council:

Tom Hendricks, Administrator

Reviewed By/Initials:

_____:County Attorney

_____:Finance

_____:Other

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF OCONEE

ORDINANCE 2006-17

An Ordinance Suspending The Sunday Work Provisions Under South Carolina Code Section 53-1-10 et seq.

WHEREAS, Section 53-1-10 et seq., of the Code of Laws for the State of South Carolina prohibits the sale of certain items on Sunday but allows the sale of other items on Sunday; and

WHEREAS, South Carolina state law provides legal protection to workers who do not wish to work on Sunday or whose regular day of worship is Saturday; and

WHEREAS, Oconee County has received requests from businesses in Oconee County requesting that the County suspend the prohibition of the sale of certain items on Sunday;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Oconee County Council in session, duly assembled with quorum present and voting, the following:

Pursuant to South Carolina Code Section 53-1-160, Oconee County hereby suspends the prohibition of the sale of items set out in South Carolina Code 53-1-60.

H. Frank Ables, Jr., Chair
Oconee County Council

Attest:

Opal O. Green
Clerk to Council

1st Reading:
2nd Reading:
3rd Reading:

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY
OCONEE COUNTY, SC
COUNCIL MEETING DATE: 8/8/06
COUNCIL MEETING TIME: 3:00 PM

ITEM TITLE OR DESCRIPTION:

Second reading of Ordinance 2006-21, "AN ORDINANCE ENACTING A CAPITAL PROJECT SALES TAX FOR OCONEE COUNTY"

BACKGROUND OR HISTORY:

On December 20, 2005, Oconee County Council adopted Resolution 2005-21, creating a Commission for the purpose of considering proposals for funding capital projects within Oconee County and the formulation of a referendum question which is to appear on the ballot. Members of the Capital Projects Sales Tax Commission were appointed by Oconee County and the municipalities of Oconee County in accordance with the provisions of Section 4-10-320 of the Capital Projects Sales Tax Act.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS OR CONCERNS:

The one-cent local option sales tax has a seven year sunset clause and there are many needs in the County and the Municipalities that could be addressed through this method.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION:

Consideration of Approval of Ordinance 2006-21 on second reading.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Likewise at this time, however the SC Department of Revenue estimates that Oconee County could receive approximately \$53,000,000 if the one-cent sales tax is approved.


ATTACHMENTS:

Proposed Ordinance 2006-21

Submitted or Prepared By:

Opal O. Green
Department Head

Approved for Submittal to Council:


Tom Hendricks, County Administrator

Reviewed by:

____ N/A ____ : Finance

____ N/A ____ : County Attorney

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF OCONEE

ORDINANCE 2006-21

**AN ORDINANCE ENACTING A CAPITAL PROJECT SALES TAX
FOR OCONEE COUNTY**

(To Levy and Impose a One Percent Sales and Use Tax, Subject to a Referendum, Within Oconee County Pursuant to the Capital Project Sales Tax Act, S.C. Code Ann. Section 4-10-300, et seq., to Define the Specific Purpose or Purposes and Designate the Projects for Which the Proceeds of Such Tax May be Used; to Provide the Maximum Cost of the Projects or Facilities Funded from the Proceeds of Such Tax and the Maximum Amount of Net Proceeds to be Raised by Such Tax; to Provide for a County-Wide Referendum and to Prescribe the Contents of the Ballot Question in Such Referendum; to Provide Conditions Precedent to the Imposition of Such Tax and Condition or Restrictions on the Use of Such Tax Revenue; to Establish a Formula by Which Multiple Projects are Funded Simultaneously; to Provide for the Conduct of Such Referendum by the Oconee County Voters Registration and Election Commission; to Provide for the Administration of Such Tax, if Approved; to Provide for the Payment of Such Tax; and to Provide for Other Matters Relating Thereto.)

WHEREAS:

1. The South Carolina General Assembly has enacted the Capital Project Sales Tax Act, S.C. Code Ann. Section 4-10-300 et. seq., pursuant to which the governing body may impose a one percent sales and use tax by ordinance, subject to a referendum, within the County area for a specific purpose or purposes and for a limited time to collect a limited amount of money; and
2. The Oconee County Council, as the governing body of Oconee County, South Carolina, is authorized to create a commission subject to the provisions of S.C. Code Ann. Section 4-10-300 et. seq. of the Capital Projects Sales Tax Act for the purpose of considering proposals for funding capital projects within the County area and the formulation of a referendum question which is to appear on the ballot. The Oconee County Council adopted Resolution 2005-21 pursuant to the Capital Projects Sales Tax Act on December 20, 2005, creating a Commission for the purpose of considering proposals for funding capital projects within Oconee County and the formulation of a referendum question which is to appear on the ballot. Members of the Capital Projects Sales and Use Tax Commission were appointed by Oconee County and the municipalities of Oconee County in accordance with the provisions of Section 4-10-320 of the Capital Projects Sales Tax Act; and
3. The Oconee County Capital Projects Sales and Use Tax Act Commission has considered proposals for funding capital projects within Oconee County and the Commission, by vote of the Commission in public meetings duly advertised, has adopted

the projects described in this Ordinance; estimated the costs of such projects, identified the purpose for which the proceeds of the proposed capital projects sales and use tax shall be used, established the maximum time for which the sales and use tax may be imposed at seven (7) years, established the maximum cost of the projects or facilities to be funded from the proceeds of the tax and the maximum amount of net proceeds to be raised by the tax, established conditions precedent to the reimposition of the sales and use tax revenue collected pursuant to the Capital Project Sales Tax Act, established a formula by which the net proceeds of the sales and use tax are to be expended to the local governments for the purpose stated, and formulated the ballot question that is to appear on the ballot pursuant to Section 4-20-330(d) of the Capital Project Sales Tax Act; and

4. The Oconee County Council finds that a one percent sales and use tax should be levied and imposed within Oconee County, for the purpose of designing, engineering, construction or improving water and sewer facilities; and designing, engineering, constructing or improving public facilities for recreation, public safety and/or government services; more specifically identified in Section 5 of this Ordinance (herein referred to as the "projects" or the "capital projects") for a period not to exceed seven (7) years from the date of imposition of this tax, to fund capital projects as herein defined and described at a maximum cost not to exceed \$53,000,000.00 to be funded from the net proceeds of sales and use tax imposed in Oconee County pursuant to provisions of the Capital Sales Tax Act, SC Code Ann. Section 4-10-300 et seq. subject to approval of the qualified electors of Oconee County voting in a referendum on the imposition of a capital projects sales and use tax in Oconee County to be held on November 7, 2006. The imposition of such sales and use tax and the use of sales and use tax revenue, if approved in such referendum, shall be subject to the conditions precedent and conditions or restrictions on the use and expenditure of sales and use tax revenue as established by the Capital Project Sales Tax Act and the provisions of this Ordinance. Sales and use tax revenues shall be used for the purchase, design, engineering and construction or improvement of the projects established in this Ordinance including payment of such sums as may be required in connection with the issuance of revenue bonds or other legal government financing, the proceeds of which are applied to such capital projects; and

5. County Council finds that the imposition of a capital projects sales and use tax in Oconee County for the projects and purposes defined in this Ordinance for a limited time not to exceed seven (7) years to collect a limited amount of money will serve a public purpose, provide funding for the design, engineering, construction and improvement of water and sewer lines, facilitate economic development, promote public safety, provide necessary infrastructure, promote desirable living conditions, provide improved recreational facilities and opportunities, promote public health and safety in the event of fire, emergency, panic and other dangers and meet present and future needs of Oconee County and its citizens.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED BY THE OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL THAT:

1. A capital project sales and use tax, as authorized by the Capital Project Sales Tax Act, S.C. Code Ann. Section 4-20-300 et seq., is hereby imposed in Oconee County, South Carolina, subject to a favorable vote of a majority of the qualified electors voting in a referendum on the imposition of such tax to be held in Oconee County, South Carolina on November 7, 2006.

2. The capital project sales and use tax authorized herein shall be imposed for a period not to exceed seven (7) years from the date of imposition.

3. The maximum cost of the projects or facilities to be funded from proceeds of the sales and use tax imposed herein shall not exceed, in the aggregate, the sum of \$53,000,000.00, and the maximum amount of net proceeds to be raised by the tax shall not exceed \$53,000,000.00.

4. The sales and use tax imposed herein shall be imposed only if approved by a majority of qualified electors voting in favor of imposing such tax for the stated purposes in a referendum to be held in Oconee County, South Carolina on November 7, 2006.

5. The capital projects sales and use tax authorized by this Ordinance shall be expended for the purposes stated as follows:

L. The first \$2,071,680.00 collected under the Capital Project Sales and Use Tax shall be distributed to Oconee County, the City of Seneca and the Town of West Union for the following projects:

A. \$1,392,700.00 for the following projects within Oconee County, which projects shall be completed in the order determined by the Oconee County Council:

- \$3,000.00 for Awning and Storage Improvements for the Ebenezer Community
- \$7,000.00 for the Animal Shelter for the Humane Society
- \$12,000.00 for the Walking Track at Fair Oak Elementary School
- \$16,000.00 for the Food Preparation Building for the Mountain Rest Community Club
- \$20,000.00 for a new roof for the Walhalla Civic Auditorium
- \$25,000.00 for Drainage and Parking Improvements for the Ebenezer Community
- \$119,700.00 for Improvements to the Patriot's Hall Veteran's Museum
- \$140,000.00 for a Sub-Station for the Keowee Fire Department.
- \$300,000.00 for the Day Area at Senior Solutions' Oconee Senior Center
- \$375,000.00 for a Fire Department Addition/Annex for the Keowee Fire Department
- \$375,000.00 for the Fire Department Building for the Fair Play Fire Department

B. \$33,980.00 to the Town of West Union for the West Union School Renovations.

C. \$645,000.00 for the following projects within the City of Seneca, which projects shall be completed in the order determined by the Seneca City Council

- \$325,000.00 to the City of Seneca for Renovations of Blue Ridge Field
- \$320,000.00 for an Office Complex for Seneca Chamber of Commerce

II. The next \$50,928,320.00 collected under the Capital Project Sales and Use Tax shall be distributed proportionally, as received, among the following six jurisdictions in the percentages shown:

Oconee County (50.46%); the City of Seneca (26.24%); City of Walhalla (12.96%); the City of Westminster (8.38%); Town of Salem (0.98%); Town of West Union (0.98%) for the following projects:

A. \$25,700,000.00 for the following projects within Oconee County, which projects shall be completed in the order determined by the Oconee County Council:

- \$8,500,000.00 for a Library in the City of Seneca, South Carolina
- \$7,700,000.00 for a Recreation Center in Oconee County
- \$5,000,000.00 for Sewer Facilities in the Fair Play area
- \$4,500,000.00 for Pioneer Water District for Water Line Upgrades in the Fair Play area

B. \$13,360,760.00 for the following projects within the City of Seneca, which project shall be completed in the order determined by the Seneca City Council:

- \$150,000.00 for Tennis Court
- \$150,000.00 for 911 Back-up Generator
- \$250,000.00 for a Walking Track
- \$1,270,700.00 for a Swimming Pool
- \$1,750,000.00 for a Sodium Hypochlorite Disinfection System
- \$1,800,000.00 for an Elevated Storage Tank near the Hospital
- \$2,500,000.00 for an Elevated Storage Tank near Highway 130 and Doug Hollow Road
- \$3,490,060.00 for a Water and Sewer Infrastructure Upgrades and Extensions
- \$2,000,000.00 for Streets and Sidewalk improvements

C. \$6,600,000.00 for the following projects within the City of Walhalla, which projects shall be completed in the order determined by the Walhalla City Council:

- \$500,000.00 for Fire House Renovation/Expansion
- \$1,049,000.00 for Ball Field Construction (Phases 1, 2 and 3)
- \$3,900,000.00 for Water Plant Upgrade
- \$1,151,000.00 for City Hall

D. \$4,267,560.00 for the following projects within the City of Westminster, which Projects shall be Completed in the Order Determined by the Westminster City Council:

- \$84,000.00 for Westminster Depot Restoration
- \$133,560.00 for Skateboard Park
- \$500,000.00 for Water Main Line to Border with Georgia
- \$750,000.00 for Electric Distribution Voltage Conversion
- \$1,300,000.00 for Water Main Line "Northern Loop"
- \$1,500,000.00 for Gymnasium

E. \$500,000.00 for the following project within the Town of Salem:

- \$500,000.00 for Water System Upgrades and Extensions

F. \$500,000.00 for the following project within the Town of West Union:

- \$500,000.00 for Sewer and Water Infrastructure Upgrades

TOTAL COST OF ALL CAPITAL PROJECTS: \$53,000,000.00

6. If the imposition of the sales and use tax is approved by a majority of the qualified electors voting in a referendum to be held in Oconee County on November 7, 2006, the tax is to be imposed on May 1, 2007, provided the Oconee County Voter Registration and Election Commission shall certify the results of the referendum and certify such results to the South Carolina Department of Revenue in a timely manner.

7. The capital projects sales and use tax imposed by this Ordinance, if approved in the referendum conducted on November 7, 2006, shall terminate on the earlier of:
(1) the final day of the seventh year following imposition of the tax; or
(2) the end of the calendar year during which the Department of Revenue determined that the tax has raised revenues sufficient to provide the net proceeds equal to or greater than the amount specified in the referendum questions.

8. Amounts of sales and use tax collected in excess of the required net proceeds must first be applied, if necessary to complete a project for which the tax was imposed including payment of such sums as may be required in connection with the issuance of bonds and other debt obligations; the proceeds of which are applied to such capital projects; otherwise, the excess funds must be credited to the general fund of the governmental entity or entities receiving the proceeds of the tax, in the proportion in which they received the net proceeds of the tax while it was imposed.

9. The capital projects sales and use tax levied pursuant to this Ordinance must be administered and collected by the South Carolina Department of Revenue in the same

manner that other sale and use taxes are collected. The Department may prescribe amounts that may be added to the sales price because of the tax.

10. The tax authorized by this Ordinance is in addition to all other local sales and use taxes and applies to the gross proceeds of sales in the applicable area that is subject to the tax imposed by Chapter 36 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, and the enforcement provisions of Chapter 54 of Title 12 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina. The gross proceeds of the sale of items subject to a maximum tax in Chapter 36 of Title 12 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina are exempt from the tax imposed by this Ordinance. The tax imposed by this Ordinance also applies to tangible personal property subject to the use tax in Article 13, Chapter 36 of Title 12 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina.

11. Taxpayers required to remit taxes under Article 13, Chapter 36 of Title 12 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina must identify the county, municipality or both in which the personal property purchased at retail is stored, used or consumed in this State.

12. Utilities are required to report sales in the county, municipalities or both, in which the consumption of the tangible personal property occurs.

13. A taxpayer subject to the tax imposed by Section 12-36-920, South Carolina Code Ann., who owns or manages rental units in more than one county, municipality or combination thereof, must report separate in his sales tax return the total gross proceeds from business done in each county or municipality.

14. The gross proceeds of sales of tangible personal property delivered after the imposition date of the tax levied under this article in a county, either under the terms of a construction contract executed before the imposition date, culminating in a construction contract entered into before or after the imposition date, are exempt from the sales and use tax provided in this article if a verified copy of the contract is filed with the Department of Revenue within six months after the imposition date of the sales and use tax provided for in this Ordinance.

15. Notwithstanding the imposition date of the sales and use tax authorized pursuant to this section, with respect to services that are billed regularly on a monthly basis, the sales and use tax authorized pursuant to this article is imposed beginning on the first day of the billing period beginning on or after the imposition date.

16. The revenues of the tax collected under this Ordinance must be remitted to the South Carolina Department of Revenue and placed on deposit with the State Treasurer and credited to a fund separate and distinct from the general fund of the State. After deducting the amount of any refunds made and costs to the Department of Revenue of administering the tax, not to exceed one percent of such revenues, the State Treasurer shall distribute the revenues quarterly to the County Treasurer in the County area in which the tax is imposed and the revenue must be used only for the purposes stated in the imposition Ordinance. The State Treasurer may correct misallocations by adjusting

subsequent distributions, but these distributions must be made in the same fiscal year as the misallocation.

17. The Department of Revenue shall furnish data to the State Treasurer and the Oconee County Treasurer for the purpose of calculating distributions and estimating revenues. The information which must be supplied to counties and municipalities upon request includes, but is not limited, to, gross receipts, net taxable sales, and tax liability to taxpayers. Information about a specific taxpayer is considered confidential and is governed by the provisions of South Carolina Code Ann. Section 12-54-240. Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be subject to the penalties provided for in South Carolina Code Ann., Section 12-54-240.

18. The Oconee County Voter Registration and Election Commission shall conduct a referendum on the question of imposing a capital projects sales and use tax in the area of Oconee County on Tuesday, November 7, 2006, between the hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. under the election laws of the State of South Carolina, *mutatis mutandis*. The Oconee County Registration and Election Commission shall publish in a newspaper of general circulation the question that is to appear on the ballot, with the list of capital projects and the cost of projects, and shall publish such election and other notices as are required by law.

19. The referendum question to be on the ballot of the referendum to be held in Oconee County on November 7, 2006, must read as follows:

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Yes
 No

20. In the referendum on the imposition of a special projects sales and use tax in Oconee County, all qualified electors desiring to vote in favor of imposing the tax for the stated purpose shall vote "yes" and all qualified electors opposed to levying the tax shall vote "no." If a majority of the electors voting in the referendum shall vote in favor of imposing the tax, then the tax is imposed as provided in Capital Project Sales Tax Act, Section 4-40-330 et seq., and this Ordinance. Expenses of the referendum must be paid by the governmental entity or entities that would receive the proceeds of the tax in the same proportion that those entities would receive the net proceeds of the tax.

21. Upon receipt of the returns of the referendum, the Oconee County Council shall, by Resolution, declare the results thereof. The results of the referendum, as declared by the Resolution of the Oconee County Council, are not open to question, except by suit or proceeding instituted within thirty (30) days from the date that Oconee County Council shall adopt a Resolution declaring the results of such referendum.

22. The imposition of a capital project sales and use tax in Oconee County is subject in all respects to the favorable vote of a majority of qualified electors casting votes in a

referendum on the question of imposing a capital project sales and use tax in the area of Oconee County in a referendum to be conducted by the Registration and Election Commission of Oconee County on November 7, 2006, and the favorable vote of a majority of the qualified electors voting in such referendum shall be a condition precedent to the imposition of a capital project sales and use tax pursuant to the provisions of this Ordinance.

23. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

24. All provisions in other County Ordinance in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

25. If any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of the Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application and to this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are severable.

This Ordinance shall become effective upon third and final reading.

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY
OCONEE COUNTY, SC
COUNCIL MEETING DATE: 8/8/06
COUNCIL MEETING TIME: 3:00 pm

ITEM TITLE OR DESCRIPTION:

First Reading of Ordinance 2006-24, "AN ORDINANCE TO DEVELOP A JOINTLY OWNED AND OPERATED INDUSTRIAL/BUSINESS PARK IN CONJUNCTION WITH PICKENS COUNTY, SUCH INDUSTRIAL/BUSINESS PARK TO BE GEOGRAPHICALLY LOCATED IN OCONEE COUNTY AND ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS FOR 1976, SECTION 4-1-170 ET SEQUITUR, AS AMENDED, TO PROVIDE FOR A WRITTEN AGREEMENT WITH PICKENS COUNTY PROVIDING FOR THE EXPENSES OF THE PARK, THE PERCENTAGE OF REVENUE APPLICATION, AND THE DISTRIBUTION OF FEES IN LIEU OF AD-VALOREM TAX TO THE COUNTY AND RELEVANT TAXING ENTITIES"

BACKGROUND OR HISTORY:

The purpose of adopting this ordinance is to promote the economic welfare of the citizens of Oconee & Pickens Counties by providing employment and other benefits to the citizens of both Counties.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS OR CONCERNS:

This agreement may not be terminated except by concurrent ordinances of Oconee & Pickens Counties and will terminate in twenty-five (25) years.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COMMITTEE ACTION:

Staff recommends Council consider adopting Ordinance 2006-24 on first reading.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Unknown at this time.

ATTACHMENTS:

Proposed Ordinance 2006-24
Submitted or Prepared By:

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Department Head

Approved for Submittal to Council:


Tom Hendricks, Administrator

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___N/A___ : Procurement

OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL
ORDINANCE NO. 2006-24

AN ORDINANCE TO DEVELOP A JOINTLY OWNED AND OPERATED INDUSTRIAL/BUSINESS PARK IN CONJUNCTION WITH PICKENS COUNTY, SUCH INDUSTRIAL/BUSINESS PARK TO BE GEOGRAPHICALLY LOCATED IN OCONEE COUNTY AND ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS FOR 1976, SECTION 4-1-170 ET SEQUITUR, AS AMENDED; TO PROVIDE FOR A WRITTEN AGREEMENT WITH PICKENS COUNTY PROVIDING FOR THE EXPENSES OF THE PARK, THE PERCENTAGE OF REVENUE APPLICATION, AND THE DISTRIBUTION OF FEES IN LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAX TO THE COUNTIES AND RELEVANT TAXING ENTITIES

WHEREAS, Oconee County ("Oconee County") and Pickens County ("Pickens County") (jointly the "Counties") are authorized under Article VIII, Section 13 of the South Carolina Constitution to jointly develop an industrial or business park within the geographical boundaries of one or more of the member counties; and

WHEREAS, in order to promote the economic welfare of the citizens of the Counties by providing employment and other benefits to the citizens of the counties, Oconee County proposes to enter into an agreement with Pickens County to develop jointly an industrial and business park as provided by Article VIII, Section 13 of the South Carolina Constitution and in accordance with Section 4-1-170 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended (the "Act");

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL:

SECTION 1. Oconee County is hereby authorized to execute and deliver a written agreement to develop jointly an industrial and business park (the "Park") with Pickens County. The Park is to be located within the boundaries of Oconee County. The form of the joint industrial park agreement (the "Agreement") is attached hereto and all terms of the Agreement are hereby incorporated herein. The form, terms and provisions of the Agreement presented to this meeting and filed with the Clerk of the County Council be and they are hereby approved and all of the terms, provisions and conditions thereof are hereby incorporated herein by reference as if the Agreement were set out in this Ordinance in its entirety. The Chairman of County Council and the Clerk of the County Council be and they are authorized, empowered and directed to execute, acknowledge and deliver the Agreement in the name and on behalf of Oconee County. The Agreement is to be in substantially the form now before the meeting and hereby approved, or with such minor changes therein as shall be approved by the officials of Oconee County executing the same, their execution thereof to constitute conclusive evidence of their approval of any and all changes or revisions therein from the form of Agreement now before the meeting.

SECTION III. Any business enterprise locating in the Park shall pay a fee-in-lieu of ad valorem taxes as provided for in the Agreement, Article VIII Section 13 of the South Carolina Constitution and the Act. The user fee paid in lieu of ad valorem taxes shall be paid to the county treasurer for the County in which the premises is located. That portion of the fees from the Park premises located in Oconee County and allocated pursuant to the Agreement to Pickens County shall be paid by the Oconee County Treasurer to the Pickens County Treasurer within fifteen (15) business days following the end of the calendar quarter of receipt for distribution, and such distribution shall be made in accordance with the Agreement. That portion of the fees from the Park premises located in Pickens County and allocated pursuant to the Agreement to Oconee County shall be paid by the Pickens County Treasurer to the Oconee County Treasurer within fifteen (15) business days following the end of the calendar quarter of receipt for distribution, and such distribution shall be made in accordance with the Agreement. Payments shall be made by a business or industrial enterprise on or before the due date for taxes for a particular year. Penalties for late payment will be at the same rate and at the same times as for late tax payment. Any late payment beyond said date will accrue interest at the rate of statutory judgment interest. The Counties, acting by and through the county tax collector for the county where the premises is located, shall maintain all liens and rights to foreclose upon liens provided for counties in the collection of ad valorem taxes.

SECTION IV. The administration, development, promotion, and operation of the Park shall be the responsibility of the county in which each premises of the Park is located. Provided, that to the extent any Park premises is owned by a private developer, the developer shall be responsible for development expenses as contained in the Agreement.

SECTION V. In order to avoid any conflict of laws for ordinances between the Counties, the Oconee County ordinances will be the reference for such regulations or laws in connection with the Park premises located within Oconee County and the Pickens County ordinances will be the reference for such regulations or laws in connection with the Park premises located within Pickens County. Nothing herein shall be taken to supersede any state or federal law for regulation. The county in which the premises is located is specifically authorized to adopt restrictive covenants and land use requirements for such premises in the Park at the County's sole discretion.

SECTION VI. The Sheriff's Department for the county within which the Park premises is located will have initial jurisdiction to make arrests and exercise all authority and power within the boundaries of the Park premises located within each county and fire, sewer, water and EMS service will be provided by the service district or other political unit within whose jurisdiction the Park premises are located.

SECTION VII. Should any section of this Ordinance be, for any reason, held void or invalid, it shall not affect the validity of any other section hereof which is not itself void or invalid.

SECTION VIII. The Agreement may not be terminated except by concurrent ordinances of Pickens County Council and Oconee County Council. In any event, this Ordinance shall terminate twenty-five (25) years from the date of its execution by both parties.

SECTION IX. Oconee County hereby designates the following distributions of the fee-in-lieu of ad valorem taxes which Oconee County receives pursuant to the Agreement for Park premises which are located in Pickens County.

Oconee County	100%
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SECTION X. Oconee County hereby designates that the distribution of the fee-in-lieu of ad valorem taxes pursuant to the Agreement received by Oconee county for Park premises located in Oconee County be paid to each of the taxing entities in Oconee County which levy an ad valorem property tax in any of the areas comprising the Oconee Park in the same percentage as is equal to that taxing entity's percentage of the millage rate being levied in the then current tax year for property tax purposes, provided that Oconee County may, from time to time, by ordinance, amend the distribution of the fee-in-lieu of tax payments to all taxing entities. A portion of the fee-in-lieu of ad valorem taxes which Oconee County receives pursuant to the Agreement for Park premises may be, from time to time and by ordinance of Oconee County Council or its successor, designated for the payment of special source revenue bonds.

SECTION XI. This Ordinance shall be effective after third and final reading and publication.

Passed and approved this 5th day of September 2006.

OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

By: _____
H. Frank Abley, Jr., Chairman of County Council
Oconee County, South Carolina

ATTEST:

By: _____
Opal O. Green, Clerk to County Council
Oconee County, South Carolina

First Reading:	August 8, 2006
Second Reading:	August 15, 2006
Public Hearing:	September 5, 2006
Third Reading:	September 5, 2006

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY
OCONEE COUNTY, SC
COUNCIL MEETING DATE: 8-08-06
COUNCIL MEETING TIME: 3:00 P.M.

ITEM TITLE OR DESCRIPTION:

Appalachian Region Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) 2006 Annual Progress Report and Update, Oconee County's Element

BACKGROUND OR HISTORY:

The Appalachian Council of Government (ACOG) is required to do an annual update of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy for all the Counties in their region. The Oconee County Economic Development Commission has supported the ACOG by compiling inputs from all the agencies that have infrastructure plans. A Public Hearing was held at the Walhalla Library on July 25th to receive any public input.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS OR CONCERNS:

This is an Annual Update.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION:

Approve the Update of the Oconee County Element of the CEDS.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Proposed infrastructure needs need to be identified in the CEDS to be eligible to receive state and federal funding for projects.


ATTACHMENTS:

A copy of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy, Oconee Element, for 2006 is attached.

Submitted or Prepared By:


James W. (Jim) Alexander
Economic Development Director

Approved for Submittal to Council:


Tom Hendricks
County Administrator

Reviewed By/ Initials:

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_____ Finance

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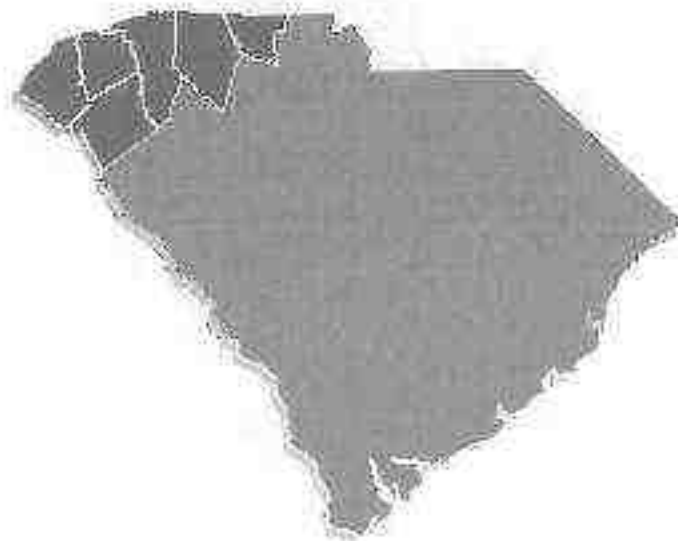
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2006

ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT AND UPDATE

OCONEE COUNTY ELEMENT



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Appalachian Region, South Carolina

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S.C. APPALACHIAN REGION 2006 CEDS PROGRESS REPORT AND UPDATE CONTACTS AND INPUT

Oconee County Council – Submitted for Review and Endorsement

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UPDATE PROCESS

The Appalachian Council of Governments staff has monitored recommendations and the implementation of projects outlined in the plan, adopted in August 2001 and fully revised and re-adopted in September 2002. For the 2006 update, a draft progress report was compiled showing project status and accomplishments for the previous year. This report was submitted to each of the six county advisory committees in the Appalachian Region of South Carolina for review. To monitor the progress of projects and initiatives outlined in the plan, and to ensure that the information contained in the plan is accurate and current, the individuals listed in this document were contacted and given the opportunity to provide feedback to be compiled and used to produce the annual progress report and update to the CEES plan. Following this process, public meetings were held in each county to obtain additional input. In addition, each county was asked to endorse its respective strategy section update by providing a letter of concurrence to the S.C. Appalachian Council of Governments, signed by the respective County Council Chair. These letters are included in the submittal of the annual progress report and update. Once all six counties had endorsed their sections of the CEES Update, it was presented to the S.C. Appalachian Council of Governments' Board of Directors for approval on _____, 2006. This report serves as the 2006 Annual Progress Report and Update to the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy.

CHANGES IN THE AREA'S ECONOMY

The S.C. Appalachian region is often referred to as "the engine that drives the train" with respect to the economy of the state. Of the ten regions in South Carolina, the Appalachian region has the highest population and is well known for manufacturing excellence and international business. The region's estimated population in 2005 was 1,086,702, representing a 4.1% increase from 2001. The region as a whole had an estimated per capita income of \$26,971 in 2003. Greenville County had the highest per capita income of \$30,032, followed by Oconee and Anderson Counties, with per capita incomes of \$26,201 and \$25,946, respectively. Spartanburg County was next, with an estimated per capita income of \$25,773, followed by Pickens and Cherokee Counties, with per capita incomes of \$23,593 and \$21,692, respectively.

The region had a total Third Quarter 2005 average monthly employment of 476,027. A comparison of this figure to the 2003 annual average of 474,291 indicates no net reduction in the region's employment, thereby illustrating overall retention of Upstate jobs. Approximately 20% of the 2005 total employment figure was comprised of manufacturing jobs. Although manufacturing still outranks all other employment sectors in the region, its representation in the area's workforce has dwindled to half of what it was in 1980, which illustrates an ongoing diversification of the area's economy. Diversity is seen in industries ranging from automotive and plastics to the telecommunications and biotech/pharmaceutical segments. As reinforcement to the region's dedication to growth industries, Clemson University has developed a state-of-the-art Biotech Research Complex and has also partnered with BMW Manufacturing to establish the International Center for Automotive Research. This center will assist in developing automotive engineers for the region's auto industry and will dramatically accelerate the research capabilities of the region and state.

The average annual unemployment rate for the Upstate region mirrored the overall state average of 6.8% in 2005. This represents a slight decrease from the region's 2004 unemployment rate of 6.9%. Greenville County experienced the lowest unemployment rate of 3.6%, followed by Pickens and Anderson Counties, with unemployment rates of 6.7% and 7.5%, respectively. Spartanburg County was next, with a rate of 7.7%, followed by Cherokee and Oconee Counties.

with rates of 8.1% and 8.6%, respectively. The unemployment rate for the region and state still remain significantly higher than that of the nation, which was 5.1% in 2005.

Over the five-year period from 2001 to 2005, the region has accumulated \$5.7 billion in total announced private sector capital investments, along with the creation of 19,405 jobs. These totals account for 35.3% of the total announced capital investment in the state and 25.0% of the jobs created in the state during that time.

2005 HIGHLIGHTS

In 2005, announced capital investment across the region reached \$456.8 million, with the creation of 2,361 jobs. Manufacturing and distribution accounted for more than 90% of the investments and jobs announced. In addition, approximately 67% of the 2005 capital investment announcements were made by at least 29 existing companies with plans for expansion. The decisions by these companies to remain in the region and expand their current operations resulted in the retention of workers already employed by those companies, along with the creation of 1,019 new jobs.

DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES

The six counties of the Appalachian Region of South Carolina have developed strategy sections for the CEDS plan that are detailed and comprehensive. This section identifies projects and initiatives for each county as approved by each county's steering committee and County Councils. Projects that have been completed since the plan was adopted have been identified, along with a list of projects scheduled to start in the next review year, FY 2007. Infrastructure continues to make up the majority of projects in the CEDS Plan; however, projects related to planning, education, technical assistance and facility construction and rehabilitation are included with some regularity, as well.

OCONEE COUNTY CEDS PLAN PROGRESS

Total number of projects from Oconee County included in the Appalachian Region 2002 - 2006 CEDS

124

Total number of projects with a definitive completion

8

Oconee Projects by Issue Area

	Total		Completed Through FY 2006	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Water	52	42%	1	13%
Wastewater	21	17%	0	0%
Transportation	14	11%	2	25%
Solid Waste	4	3%	0	0%
Land Use Planning	4	3%	1	13%
Downtown Development	23	19%	2	25%
Economic Dev./Recruitment	6	5%	2	25%
TOTAL	124		8	

Project Status by Issue Area

Issue Area	Total	Completed Prior to FY 2006		Completed During FY 2006		Ongoing		Scheduled Start in FY 07		Not Started	
		No.	Pct.	No.	Pct.	No.	Pct.	No.	Pct.	No.	Pct.
Water	32	0	0%	1	2%	16	31%	7	13%	8	54%
Wastewater	21	0	0%	0	0%	7	33%	1	5%	13	62%
Transportation	14	2	14%	0	0%	3	21%	1	7%	8	57%
Solid Waste	4	0	0%	0	0%	4	100%	0	0%	0	0%
Land Use Planning	4	1	25%	0	0%	3	75%	0	0%	0	0%
Downtown Development	23	1	4%	1	4%	3	13%	0	0%	18	78%
Economic Development											
Recruitment	6	2	33%	0	0%	2	33%	0	0%	2	33%
TOTAL	124	6	5%	2	2%	38	31%	9	7%	69	56%

OCONEE COUNTY

WATER

ISSUE ANALYSIS AND IMPLEMENTATION ACTION PLAN

GOAL: TO ASSURE ADEQUATE WATER FACILITIES FOR PRESENT AND FUTURE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN OCONEE COUNTY

ISSUES EXAMINED:

- EXISTING WATER INFRASTRUCTURE
- EXISTING WATER CAPACITY
- GROWTH CORRIDORS

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Oconee County should partner with the municipal water providers to develop a mechanism that would allow the extension of services into non-municipal areas of the county and the collection of water revenues from the users in these areas.
- The municipalities and Oconee County need to work towards the goal of establishing major water connections between the cities. The connections would provide a backup water source for each city and also make the area more attractive to possible industrial users.
- Oconee County should partner with the municipalities to secure and develop an additional major water source for the County. A second water allocation from Lake Keowee, in the upper portion of the lake, would be useful in providing water service to the northern portion of the County.
- Oconee County, along with the municipal water providers, should coordinate efforts to extend water services to the I-85 corridor to increase economic development potential for the corridor and county as a whole.
- The extension of water service to additional areas of the county, such as the US 123 and SC 28 corridors should be considered as these areas have potential for attracting potential industries.
- The Infrastructure Committee should work to identify alternative funding mechanisms, such as considering water special tax districts and to give recommendations on expansion of water systems.

- Municipalities should inventory the current conditions of water infrastructure systems and to accommodate both residential growth and areas of potential economic development.
- Water providers should work with the appropriate entities to coordinate efforts in considering growth patterns, land use, and the extension of other infrastructure to base decisions for expansion of water services.

Serteca

- *Install 2, 1MG storage tanks. One located on the western end of the system near the hospital, the other to the northeast part of the system toward Keowee Key.*
- *Upgrade water plant from 14MGD capacity to 20 MGD capacity.*
- *Upgrades in Distribution System.*
- *Construction of a new water plant located on SC Highway 130 near the Newry Dam on Lake Keowee with 5 MGD capacity.*
- *Continue system improvements with future projects and storm water management.*

Walhalla

Water Recommendations

- *Construct a new raw water intake structure, pump station, and transmission line on Lake Keowee, and upgrade the existing water plant to 6MGD. A source and plant upgrade is needed to supply the future needs of the Walhalla system.*
- *New 10" water line along Hwy 11 North. The new line would run from an existing line on East Main to Country Junction Rd., then to Wolf Stake Church Rd. The new line will increase pressure and volume to a fast growing area of Oconee County.*
- *New 250,000 gallon elevated storage tank at the intersection of Wolf Stake Church Rd. and Hwy 183. The new tank served by the above line would serve to increase available capacities in the area, stabilize pressures, and provide improved fire protection for the area.*
- *Extend 10" water line along Hwy 11 South from Creekwood Dr. to Mountain Rd. The new line will open up a large area in Oconee County for development.*
- *New 8" water line loop from Pickett Post Rd., along Playground Rd. to tie to the existing 8". The loop will allow for more consistent pressure, and a double feed for the Chalmer's Mountain tank.*

- New 8" water line on Main St. from Ann St. to Tugaloo St.

Westminster

- 10" Water Line along Coffee Road & Booster Pump Station; Beginning at US Highway 76 near water plant, then along US Highway 76w to coffee road then to existing Walhalla master meter @ 5-pts; Increase Pressure To Marginal Areas And Provide Interconnection Ability To Walhalla.
- Stephens County Interconnect; Beginning in Steves County, Georgia then along US Highway 123 to existing 8" line at Madison Shores; provide interconnection for system reliability and emergency conditions.
- 20" Bennett Road and Mountain Road North Loop; Beginning at US Highway 76 along Bennett Rd, then to and along Mountain Road to US Highway 11, then south to Driver Hill Road; provide north loop around system for reliability and increased conveyance to SC Highway 11 industrial growth corridor.
- New 0.5 Mg Elevated Tank at Driver Hill Road near SC Highway 11 and new 16" water main from Old US Highway 123 along Driver Hill Road to Tank; then a 20" main south along SC Highway 11 to existing 10" line on US Highway 123; Provide increased fire protection and reserves for industrial growth corridor along SC Highway 11, Completed 2006.
- 20" Interconnect with Walhalla; Beginning at proposed Bennett Road Loop, then along SC Highway 183, a new 20" line.
- New 1 MG elevated tank at water plant; provide elevated storage for system reliability at new and higher hgl for increased system pressure.
- New 0.5 MG elevated tank at US Highway 123 between US Highway 76 and Tugaloo River; elevated storage near rapidly growing residential areas along Tugaloo River.
- New raw water intake and 24" raw water main; Beginning at new intake on Lake Hartwell in the Tabot Church area, then to and along US Highway 123w to existing water plant; additional water supply needed to meet the projected 10-year projected demand.
- New 20 MGD water plant located on Lake Hartwell, near intake; present plant reaching useful life; provide for future water needs of area.
- *Cobb Bridge water line system loop; 8" beginning at US Highway 76 then along Cobb Bridge Road east ending on Rich Mountain Road; provides loop for reliability to large area now with long single line service, increased pressure to marginal areas, and provides service to area not currently afforded public water.*
- *New pre-sediment pond at water plant, 25 MG pre-sedimentation pond, raw water transfer pumps, and on-site liquid chlorine generation system.*

provide uniform treatable supply of water during heavy rainfall events and upset of Chauga River and safer method of disinfection by abandonment of on-site storage of chlorine gas.

Pioneer Rural Water District

- *Fair Play area supply from Hwy. 133, 71,000 LF, 16" water, IMC tank, 2 pump stations.*
- *Highway 24 Takeens and Oakway Tank Connector, 13,500 LF of 18" water, 10,500 LF 12" water, 1 pump station.*
- *Highway 59 Seneca supply upgrade project, 17,000 LF 12" water, pump station upgrade.*
- *Highway 11 backup connection, 25,000 LF, 12" water.*
- *Little Chaostrea Road Reinforcements, 25,300 LF, 8" water.*
- *Old Knox Bridge Road Extensions, 8,900 LF, 12" water.*
- *Rock Hill Road Loops, 11,500 LF, 6" water.*
- *Spearman and Patterson Road Reinforcements, 10,000 LF, 8" water.*
- *Siton Shoals Road Loop, 13,700 LF, 6" water.*
- *Snow Creek Road Loop, 2,400 LF, 8" water.*
- *Retreat Road Reinforcements, 5,900 LF, 8" water.*

WHO'S RESPONSIBLE?

A task force (the Infrastructure Committee) of municipal representatives, water providers and county officials, including Planning, Economic Development and the Sewer Commission has been formed to oversee expansion and identify funding mechanisms for the provision of water services in Oconee County.

Oconee County entities, including the Oconee County Sewer Commission and the Oconee County Economic Development Commission, should work with municipal water providers to develop a partnership that would be responsible for securing support for expansion of water facilities and systems in the county.

HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?

The formation of the countywide Infrastructure Committee that serves as a water advisory group has minimal costs.

Seneca

- *Install 2, 1 MGD storage tanks. One located on the western end of the system near the hospital, the other in the northeast part of the system toward Keowee Key. \$4,500,000.*
- *Upgrade water plant from 14 MGD capacity to 20 MGD capacity. \$3,500,000.*
- *Construction of a new water plant located on SC Highway 130 near the Newry Dam on Lake Keowee with 5 MGD capacity; \$10,000,000.*
- *Continue system improvements with future projects and storm water management. No Estimate at this time.*

Walhalla

- *Water plant and source water upgrade. Cost to construct \$10,000,000.*
- *New 18" water line along Hwy 11 North. The new line would run from an existing line on East Main to Country Junction Rd., then to Wolf Stake Church Rd. The new line will increase pressure and volume to a fast growing area of Oconee County. Cost to construct \$350,000.*
- *New 250,000 gallon elevated storage tank at the intersection of Wolf Stake Church Rd. and Hwy 187. The new tank served by the above line would serve to increase available capacities in the area, stabilize pressures, and provide improved fire protection for the area. Cost to construct \$300,000.*
- *Extend 10" water line along Hwy 11 South from Creekwood Dr. to Mountain Rd. The new line will open up a large area in Oconee County for development. Cost to construct \$375,000.*
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- *Snow Creek Road Loop, 2,400 LF, 8" water. \$300,000.*
- *Retreat Road Reinforcements, 5,950 LF, 8" water. \$600,000.*

HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE?

The Infrastructure Committee has an ongoing meeting schedule to address the plan.

Seneca

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- Extend 10" water line along Hwy 11 South from Creekwood Dr. to Mountain Rd. The new line will open up a large area in Oconee County for development. 2007-2008.
- New 8" water line loop from Pickett Post Rd. along Playground Rd. to tie to the existing 8". The loop will allow for more consistent pressure, and a double feed for the Chalmer's Mountain tank. 2007-2010.
- New 8" water line on Main St. from Ann St. to Tugalo St. 2007-2008.

Westminster

- 10" Water Line along Coffee Road & Booster Pump Station: Beginning at US Highway 76 near water plant, then along US Highway 76w to coffee road then to existing Walhalla master meter @ 5-pts; Increase Pressure To Marginal Areas And Provide Interconnection Ability To Walhalla; 2005-2007.
- Stephens County Interconnect: Beginning in Stevens County, Georgia then along US Highway 123 to existing 8" line at Madison Shores; provide interconnection for system reliability and emergency conditions; 2005-2007.
- 20" Bennett Road and Mountain Road North Loop: Beginning at US Highway 76 along Bennett Rd. then to and along Mountain Road to US Highway 11, then south to Driver Hill Road; provide north loop around system for reliability and increased conveyance to SC Highway 11 industrial growth corridor; 2005-2007.
- New 0.5 Mg Elevated Tank at Driver Hill Road near SC Highway 11 and new 18" water main from Old US Highway 123 along Driver Hill Road to Tank, then a 20" main south along SC Highway 11 to existing 10" line on US Highway 123;

Provide increased fire protection and reserves for industrial growth corridor along SC Highway 11. Completed 2006.

- 20" Interconnect with Walthalla; Beginning at proposed Bennett Road Loop, then along SC Highway 183, a new 20" line; 2005-2007.
- New 1 MG elevated tank at water plant; provide elevated storage for system reliability at new and higher hgt for increased system pressure; 2005-2012.
- New 0.5 MG elevated tank at US Highway 123 between US Highway 76 and Tugaloo River; elevated storage near rapidly growing residential areas along Tugaloo River; 2005-2012.
- New raw water intake and 24" raw water main; Beginning at new intake on Lake Hartwell in the Tabor Church area, then to and along US Highway 123w to existing water plant; additional water supply needed to meet the projected 10 year projected demand; 2005-2012.
- New 20 MGD water plant located on Lake Hartwell, near intake; present plant reaching useful life; provide for future water needs of area; 2005-2022.
- *Cobb Bridge water line system loop; 8" beginning at US Highway 76 then along Cobb Bridge Road east ending on Rich Mountain Road; provides loop for reliability to large area now with long single line service, increased pressure to marginal areas, and provides service to area not currently afforded public water. No time period estimate at this time.*
- *New pre-sediment pond at water plant, 25 MG pre-sedimentation pond, raw water transfer pumps, and on-site liquid-chlorine generation system; provide uniform treatable supply of water during heavy rainfall events and upset of Chatuga River and safer method of disinfection by abandonment of on-site storage of chlorine gas. 2006-2007.*

Pioneer Rural Water District

- *Fair Play area supply from Hwy. 123, 71,000 LF, 16" water, 1MG tank, 2 pump stations. 2007-2009.*
- *Highway 24 Fokeena and Oakway Tank Connector, 13,500 LF of 18" water, 16,500 LF 12" water, 1 pump station. 2008-2010.*
- *Highway 59 Seneca supply upgrade project, 17,000 LF 12" water, pump station upgrade. 2007-2008.*
- *Highway 11 backup connection, 25,000 LF, 12" water. 2010-2012.*
- *Little Choestoea Road Reinforcements, 25,300 LF, 8" water. 2010-2012.*

- *Old Knox Bridge Road Extensions, 8,900 LF, 12" water, 2008-2010.*
- *Rock Hill Road Loop, 11,500 LF, 6" water, 2013-2014.*
- *Spearman and Patterson Road Reinforcements, 10,000 LF, 8" water, 2015-2016.*
- *Sutton Shoals Road Loop, 13,700 LF, 6" water, 2018-2019.*
- *Snow Creek Road Loop, 2,400 LF, 8" water, 2019-2020.*
- *Retreat Road Reinforcements, 5,900 LF, 8" water, 2019-2020.*

WHAT'S THE NEXT STEP?

A continuation of the bi-monthly meetings of the Infrastructure Committee which represents the municipalities, county agencies, utility providers and other individuals as appropriate to resolve the challenges identified and focus on providing support and decisions for the provision of water services for Oconee County.

WASTEWATER FACILITIES

ISSUE ANALYSIS AND IMPLEMENTATION ACTION PLAN

GOAL: TO IMPROVE THE EXISTING PROVISIONS OF WASTEWATER COLLECTION, TRANSPORTATION AND TREATMENT SERVICES TO KEY INDUSTRIAL AREAS WITHIN OCONEE COUNTY

ISSUES EXAMINED:

- Increasing regulatory pressure from DHEC and EPA
- Limited ability to extend services to the Interstate 85, US Highway 123, and SC Highway 11 and 28 corridors in Oconee County
- Limited ability to extend services in the airport area between Seneca and Clemson and between Seneca and Westminster
- Oconee law prohibits the use of Ad Valorem taxes for infrastructure expansion and maintenance
- Can only maintain and expand system through federal and state grants, revenue bonds, and revenues from user fees
- Revenue bonds and user fees as forms of generating needed dollars
- Limited assimilative capacity of rivers and streams in the county
- Unclear definition of responsibilities of entities involved in the provision of sewer services
- No comprehensive maintenance plan for funding of capital costs, operating, maintenance and depreciation of facilities expansions and additions

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Oconee County should partner with the municipal sewer providers and the Oconee County Sewer Commission to develop a mechanism that would allow the extension of services into non-municipal areas of the county and the collection of sewer revenues from the users in these areas.
- Oconee County, along with the municipal sewer providers and the Oconee County Sewer Commission, should coordinate efforts to extend sewer services to the I-85 corridor to increase economic development potential for the corridor and county as a whole.
- The extension of sewer service to additional areas of the county, such as the US 123 and SC 28 corridors, should be considered as they have potential for attracting industries.

- Geonee County should examine the potential of developing a wastewater treatment facility in the vicinity of the South Carolina Welcome Center location with discharge into Lake Hartwell. The current 201 Plan calls for extension of a trunk line from the Coneross Facility to the Interstate 85 Corridor. That is a distance of approximately 14 miles that would include several pump stations. A facility located in the vicinity of the Welcome Center may be a more fiscally responsible alternative.
- Geonee County should partner with municipalities and the Geonee County Sewer Commission to fund the entire countywide budget for sewer services. This would mean developing alternative funding mechanisms for sewer revenue generation. A task force should be formed to identify alternative funding mechanisms, such as sewer special tax districts and to give recommendations on expansion.
- Geonee County and the Sewer Commission should continue the consideration and discussions of the construction of a combination Septage and Grosse Handling Facility at the Coneross Creek Water Treatment Plant to accommodate the growth of Septic Systems and Food service establishments in the County.
- Geonee County should consider increasing service to the Airport area via increasing pump capacity or construction of a new facility in the Martin's Creek Basin, with discharge into Lake Hartwell. This facility can also help accommodate the high growth area east of Seneca and provide support for industrial development.
- Installation of the Richland Creek Gravity Sewer from the Halfway Branch Lift Station on SC Highway 28 between West Union and Seneca to an existing gravity sewer line at US Highway 123 between Seneca and Westminster.
- Extend wastewater treatment service for a proposed Industrial Park and extend sewer trunk lines up three major highways, I-85, SC Highway 59 and SC Highway 182 from a new 500,000 gallons per day capacity wastewater treatment facility located in the southern portion of the county near Interstate 85.
- Implementation of the Martin Creek Pump Station Drainage Basin Evaluation Projects.
 - Carson Road Pump Station
 - Carson Road Force Main
 - Martin Creek Relief Sewer
 - Surge Flow Storage at Martin Creek Pump Station
 - Martins-Creek Interceptor pump Station for Utica Flow
 - East Perkins Creek Relief Sewer for Utica Flow
 - In lieu of the above improvements in the Martins Creek Basin (pending the availability) the existing WestPoint Stevens Wastewater Treatment facility should be acquired and updated to serve the East Seneca/Clemson corridor.

Seneca

- Upgrade and/or replacement of pump stations.
- Continued Inflow and Infiltration improvements.
- Collection system improvements.
- Upgrade and or replace Ulica Area/Seneca collection system.

Walhalla

- Replacement of sewer lines along Cane Creek.
- Replacement of sewer lines along Main St. from Ann St. to Tugaloo St., including services.

WHO'S RESPONSIBLE?

Oconee County Council, the Oconee County Sewer Commission, and the Oconee County Economic Development Commission should work with municipal sewer providers to develop a partnership that would be responsible for securing support for expansion of the wastewater treatment facilities and services in the county.

The municipal wastewater service revenue collectors along with the appropriate county level wastewater officials are responsible for coordinating efforts to expand service areas and collect sewer revenues. The Oconee County Sewer Commission should act as the lead in this effort.

HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?

Funding for a project has not been estimated at this time as there exists no feasible way to move forward under current restrictions. The development of an appropriate mechanism to allow for expansion of services needs to be addressed before project plans and estimates can be produced.

- The estimated costs for the Richland Creek, Halfway Branch, and Brounyland Sewer Projects: \$4,500,000.
- The estimated costs for the Interstate-85, 500,000 gallon per day capacity wastewater treatment plant, and extension of trunk lines: \$8,390,863.70.
- Implementation of the Martin Creek Pump Station Drainage Basin Evaluation Projects:
 - Carson Road Pump Station: \$451,000
 - Carson Road Force Main: \$337,000
 - Martin Creek Relief Sewer: \$832,000
 - Surge Flow Storage at Martin Creek Pump Station: \$1,039,000
 - WestPoint Stevens Existing Facility: \$3,741,000
 - Update WestPoint Stevens Facility: \$8,460,000
 - Sewer trunk line from Shiloh Road / Airport area to WPS: \$3,917,000
 - Septage and Grease handling Facility at CC WWTP: \$750,000

Services

- Upgrade and/or replacement of pump stations: \$500,000
- Continued Inflow and Infiltration improvements: \$100,000 annually
- Collection system improvements: \$100,000 annually

Walhalla

- Replacement of sewer lines along Cane Creek. Cost to construct \$350,000
- Replacement of sewer lines along Main St. from Ann St. to Tugaloo St., including services. Cost to construct \$115,000.

HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE?

The time frame for extension of sewer lines into the Interstate 85 corridor would be between 3 and 4 years depending on funding sources. In addition, the development of a potential wastewater facility in the vicinity of the South Carolina Welcome Center area would take approximately the same amount of time, however permitting for discharge into Lake Hartwell could extend total development time. The Martin Creek Basin Evaluation Projects have not been given a time line to date.

Services

- Upgrade and/or replacement of pump stations: 2006-2010
- Continued Inflow and Infiltration improvements: Ongoing
- Collection system improvements: Ongoing

Walhalla

- Replacement of sewer lines along Cane Creek. 2008-2010.
- Replacement of sewer lines along Main St. from Ann St. to Tugaloo St., including services. 2007-2009.

WHAT'S THE NEXT STEP?

The next step is to organize a task force to identify and recommend alternatives to expand and fund of sewer services within the unincorporated areas of the counties. This would provide the necessary infrastructure for economic development. The process involves identifying those entities involved in providing retail sewer service, collecting sewer fees and are within water meter reading municipalities.

Georgie County recently approved funding and authorized Goldie & Associates Engineering to develop a Comprehensive Infrastructure Master Plan that includes a "sewer" element. Wastewater collection, pumping and treatment facilities, present and future capacities and needs will be addressed in this element.

More specifically the study will:

1. Evaluate service areas and present throughputs for Seneca, Westminster, Walhalla, Oconee County Sewer Commission and their capacities to meet future needs.
2. Establish a strategy, including partnerships, for extending service to non-service areas such as the Interstate 85 corridor. Make recommendations for new facilities, if appropriate, or expansion of existing facilities.

Recommend the Comprehensive Infrastructure Master Plan be officially adopted by County Council.

Recommend the Infrastructure Master Plan be updated at least every other year.

Significant Accomplishments

- A Memorandum of Understanding between Oconee County and the Sewer Commission was signed on March 10, 2004. The purpose of the MOU is to clarify their respective positions with each other and define the responsibilities in the providing of sewer services based on the provisions in the Documents of Record.
- An Agreement developed by the "Sewer Water Action Group" (SWAG) was signed by Oconee County, the Oconee County Sewer Commission, and the cities of Seneca, Walhalla, Westminster and the Town of West Union on February 28, 2005. The purpose of the Agreement is to facilitate the working together of the County and the municipalities for their mutual benefit and progress through the expansion of sewer and water systems.

TRANSPORTATION

ISSUE ANALYSIS AND IMPLEMENTATION ACTION PLAN

GOAL: TO ASSURE ADEQUATE TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE FOR PRESENT AND FUTURE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN OCONEE COUNTY

ISSUES EXAMINED:

- Current Road Projects
- Roads Needed To Serve Key Industrial Sites
- Limited Ability To Extend Sewer Service Into Transportation Corridors

Current Road Projects

The following is a list of road projects either currently under construction or scheduled for construction:

- S-488 (Weils Hwy) Widening to 5 lanes from US 76/123 west of Seneca to SC 59
- Sheep Farm Road Widen from US 76/123 to Bountyland Road.

Roads Needed to Serve Key Industrial Sites

The following is a list of possible road projects needed to increase the economic development potential and serve key industrial sites:

- The interchange at Exit 1 I-85 and SC 11 (Frontage Road Planning and Development).
- The interchange at Exit 4 I-85 and SC 59 (Frontage Road Planning and Development).
- Construction of a new interchange at Interstate 85 Exit 3

Identified Potential Future Projects

- SC 183. From Wallulla to SC 130 intersection.
- US 76. From the Georgia State line to Westminster.
- Airport Project. The master plan of the Clemson-Oconee County airport calls for extending the distance of the runway. To accomplish this, a reroute of Shiloh Road would be needed (FAA supplemental funding possible).
- SC 130. North from SC 28/US 76/123 to SC 183.
- SC 28. From Wallulla north to the Georgia State line.
- Old Clemson Highway. From US 76/123 to SC 130.
- Extend Sheep Farm Road to SC 28 north of cemetery. (Recommendation following review of Sheep Farm Road widening project to avoid traffic congestion at Bountyland Road.)

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Development potential of key sites is constrained by a lack of Interstate access. To increase potential for industrial expansion, links to the interstate need improvement. The capacity and design of key Interstate interchanges need to be improved to have a legitimate opportunity to attract potential industries into Oconee County, as well. The most important of these interchanges in Oconee County are at Interstate 85, exits 1 and 4. Coordination of efforts to improve the infrastructure at these locations should be a priority of Oconee County efforts to develop industrial sites.
- The county sewer issue must be resolved to effectively develop key road projects that promote economic development potential for Oconee County.
- Review and implement the recommendations included in the Oconee County Infrastructure Master Plan currently under development.

WHO'S RESPONSIBLE?

County Council, in coordination with county municipal leaders and service providers are responsible for revising current legislation relating with the provision of sewer services to allow for industrial expansion that will provide benefits for the entire county.

The Oconee County Transportation Committee will help to prioritize future projects and work in cooperation with the SCDOT, the Oconee County Economic Development Board, Oconee County Roads Department, and the Appalachian Council of Governments' Regional Transportation Committee. A coordinated effort between industrial development entities, the Oconee County Council, service providers, and local and state transportation officials needs to be undertaken to orchestrate a concerted effort that will benefit the county, region and state.

HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?

Current Projects

- S-488 (Wells Hwy) Widening to 5 lanes from US76/123 west of Seneca to SC 59; \$19,294,000.
- Sheep Farm Road Widen from US 76/123 to SC Highway 28 north of Bountyland Road; \$6,084,000.

No estimates have been made, as additional conditions need to be reviewed to facilitate industrial expansion into the Interstate-85 Corridor of Oconee County. The SCDOT has been willing to provide any additional data regarding future projects but will require some time to compile data and produce estimates.

HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE?

- S-488 (Wells Hwy) Widening to 5 lanes from US76/123 west of Seneca to SC 59; 2003-2006.
- Sheep Farm Road Widan from US 76/123 to Highway 28; 2007-2009.

Design and construction of adequate roads to serve industry and commercial development at the desired interchanges would take approximately 2-3 years. Future road projects identified in this section have a wide range of development and construction times. As these projects are looked at in more detail, a more accurate time line can be developed.

WHAT'S THE NEXT STEP?

The next step is to coordinate efforts of the Oconee County, Oconee County Roads Department, The Oconee County Economic Development Board, SCDOT, and service providers to develop a list of priorities for road projects aimed at increasing economic development potential for Oconee County. The development of the Oconee County Transportation Committee can serve as the lead group to coordinate efforts in the county.

SOLID WASTE

ISSUE ANALYSIS AND IMPLEMENTATION ACTION PLAN

GOAL: TO SUPPORT THE OVERALL MISSION OF THE OCONEE COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE MASTER PLAN, PROVIDING FOR SOLID WASTE PROCESSING AND DISPOSAL SERVICES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY, IN AN EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE MANNER AT THE SAME TIME PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT AND BEAUTY OF THE COUNTY

ISSUES EXAMINED:

- Concern for the future of solid waste disposal
- Stringent regulations from EPA and SCDHEC
- Location of a new landfill
- Cost of future solid waste disposal
- Alternatives to land filling (i.e. recycling, composting, incinerating)
- Market fluctuations for recycled goods and new markets
- NIMBY – constraints to siting facilities
- Commercial and industrial recycling needs
- Education needs and ensuring a customer friendly system

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Oconee County should establish long-term contracts for waste disposal and processing. Regardless, the option to develop a county landfill should be considered.
- Alternative processing such as co-composting should continue to be evaluated during the Oconee County Infrastructure Master Planning process. In addition, recycling expansion opportunities should be critiqued (i.e. commercial recycling). If possible, a solid waste research component should be included in the development of a regional landfill facility.
- Oconee County should ensure that a construction and demolition landfill site is available to its residents and businesses. Construction and demolition reduction and recycling should also be considered.
- In order to properly segregate waste materials, the county must provide an education component to its solid waste program.

WHO'S RESPONSIBLE?

The Solid Waste Department will work with the Infrastructure Committee/Master Planning Task Force and County Council to establish an implementation schedule. The Solid Waste Commission will be asked to review goals and objectives and make recommendations.

HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?

Should a regional landfill site materialize, the cost would be shared among the counties involved. County budget FY 2005-2006 allows \$1.2 million for tipping fees contracted with the Waste Management Landfill in Homer, Georgia. Alternative processing and recycling costs should be referenced in the Oconee County Comprehensive Infrastructure Master Plan. Funding for a research component would come from grants, with some local matching fund requirements.

HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE?

Landfill construction can take 3 to 4 years. Processing facility design and development can be completed in 12 months. Site selection for a C & D Landfill takes 6 to 18 months, and construction 6 to 12 months. The current C & D Landfill has approximately 3 more years of life. Oconee has received for a permit to expand its C & D Landfill at the current Seneca Landfill to last an additional 30 years.

WHAT'S THE NEXT STEP?

Oconee County must coordinate with the appropriate entities and organizations to build an alliance dedicated to achieving the goals of waste reduction and recycling, as well as long-term disposal assurances. The Oconee County Comprehensive Infrastructure Master Plan outlines the implementation schedule and funding mechanisms necessary in this coordinated effort.

LAND USE PLANNING

ISSUE ANALYSIS AND IMPLEMENTATION ACTION PLAN

GOAL: TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFICIENT, EQUITABLE, AND MUTUALLY COMPATIBLE DISTRIBUTION OF LAND USES WITHIN THE COUNTY THAT WILL SUPPORT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, PROTECT THE AREA'S NATURAL RESOURCES AND PROMOTE AN APPROPRIATE TRANSITION IN TYPE AND INTENSITY OF LAND USE ACTIVITIES.

ISSUES EXAMINED:

- Comprehensive Plan
- Land Use Regulatory Tools

Comprehensive Plan

Oconee County is experiencing rapid growth and development, which combined with population increases, are placing previously unknown demands upon the use of land in the area. Development pressures around Lakes Hartwell, Keowee, and Jocassee have been increasing in recent years. In addition, a large portion of the county's farmland is under a growing threat from residential development. As a result, the county initiated a planning process through the establishment of a Planning Commission in 1995, and a Planning Department in 1999. These entities were intended to serve as a base from which to move forward with land use planning.

Initially, the County adopted a limited Comprehensive Plan, consisting only of a Land Use Element and a Community Facilities Element. While this document provided for some basic land use protections, it did not support addressing a number of other planning issues that required attention, such as protecting the county's precious water resources. Recognizing the limitations of the Plan, the Planning Commission, in March 2001, directed the Planning Department to begin work on updating the existing chapters and drafting a complete Comprehensive Plan. In an effort to obtain public input, a series of community meetings were held in various communities throughout the county; draft elements were distributed for comment; and a random survey of resident property owners was conducted. In July 2004, County Council adopted the updated plan, which consists of elements dealing with:

- Housing
- Cultural Resources
- Natural Resources

Population
Economic Development
Community Facilities
Land Use

Land Use Regulatory Tools

The county *currently* guides land use and development through a series of *performance standards* regulations directed at specific land uses, which together comprise the Oconee County Unified Performance Standards Ordinance. Included in the ordinance are chapters regulating land development and subdivision, communications towers, sexually oriented businesses, group homes, and airport height restrictions. Also, the planning Commission and County Council have begun considering a number of amendments to the land development and subdivision regulations, originally adopted in 2002. *Among the proposed changes are regulations focused on addressing issues related to lakefront development, private road standards, and the establishment of minimum greenspace requirements in developments. County Council also instructed the Planning Commission to begin studying the costs and benefits of implementing a formal zoning program in Oconee County. In addition, in 2006 the Planning Commission completed a review of the current litter ordinance, from which two separate ordinances covering litter and road safety issues have grown. A third ordinance regulating junkyards and salvage operations is under consideration.*

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- *Move ahead with County Council's mandate to complete and implement the amendments to the Land Development and Subdivision Chapter of the Unified Performance Standards Ordinance.*
- *Begin the process of studying formal zoning, and work toward drafting an Enabling Ordinance that will best serve all sectors of Oconee's population*
- *Insure that all governmental entities involved in the planning process maintain an ongoing public education effort to both inform the public and insure grassroots community support for the county's planning efforts.*
- *Implement the recommendations included in the Oconee County Infrastructure Master Plan.*

WHO'S RESPONSIBLE??

The Oconee County Council is responsible for initiating and providing support for the process by issuing the directive to undertake the planning and ordinance development process to the Planning Commission. Ultimately, County Council is also responsible for endorsing the Comprehensive Plan and adopting all land use regulations.

The Oconee County Planning Commission is responsible for developing a complete Comprehensive Plan *proposing changes to land use regulation ordinances, and carrying out County Council's land use-related mandates.*

Staff of Oconee County government is responsible for assisting the Planning Commission in its plan development, adoption, and implementation functions.

HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?

To date, all work has been funded under the normal budgeting processes, with no additional positions created since the inception of the Planning Department; however, it is anticipated that additional staff will be required to accomplish additional duties as the various components of new land use regulations are implemented. No separate estimate has been developed.

HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE?

It is currently anticipated that most of the proposed changes to the Performance Standards ordinance will be in place during 2006; and the study, development and implementation of formal zoning regulations, if adopted by County Council, will be accomplished in 24 to 36 months.

WHAT IS THE NEXT STEP?

The next step is for the Planning Commission to complete drafting necessary changes to the Performance Standards Ordinance, and begin studying the costs and benefits of a formal zoning program.

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT

ISSUE ANALYSIS AND IMPLEMENTATION ACTION PLAN

GOAL: TO ASSURE ADEQUATE FACILITIES FOR PRESENT AND FUTURE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND ESTABLISH AN ENVIRONMENT THAT PROMOTES PROSPERITY IN DOWNTOWN AREAS OF MUNICIPALITIES IN OCONEE COUNTY

ISSUES EXAMINED:

- EXISTING MUNICIPAL PROJECTS
- PROPOSED PROJECTS

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Identify existing and potential downtown projects of Oconee County municipalities.
- Assist downtown redevelopment as a catalyst for economic development.
- Focus municipal development projects in areas that have the proper land use, utilities and services to promote efficient use of funding and the development of a more recognizable identity for the municipality.

Current Projects

Walhalla

- Downtown Streetscape: Incorporate pedestrian needs, traffic calming, urban forestry management to create a walkable downtown and promote businesses.
- Heritage Park: A multi-block park walk, describing the history of Walhalla through historical displays and renovated buildings.
- Walhalla Partners for Progress: creating a vision, setting goals and developing an action plan for reaching immediate needs. Provide basic thrust for development of Master Plan for the City of Walhalla.
- Downtown Renewal: Relax traffic thoroughfare, create pedestrian friendly walkways, urban forestry management to create a walkable downtown and promote business.
- The Walhalla Auditorium Restoration Committee (WARC) became Walhalla Civic Auditorium, Inc. (WCAI). The WARC completed the restoration of the hall and was able to open for dedication and Ogon House on April 13, 2003. Since that time a wide variety of musicals, comedies, and public events have been held there. On September 19, 2004, the School District of Oconee County

dedicated the entire building with land to WCAI that has greatly enhanced the facility as a lobby and reception area and front entrance. However, the "front" of the building needed rewiring and brought up to code so that is the present project of WCAI. The work has begun and should be completed by early fall. Grants have been written and some approved to help pay for the effort. When the wiring project is completed it is the goal of the WCAI to find uses for other rooms located in the "front" building. Remodeling, redecorating, heating and air conditioning are 2006-2010 projects. Estimated cost \$500,000. WCAI continues to be governed by a Board of Directors made up entirely of volunteers. The BOD handles all bookings and arrangements for shows as well as the actual production.

- Earle House: Remodeling, landscaping and paved parking area of relocated historic house for use as Information Center/Chamber of Commerce office to accommodate visitors and promote tourism on the SC Heritage Corridor and Southern Trail Route.
- The Planning Commission for the City of Walthalla worked through a complete comprehensive plan for the City. The project required about one year of study and queries. The Comprehensive Plan was presented first to the General Government Committee, and then to the entire City Council, which approved it unanimously.
- The Commission should have a minimum of five members, at the present time only three are serving. Attempts have been made (a meeting was held on June 7, 2005) to bind all the existing projects in the town together making it more feasible to get the Council (1) to pass an ordinance defining preservation of the many historical buildings and places in the area. (2) Once that ordinance is passed the Commission feels it will be much easier, working with ACOG, Appalachian Council of Governments, who has promised assistance, to name and define Historical District(s). (3) One other goal of the Planning Commission is to compile information (sign ordinances, fees, business licenses, etc.) for a new business to be in compliance with city laws and ordinances; or even new developing buildings/businesses.
- The Planning Commission celebrates and applauds the many groups working within the City of Walthalla for the betterment of the citizens and the businesses. Greater effort should be made to combine communications and goals in order that the work may proceed more efficiently.

Seneca

- Sidewalk placement and repair; Walnut, East Main, Townville and Depot Streets.
- Replacing old and ill trees.
- Upgrading underground utilities.
- Improving storm water drainage.
- Providing for safe pedestrian access.
- Improve Street Lighting.
- City Entrances; Install flagpoles, welcome signs and landscaping. Completed 2006.

- Complete upgrade of existing Gignillant football field, soccer field, and facilities to usable condition.
- City Greenway walking system, Phase I.
- City swimming pool.
- Shaver ball fields; Remodel Kapp and Blue Ridge Fields, tennis courts, restrooms.

WHO'S RESPONSIBLE?

Municipal representatives, water and sewer providers, utility representatives and the appropriate entities involved with planning and economic development should be included in project development to identify projects and funding mechanisms for revitalizing municipal downtown areas.

HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?

Walhalla

- Downtown Streetscape; No costs have been provided at this time.
- Heritage Park; No costs have been provided at this time.
- Walhalla Partners for Progress; No costs have been provided at this time.
- Downtown Renewal; No costs have been provided at this time.
- Walhalla Civic Auditorium "Front Building" Restoration; \$500,000
- Earle House; Phase I foundation, \$10,000.
- City of Walhalla, Planning Commission; Establishment of Historic District(s); No cost estimate at this time.

Seneca

- Sidewalk placement and repair; Walnut, East Main, Townville and Depot Streets \$200,000.
- Replacing old and ill trees; No costs have been provided at this time.
- Upgrading underground utilities; No costs have been provided at this time.
- Improving storm water drainage; No costs have been provided at this time.
- Providing for safe pedestrian access; No costs have been provided at this time.
- Improve Street Lighting; No costs have been provided at this time.
- City Entrances; Install flagpoles, welcome signs and landscaping; \$50,000. Completed 2006.
- Upgrade existing Gignillant football field, soccer field, and facilities to usable condition; \$500,000
- City Greenway walking system; Phase I; \$60,000
- City swimming pool; \$1,000,000
- Shaver ball fields; Remodel Kapp and Blue Ridge Fields, tennis courts, restrooms; \$200,000

HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE?

Walhalla

- Downtown Streetscape; Planning has begun, completion expected by 2007.
- Heritage Park; Planning has begun, 2006-2007.
- Walhalla Partners for Progress; Ongoing
- Downtown Renewal; No time estimate has been given at this time
- Walhalla Civic Auditorium "Front Building" Restoration; 2006-2008
- Earle House; No time estimate has been given at this time
- City of Walhalla, Planning Commission; Ongoing

Seneca

- Sidewalk placement and repair; Walnut, East Main, Townville and Depot Streets; Planning has begun; 2006-2007.
- Replacing old and ill trees; on going project.
- Upgrading underground utilities; Planning has begun, completion expected by 2008.
- Improving storm water drainage; Planning has begun, completion expected by 2008.
- Providing for safe pedestrian access; Planning has begun, completion expected by 2008.
- Improve Street Lighting; Planning has begun, completion expected by 2008
- City Entrances; Install flagpoles, welcome signs and landscaping. Completed 2006.
- Upgrade existing Gignillant football field, soccer field, and facilities to usable condition; 2008
- City Greenway walking system; Phase I; 2008.
- City swimming pool; 2010
- Shaver ball fields, Remodel Kapp and Blue Ridge Fields, tennis courts, restrooms; 2008

WHAT'S THE NEXT STEP?

The next step is to coordinate municipal leaders, utility, water and sewer providers and the appropriate planning and economic development entities to identify and implement projects for municipalities in Geossee County.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND JOB CREATION

ISSUE ANALYSIS AND IMPLEMENTATION ACTION PLAN

GOAL: TO MAXIMIZE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF OCONEE COUNTY'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, INCLUDING RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION EFFORTS

ISSUES EXAMINED:

- IDENTIFIED NEEDS AND PROJECTS

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Review and implement the recommendations included in the Oconee County Infrastructure Master Plan.

Identified Needs and Projects

- Completion of elevated water tank to serve SC 11 and US 123 Commerce Center, Westminster and Walhalla areas.
- Concentrated study of potential for business/industrial development in the following areas:
 - Oconee Regional Airport/Clemson boundary and Seneca area
 - US 123 and SC 11 highways intersection region
 - I-85 Oconee County Corridor
 - Wells Highway Extension/Sheep Farm Road area
- Cooperative venture between Anderson and Oconee counties to build a wastewater treatment facility on the I-85 corridor.
- Examine the feasibility of mapping the infrastructures of the service and utility providers to better coordinate the efforts of economic development, as well as coordination of services in Oconee County.
- Review telecommunication potential and opportunities as part of a Communications Master Plan for Oconee County.

WHO'S RESPONSIBLE?

A coordinated effort between Oconee County Council, the Oconee County Economic Development Commission, local and regional economic development entities, higher education institutions, and infrastructure providers is necessary to support local recruiting efforts, and workforce development.

HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?

- Completion of elevated water tank to serve SC 11 and US 123 Commerce Center, Westminster and Walhalla areas; \$6.2 million.
- Concentrated study of potential for business/industrial development in the following areas:
 - Oconee Regional Airport/Clemson boundary and Seneca area \$14,538,000
 - US 123 and SC 11 highways intersection region No estimate at this time.
 - I-85 Oconee County Corridor: \$27,136,000.
 - Wells Highway Extension/Sheep Farm Road (S-402) \$7.2 million
- Cooperative venture between Anderson and Oconee counties to build a wastewater treatment facility on the I-85 corridor; \$9.2 million.
- Examine the feasibility of mapping the infrastructure of the service and utility providers to better coordinate the efforts of economic development, as well as coordination of services in Oconee County; No estimate at this time.
- Review telecommunication potential and opportunities as part of a Communications Master Plan for Oconee County; No estimate at this time.

HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE?

- Completion of elevated water tank to serve SC 11 and US 123 Commerce Center, Westminster and Walhalla areas, 2006.
- Concentrated study of potential for industrial development in the following areas:
 - Oconee Regional Airport/Clemson boundary and Seneca area 2006-2010.
 - US 123 and SC 11 highways intersection region 2006-2008.
 - I-85 Oconee County Corridor; 2006-2015.
 - Wells Highway Extension/Sheep Farm Road, 2006-2009.
- Cooperative venture between Anderson and Oconee counties to build a wastewater treatment facility on the I-85 corridor; 2006-2008.

- Examine the feasibility of mapping the infrastructure of the service and utility providers to better coordinate the efforts of economic development, as well as coordination of services in Oconee County; 2005-2007.
- Review telecommunication potential and opportunities as part of a Communications Master Plan for Oconee County; 2005-2007.
- Extension of Wells Highway/Sheep Farm Road (S-402); 2006-2009.

WHAT'S THE NEXT STEP?

The next step is to continue to coordinate efforts with municipal leaders, utility, water and sewer providers and the appropriate planning and economic development entities to identify and implement projects for economic development in Oconee County.

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY
OCONEE COUNTY, SC
COUNCIL MEETING DATE: 8/8/06
COUNCIL MEETING TIME: 3:00 PM

ITEM TITLE OR DESCRIPTION:

Consideration of approval of Memorandum of Agreement Between Oconee County and the South Carolina Department of Environmental Control, Region I (SCDHHC).

BACKGROUND OR HISTORY:

After 9/11, Oconee County entered into an agreement with South Carolina Department of Health & Environmental Control to use the Oconee County Council Chambers as a distribution/dispensing site of pharmaceutical and medical supplies/equipment in during a declared state of emergency. This agreement expired June 30, 2006 and the SCDHEC is requesting that it be extended.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS OR CONCERNS:

The Council Chambers would only be used during a declared state of emergency.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends Council consider extending this memorandum of agreement for the purposes stated above.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

Proposed Memorandum of Agreement

Submitted or Prepared By:

Opal O. Green

Approved for Submittal to Council:


Tom Hendricks, County Administrator

Reviewed by/Initials:

_____ :County Attorney

_____ :Finance

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL

Region 1

AND

Georgetown County

I. PURPOSE: DISTRIBUTION AND DISPENSING OF PHARMACEUTICALS IN AN EMERGENCY

To effectively respond to any type of weapons of mass destruction, natural or technological disaster that may affect the citizens of South Carolina, the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (hereafter referred to as DHEC) and Georgetown County (hereafter referred to as County) hereby enter into this Memorandum of Agreement (hereafter MOA) for the purpose of providing location(s) for use as a drug distribution warehouse site or a mass public dispensing site during a declared state of emergency.

II. SCOPE OF SERVICES:

A. Responsibilities of DHEC. Under the terms of this MOA, and in the event that the Governor or his designee has declared a state of emergency, DHEC shall be responsible for the following activities during the state of emergency:

1. Provide adequate personnel to sustain 24-hour operations of the drug distribution warehouse site or a mass public dispensing site for the duration of the declared emergency.
2. Provide adequate supplies and materials to sustain 24-hour operations of the drug distribution warehouse site or a mass public dispensing site for the duration of the declared emergency.
3. Ensure adequate security for the drug distribution warehouse site or a mass public dispensing site operations 24 hours a day for the duration of the declared emergency.
4. Provide adequate planning and coordination to sustain 24-hour operations of the drug distribution warehouse site or a mass public dispensing site for the duration of the declared emergency.
5. Provide adequate food and water for personnel to sustain 24-hour operations of the drug distribution warehouse site or a mass public dispensing site for the duration of the declared emergency.
6. Ensure adequate traffic control for the drug distribution warehouse site or a mass public dispensing site operations 24 hours a day for the duration of the declared emergency.
7. Ensure adequate transport and security in transport of all medications transferred from the drug distribution warehouse site to a mass public dispensing site or treatment facility 24 hours a day for the duration of the declared emergency.

B. Responsibilities of County. Under the terms of this MOA and in the event that the Governor or his designee has declared a state of emergency, County shall be responsible for the following activities during the state of emergency:

1. Provide the use of Georgetown County Administrative Offices located at 415 South Pine Street for use as a drug distribution warehouse site or mass public dispensing site in 24-hour emergency public health activities for the duration of the declared state of emergency.
2. Provide DHEC with 24-hour contact information for two individuals who can provide access to the identified facility and can meet the site within two (2) hours of notification.
3. Permit DHEC to remain, occupy and utilize the site until the state of emergency is no longer in effect.
4. Permit DHEC to enter and inspect the site at reasonable times to determine its suitability for use as a drug distribution warehouse site or dispensing site and for the purposes of logistical planning.

III. TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

A. Effective Dates:

This MOA shall be effective on July 1, 2006 or when all parties have signed, whichever is later, and will terminate on June 30, 2007. This MOA is renewable for three additional one year periods based on an annual review of criteria listed under Evaluation of MOA and agreement by both parties. If renewed each year, the maximum term for this agreement is July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2010.

B. Termination:

1. Subject to the provisions contained below, this MOA may be terminated by either party providing thirty (30) days advance written notice of termination.

2. DHEC may terminate this MOA for cause, default or negligence on the part of the County at any time without thirty days advance written notice.

C. Amendment:

Any changes to this MOA, which are mutually agreed upon between DHEC and the County, shall be incorporated in written amendment to this MOA and will not become effective until the amendment is signed by each party.

D. Non-disclosure:

To the extent permitted by law, the parties agree that neither will disclose the location of the drug distribution warehouse, site or dispensing site or the nature of this effort except as is necessary to fulfill its mission, and statutory and regulatory responsibilities.

E. Records:

DHEC will maintain records it generates at the Dispensing Site for 5-years pursuant to the agency records retention policy.

F. Liability:

Neither party shall be liable for any claims, demands, expenses, liabilities and losses (including reasonable attorney's fees) which may arise out of any acts or failures to act by the other party, its employee or agents, in connection with the performance of services pursuant to this MOA.

G. Non-Discrimination:

No person shall be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination in relation to any activities carried out under this MOA on the grounds of race, handicap, color, sex, religion, age, health status or national origin.

H. Controlled Substance Statement:

The County certifies that he/she will not engage in the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession or use of a controlled substance in the performance of this MOA.

I. Evaluation of MOA:

Appropriate staff of the County and DHEC will meet annually to evaluate this MOA based on the responsibilities for each party listed under section I, Scope of Services, of this agreement.

J. Governing Law:

This MOA shall be construed and enforced in accordance with appropriate Federal law and the laws of the State of South Carolina. All disputes, claims or controversies relating to the agreement shall be subject to the jurisdiction and process of the courts of the State of South Carolina.

K. Insurance.

Each of the parties agrees to maintain professional, malpractice and general liability insurance, and may be required to provide the other party with satisfactory evidence of such coverage. Neither party will provide coverage for the other party's employees and each party shall be responsible for coverage of its respective employees.

L. Each party shall bear and be responsible solely for its own costs and expenses necessary to comply with this MOA.

M. Severability.

Should a court of competent jurisdiction rule any portion of this agreement invalid, null, or void, that fact shall not affect or invalidate any other portion or section of the agreement and all remaining portions and sections of the agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

AS TO DHEC

BY: _____
(REGIONAL HEALTH DIRECTOR/REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR)

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

DATE: _____

AS TO THE COUNTY

BY: _____
(NAME)

TITLE: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

DATE: _____

MAILING ADDRESS

THIS AGREEMENT IS NOT OFFICIAL AND BINDING UNTIL SIGNED BY THE DHEC CHIEF OF STAFF.

(R. Douglas Carter, Chief of Staff, DHEC)

DATE: _____

**AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY
OCONEE COUNTY, SC**

**COUNCIL MEETING DATE: August 08, 2006
COUNCIL MEETING TIME: 3:00 p.m.**

ITEM TITLE OR DESCRIPTION:

Bid 06-03, HazMat Truck for Rural Fire

BACKGROUND OR HISTORY:

In 1991, Rural Fire purchased a used 1978 Ford Beverage Truck for the purpose of responding to Hazardous Materials incidents in Oconee County. This truck has served well, however, over the years this 28-year-old truck has become unreliable and unsafe. It is believed to have an excess of One Million Miles.

BID SOLICITATION HISTORY:

On July 25, 2006, formal sealed bids were opened for this truck. Six companies were originally notified of this bid opportunity. Shortly before the original bid date, we became concerned that only one bid would be received. The bid time was extended when some of the vendors indicated that they needed additional time to respond. Although we made extra effort to encourage competition, still only 1 bid was received from Summit Fire Apparatus of Kentucky (Dickert Marketing of Greer).

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS OR CONCERNS:

After the bid opening, the Procurement Office and the Rural Fire Department made contacts to try to determine that the bid received was reasonable. Because the truck is so specialized, it was difficult to independently determine the exact value of the truck as specified. However the information we gathered indicates that the price is reasonable. The urgency of accepting this bid is to get the 2006 chassis prior to new EPA standards required in 2007, which will add \$15-\$20,000 to the cost of the truck. We therefore recommend awarding Bid 06-03 to Summit Fire Apparatus (Dickert Marketing).

Due to the age of truck and the excess mileage of vehicle, it is unreliable and unsafe to drive. Vehicle is required to be available whenever there is a hazardous incident anywhere in the county or thru mutual aid agreements with other counties.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION:

Award bid 06-03 for the HazMat truck for Rural Fire to **Summit Fire Apparatus of Edgewood, Kentucky, for the amount of \$343,821**, which includes acceptance of options to deduct for 370 HP engine and prepay chassis (see Bid Tabulation sheet).

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

For FY 06-07, County Council approved \$350,000 (budget code 010-102-50870-60090) for the purchase of a HazMat truck.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Bid Tabulation


Submitted or Prepared By:


Marianne A. Dillard, Procurement Director


Approved for Submittal to Council:


Tom Hendricks, County Administrator

Reviewed By/ Initials:

 County Attorney

 Finance

 Department

C: Clerk to Council

**AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY
OCONEE COUNTY, SC**

**COUNCIL MEETING DATE: August 8, 2006
COUNCIL MEETING TIME: 3:00 p.m.**

ITEM TITLE OR DESCRIPTION:

RFP 05-15, Audio Visual for Emergency Management

BACKGROUND OR HISTORY:

The Oconee County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) was renovated in 2005 as part of the EOC expansion. The EOC staff is composed of 60 personnel. The computerization of the EOC will provide for a more efficient response to emergencies and disasters.

BID SOLICITATION HISTORY:

On July 13, 2006, Request for Proposals were opened for audio-visual equipment for Emergency Management's EOC (Emergency Operation Center). Nine companies were originally notified of this bid opportunity. Two companies submitted proposals (see Bid Tabulation). After review of the responses, the Evaluation Committee voted to interview both firms.

After interviewing the firms and evaluating the competing proposals, the Evaluation Committee (Henry Gordon, John Murray, and Richard Reeves) ranked **Multi-Media Services of Greenville** as Number 1.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION:

Award RFP 05-15 to **Multi-Media Services of Greenville, SC** for the amount of \$31,250.87.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Funds are provided by a Local Emergency Management Planning Grant (LEMPG) in the amount of \$21,280 (Budget Code 013-105-94015-00155) and by FNE Duke Power funds in the amount of \$9,970.87 (Budget Code 13-105-60353-00000) for a total of \$31,250.87.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Bid Tabulation

Submitted or Prepared By:


Marianne A. Dillard, Procurement Director

Approved for Submittal to Council:


Tom Hendricks, County Administrator

Reviewed By/ Initials:

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Generation Restoration Rally August 6, 2006



Teenage Bill of Rights

We, a new generation of young Americans, in order to protect the heritage of our forefathers and secure the blessings of liberty for ourselves and generations to come, do affirm and pledge this declaration:

When character and morality are uncommon qualities,

When corporations and marketers seek to profit from our destruction,

When pop culture icons do not represent our values,

When Judeo-Christian beliefs are labeled as intolerant,

When activists seek to remove God from our schools,

When truth is deemed relative and unknowable,

It is necessary for us, the emerging generation of young Americans, to stand for what is right and reclaim the values that have made our nation great. We call our nation to a higher standard, a lifestyle based

not on convenience, but on character,

not on what is easy, but what is excellent,

not on what feels good, but what is good,

not on popularity, but on principle,

not what is tempting, but what is true.

We, as young Americans, assert our right to determine our future and the future of our great nation. We hold these truths as our God-given rights, and we embrace them with our hearts and our lives:

We recognize that God, our Creator, is the source of all truth.

We will live with honor, always striving to do the right thing, even when it is unpopular.

We will be honest and truthful in matters large and small, regardless of the consequences.

We will take responsibility for our actions, and not point to government, schools, celebrities, parents, or friends to justify our wrong decisions. We recognize that we are responsible for our mistakes.

We will pursue purity throughout our lives. We will not be seduced by a fabricated idea of sex and love. We will save our bodies and hearts for our future spouse, and once married, we commit to pursue faithful and enduring relationships.

We will see through the lies of drugs and alcohol and refuse to let any chemical influence our thinking or destroy our lives.

We will respect the authorities placed in our lives, even though some may not live as honorably as they should. We will honor our parents, teachers, and other leaders.

We will reach out with compassion to the hurting and less fortunate, both in our society and around the world. We refuse to be absorbed with our own comforts and desires.

We recognize the value of each life, whether born or unborn, and we seek to protect those who are unable to protect themselves.

We will do our best to represent and communicate our Creator to our peers, leaders, and society as a whole.

We will work to see that every person has the opportunity to see and hear about the true nature of our God.

In signing, we commit to pursue a life that exemplifies these standards. We refuse to sit idly by and witness the destruction of our generation. With God's help, we envision a bright and prosperous future for the nation we love.

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Name	City	Age
Ryan Smith	Walhalla	15
Annie Teague	West Union	14
Chill Teague	West Union	10
Nancy Burnister	Williamston	16
Stella Welsh	Walhalla	15
Corbin Welsh	Walhalla	13
Raleigh Welsh	Walhalla	11
Levi Gaskin	West Union	13
Lindsay Singleton	Walhalla	16
Patrick Burnister	Walhalla	20
Ashley Carroll	West Union	11
Erin Pearson	Walhalla	12
Patricia Wooder	Mtn Rest	36
Scott Wooder	"	37
Donna Carroll	Walhalla	39
Garry Freeman	Walhalla	47
Wendy Bagwell	Seneca	22
Amber Welsh	Walhalla	13
Jenna Singleton	Walhalla	12
Jamie Oakley	West Union	49
Joey Harper	Walhalla	15
Tyler Langston	Seneca	16
Jo Keah Teague	West Union	53
Cheryl Mason	West Union	26
Tina Harper	Walhalla	43
Kenee Harper	Walhalla	21
Ken McLean	Walhalla	16

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	Name	City	Age
1	Travis Smith	Walhalla	18
2	Grant Welsh	Walhalla	17
3	Joan McClain	Walhalla	56
4	Michael Calkins	West Union	18
5	Jon Haney	Walhalla	15
6	Damon Walter	Walhalla	17
7	Madie Smith	Cope	19
8	Charlie Springs	Seneca	49
9	Julia Smith	West Union	15
10	Enca Peters	Seneca	15
11	Chad Gunn	Walhalla	17
12	Jodi Harper	Walhalla	20
13	Jared Ward	Walhalla	20
14	Amy Wilbanks	Westminster	16
15	Rain Mangas	West Union	45
16	Bob Mangas	West Union	14
17	Cauren Goodingfield	Walhalla	15
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Name	City	Age
Andy Carroll	Walhalla	13
Marie Hiett	Walhalla	12
Christina Mason	Westonwood	14
Rose Elliott	Walhalla	17
Susan Elliott	Anti Rest	49
Bertie Fuerman	Walhalla	47
Beverly Welsh	Walhalla	45
Steve Welsh	Walhalla	55
Joy Ward	Walhalla	48
Julia Adelin		
Susan Elliott	Walhalla	48
Michelle	Walhalla	49
Andrea Howell	Walhalla	16
Allen West	Walhalla	14
Paul Dickson	Walhalla	46
Minna J. Oakley	West Union	50
Raymond Stout	Walhalla	20
Mike Teeple	West Union	57
Vanessa Conroy	Walhalla	31

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	Name	City	Age
	Dustin Gray	Walhalla	18
1	Jenisa Heller	Walhalla	18
2	Cady Jackson	West Union	16
3	Matthew Conway	West Union	16
4	Amanda Thomas	West Union	16
5	Austin Leroy	Walhalla	13
6	Haleigh LeRoux	Walhalla	15
7	Joey Serinsky	Seneca	15
8	Kubrey Carroll	West Union	14
9	Brett Ruggan	Walhalla	13
10	Jake Riggs	Walhalla	13
11	Rammy Briggs	Walhalla	40
12	Richard Cary	Walhalla	16
13	Charlie Fuller	Weston	17
14	Michelle Marcegill	Westminster	15
15	Corie Murphy	Walhalla	17
16	Katherine Boddinell	Walhalla	13
17	Leah Boddinell	Walhalla	11
18	Keth Boddinell	Walhalla	13
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Stella Nelson Homeschool

Rose Elliott Walhalla 17

Candice Bogart Walhalla 16

Jessie Walker Walhalla 17

Erica Peters 16 West Oak

Laura E. Thomas 19 Clinton

Raymond Street 20 Tri-County

Judy By 16 Walhalla High

Jessie Smith 18 Walhalla Alumni

Corbin Welch 13 Home School

Matthew Conway 16 Walhalla High

Jenna Neller 18 Walhalla Alumni

Grant Welch 17 Homeschool

Joey Harper 15 Walhalla High

Tyler Langston 16 West-Oak High

Chelle League WA
WHS

Josh Mangan 14

Leth Mangan 13

Home School

Joey Springs 15
Home School

Dawson 15 Walhalla High
Beddingfeld
Walhalla High

Jesse & Broome

Brett Riggs 13
Walhalla

Tyler Riggs 13 WMS

Nanti Jones 19

Clarence 12

Mid 11
Walhalla Mid 11
Tyler Riggs 16 WMS

Amber Lusk	13	Walhalla Middle
Ashley Carroll	11	Walhalla Middle
Jenna Singleton	12	Walhalla Middle
Jubrey Carroll	14	home schooled
Morgan Miller	16	Oconee Christian Academy
Marke Hiott	12	Walhalla Middle
Erin Pearson	12	Walhalla Middle
Allie Lusk	14	WHS
Michelle Marcangil	15	Homeschooled
Cody Jackson	16	Walhalla High
Hannah Carroll	16	Homeschooled
Lindsey Singleton	16	WHS
Abby Carroll	13	Walhalla Middle
Amanda Thomas	16	Walhalla High
Janice Seague	14	Walhalla High
Nancy Ballinister	16	Palmetto High
Jon Honey	15	Walhalla high
Raleigh Welsh	11	Home School

