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Title 57 - Highways, Bridges and Ferries

CHAPTER 23.

HIGHWAY BEAUTIFICATION AND SCENIC ROUTES

ARTICLE 1.

BEAUTIFIED SECTIONS OF HIGHWAY

SECTION 57-23-10. Marking of beautified section of public road or highway.

Whenever the lands adjoining any hard-surfaced public road or highway in this State shall be beautified by the planting or maintaining of flowers or ornamental trees or shrubs on the lands adjoining it by any agreement of the landowners adjoining such road or by their permission, such stretch of road shall be marked at either end by the road authorities of the county or counties wherein it lies by some suitable sign showing that the stretch of road between such signs has been beautified.

SECTION 57-23-20. Unlawful to injure plants, shrubs or trees along beautified section.

When any stretch of road shall have been so designated and marked by the road authorities of any county or counties it shall be unlawful for any person to dig, pull up, gather, remove, cut, maim, break or injure in any way, including any injury done by fires intentionally set, any wild, cultivated or ornamental plants, shrubs and trees situated on or along any such marked stretch of public road or highway or any public or privately owned land lying along such road. But the provisions of this section shall not apply where the acts hereby prohibited are done by or under the instructions of the proper authorities lawfully in charge of such public roads, highways or lands or by or with the permission of the owner of any privately owned lands.

Nothing herein contained shall affect the right of any person interested to recover damages in a suit, action or proceeding for the commission of any of the acts and deeds hereby prohibited.

Any violation of the provisions of this section shall be punishable by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars or imprisonment for not more than thirty days.

ARTICLE 2.

SCENIC HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

SECTION 57-23-50. Scenic Highways Committee created; membership; terms of office.

There is created a Scenic Highways Committee composed of eleven members as follows:

- (1) the Director of the Department of Transportation or the director's designee;
- (2) the Chairman of the South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism Commission or the chairman's designee;
- (3) two representatives of the outdoor advertising industry who are active members of an organization such as the Outdoor Advertising Association of South Carolina;
- (4) a representative of the South Carolina hotel and motel industry;
- (5) a representative of the agricultural industry who is active in an organization such as the State Farm Bureau;
- (6) a representative of the petroleum marketing industry;
- (7) a representative of the tourism industry in South Carolina;
- (8) a representative of highway beautification efforts, such as South Carolina Clean and Beautiful;
- (9) a representative involved with parks and recreation, such as the South Carolina Recreation and Parks Association;
- (10) a member of the general public.

All members of the committee shall serve for a term of two years and, with the exception of the appointments made pursuant to items (1) and (2), all appointments must be made by the Governor with the advice and consent of the State. Members of the committee shall serve without compensation or reimbursement.

SECTION 57-23-60. Chairman; quorum; promulgation of criteria regulations.

The committee shall select a chairman at its first meeting and meet at least twice annually. A majority of the members present constitute a quorum for purposes of conducting business. Pursuant to Chapter 23 of Title 1 of the 1976 Code, the committee shall promulgate criteria for the designation of a scenic highway. The regulation must provide that a recommendation to establish a scenic highway be forwarded to the General Assembly for approval. In developing the criteria the committee shall consider the scenic, cultural, historic, commercial, and economic significance of the road and area. The committee shall coordinate development of these criteria in conjunction with the criteria for scenic highways being developed by the federal highway administration.

SECTION 57-23-70. Requests for scenic highway designation; review by committee; hearing.

A written request for designating a scenic highway must be sent to the Director of the Department of Transportation who shall forward the request to other members of the committee. The committee shall review the request and make a recommendation based on the criteria. A majority of the members may call for a public hearing to be held at the location where the scenic highway is proposed.

SECTION 57-23-80. Transmittal of committee recommendation to General Assembly.

After the committee recommends designating a road as a scenic highway, the recommendation must be transmitted to the General Assembly.

ARTICLE 3.

CHEROKEE FOOTHILLS SCENIC HIGHWAY

SECTION 57-23-110. Cherokee Foothills Scenic Highway designated.

**OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL
ORDINANCE NO 2007-16**

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND ENACTING A NEW CODE FOR THE COUNTY OF OCONEE, SOUTH CAROLINA; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES NOT INCLUDED THEREIN; PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR THE MANNER OF AMENDING SUCH CODE; AND PROVIDING WHEN SUCH CODE AND THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, duly assembled and by authority of the same as follows:

Section 1. The Code entitled "Code of Ordinances, Oconee County, South Carolina," published by Municipal Code Corporation, consisting of chapters 1 through 54, each inclusive, is adopted.

Section 2. All ordinances of a general and permanent nature enacted on or before October 18, 2005, and not included in the Code or recognized and continued in force by reference thereto, are repealed, unless otherwise provided for in this Ordinance.

Section 3. The repeal provided for in section 2 hereof shall not be construed to revive any ordinance or part thereof that has been repealed by a subsequent ordinance that is repealed by this ordinance.

Section 4. Ordinances dealing with specific bonds, financing of County projects, financial incentives to third parties (including, but not limited to, fee-in-lieu of tax agreements), multi-County parks and commerce parks are not repealed by this Ordinance.

Section 5. Unless another penalty is expressly provided, every person convicted of a violation of any provision of the Code or any ordinance, rule or regulation adopted or issued in pursuance thereof shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$500.00 or imprisonment for not more than 30 days or by both such fine and imprisonment. Each act of violation and each day upon which any such violation shall continue or occur shall constitute a separate offense. The penalty provided by this section, unless another penalty is expressly provided, shall apply to the amendment of any Code section, whether or not such penalty is reenacted in the amendatory ordinance. In addition to the penalty prescribed above, the County may pursue other remedies such as abatement of nuisances, injunctive relief and revocation of licenses or permits.

Section 6. Additions or amendments to the Code when passed in such form as to indicate the intention of the County to make the same a part of the Code shall be deemed to be incorporated in the Code, so that reference to the Code includes the additions and amendments.

Section 7. Ordinances adopted after October 18, 2005, which amend or refer to ordinances that have been codified in the Code, shall be construed as if they amend or refer to like provisions of the Code.

Section 8. This ordinance shall become effective on third and final reading of this ordinance.

Marion E. Lyies, Chair
Oconee County Council

Attest:

Elizabeth G. Hulse, Clerk
Oconee County Council

1st Reading: 09-18-2007
2nd Reading: 10-02-2007
3rd & Final Reading: 10-16-2007

INTRODUCTION TO THE OCONEE CHAMBER ALLIANCE (OCA) (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT)

Background:

1. On May 7, 2007 the three Oconee County Chambers of Commerce (Seneca, Wahalla and Westminster) sponsored a full day summit to gather ideas on how to accelerate economic development (ED) in Oconee County.
2. 150 interested OC citizens participated, along with key elected officials.
3. The keynote speaker was Jim Rozier, who shared his extensive, successful experiences in Berkeley County (Charleston, SC.).
4. One of the major results of this meeting was a series of recommendations produced in 6 breakout sessions (Tourism, Government, Small Business, Industry, Education and Healthcare).

Step 1-The OCA

1. The sponsoring Chambers were strongly encouraged by both the summit speakers and participants to consolidate their ongoing ED efforts.
2. This message was heard, and the Boards of each Chamber agreed to form and support the Oconee Chamber Alliance.
3. Moving quickly, a set of Operating Procedures were drafted and then approved on June 26, 2007.
4. This document includes:
 - expected activities and deliverables
 - how activities are to be carried out, and
 - expectations, or ways in which the Chambers will interact with each other
5. The OCA, consisting of the Chairs/Presidents of each Chamber, Patrick Lee, Bob Moir and George Allgood, and 2-3 representatives of each Chamber, has been meeting at least monthly.

Approach:

1. The OCA named committee heads for each breakout topic, and directed them to form a working committee.
2. Each committee has reviewed the breakout recommendations, and finalized their respective lists.
3. For each recommendation, the committees have recommended who each item should be consulted with/referred to, and how the Co-chairs should structure their presentation.
4. This is a continuing process, with the goal to complete this critical stage by the end of October.
5. Meetings with partners/contacts are being held.

Overview of Recommendations:

Tourism:

1. develop tourism plan
2. ensure regional cooperation
3. secure County Council support of tourism
4. organize county-wide Chamber
5. promote partnerships
6. a grant money
7. implement Zoning

Small Business:

1. provide effective, affordable support resources
2. develop and leverage quality workforce
3. promote development of necessary infrastructure
4. promote alternative funding and financial advantages

Government:

1. enhance ability to plan for and make positive change
2. provide required support/resources for planned economic growth
3. provide critical physical infrastructure

Industry:

1. develop aggressive infrastructure plan
2. ensure availability of quality of life resources and benefits for employees
3. develop and promote educational advantage
4. identify and focus on optimum industry groups
5. enhance partnerships to market Oconee County as place to do business

Education:

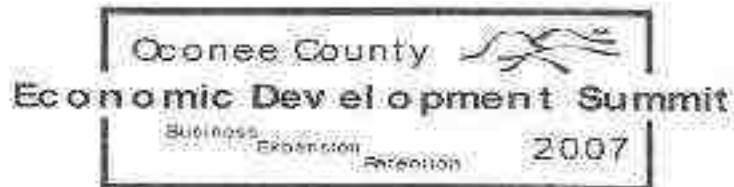
1. ensure continued mandate and support to achieve superior core educational result at all levels in OC
2. ensure that education is a primary focus in County planning/visioning
3. focus on specific technical, research and mgmt. curriculum needs that support business needs and related economic development planning
4. provide aggressive career planning services

Healthcare:

1. Define, achieve and promote affordable quality healthcare as a requisite for successful growth.
2. Identify and promote select healthcare specialties as career growth opportunities.
3. Identify and develop resources that promote healthy lifestyles
4. Leverage growing senior population by providing quality, affordable living and support services.

Next steps:

1. Continue review and referral.
2. Collect feedback and determine additional requirements and resources.
3. Update plan/process
4. Formalize method of information exchange with partners/contacts
5. Update summit participants and community at large.



**Preliminary Report on Summit Breakout
Session Recommendations**

Overview

The first Oconee County Economic Development Summit was held on Monday, May 7, in Walhalla at the Walhalla Civic Auditorium, from 8:45 AM until 5:PM. The Summit was sponsored by the Greater Seneca Chamber of Commerce, the Walhalla Chamber of Commerce and the Westminster Chamber of Commerce. More than 150 area residents and guests attended.

Summit Purpose:

- To establish an ongoing process for spurring economic and job growth in Oconee County by capitalizing on the creativity, strengths and resources in our communities.
- To develop recommendations and accountability structures to address the [ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT] challenges in Oconee County, and chart a course of action for greater economic development.

The event included welcoming statements by Senator Lindsay Graham and Congressman Gresham Barrett, and a keynote address by Jim Rozier, recently retired Berkeley County Supervisor for sixteen years.

Summit sessions were facilitated by volunteer facilitators from the School District of Oconee County.

The Work

During the Summit's first activity, attendees were invited to participate in an hour-long "Open Space" work session, where they circulated among six Summit Topic Areas to add their ideas and thoughts. The six Topic Areas are listed below along with the primary question for each area:

Tourism

How do we leverage Tourism as sustainable economic growth?

Government

What is the business case for government (City, County, State and Federal) to take actions which support broad-based economic growth?

Small Business

What is needed to attract and expand small business in Oconee County?

Industry

What is the most effective model for attracting industry and fostering business alliances?

Education

How do we improve economic growth through education?

Healthcare

How do we leverage healthcare in Oconee County as an economic development tool?

Breakouts

After the Open Space session, individual breakout sessions were held on each of the six topic areas. Attendees were free to choose two breakout sessions to participate in during the day.

The attendee responses contributed during the Open Space were collected and given to the topic area breakout session facilitators, and participants generated additional responses after listening to their panel of invited Topic Area Subject Matter Experts.

In each topic area breakout session, groups identified their prioritized recommendations, the benefits of each recommendation if implemented, and who each recommendation should be given to. What follows is a short analysis of the recommendations from the breakouts. The complete set of recommendations from each Topic Area is attached.

Analysis of Recommendations

More than 150 Summit attendees looked at economic development issues for Oconee County through six different topic area "filters" listed above. What follows are the number of recommendations from each topic area:

Tourism	25 Recommendations
Small Business	Seven Recommendations
Government	Six Recommendations
Industry	Six Recommendations
Education	Five Recommendations
Healthcare	Four Recommendations

The Tourism Breakout produced more recommendations than all five other Topic Areas combined. During the morning session, 40% of attendees chose to work in the Tourism Breakout session. Of the 25 Tourism recommendations, seven recommendations could be defined as "strategic" in nature:

1. Have a Tourism Plan
2. Regional Cooperation
3. Secure County Council Support of Tourism
4. County-wide Chamber
5. Promote partnerships, A/O/access
6. Grant Money
7. Zoning

Of specific interest to Summit planners, four high-level areas of recommendations emerged across Breakout Sessions. The repetitive appearance of these recommendations seem to indicate broad-based support for the respective issues.

Quality Workforce	Six Recommendations
Zoning	Five Recommendations
One County Chamber of Commerce	Four Recommendations
County-wide Broadband Service	Three Recommendations

From the six topic areas addressed in the economic development summit, the following are repetitive and indicate broad-based support from State, Federal and local offices.

Quality Workforce: Quality Workforce was addressed in all six breakout sessions. The consensus was that education of our young citizens will determine Oconee County's ability to attract future industry and promote job growth. Recommendation from the summit should be received by Oconee County School Board, Tri County Tech, Clemson University, existing industry and business owners.

Zoning: Zoning was addressed in Small Business, Government, Industry and Tourism breakout sessions. The benefits of zoning include, but not limited to, protection of resources, quality of life, increased tax base which leads to increase in property value, business oversight and planned growth. The consensus was that the County and City Councils should receive these recommendations.

Coordinate activities and efforts among local, state and federal governments: This recommendation was consistent in Government and Tourism breakout sessions. It was felt duplication of efforts were prevalent in many groups seeking to accelerate economic development. Recommendations for coordinating activities such as a plan for tourism and grant money would go to County Council, Chambers of Commerce, Oconee Alliance, Parks and Recreation.

County Wide Broadband Service: This recommendation was found in Industry, Small Business, Government and Education breakout sessions. The benefits of this service are increased productivity, more resources for public schools, improved and faster information and communication and workforce readiness. The consensus was the recommendations should go to the Planning Commission, Zoning boards, telecommunications companies, County Council, PSC.

County Wide Chamber of Commerce: Industry, Tourism, Government and Small Business breakout sessions highly endorsed this recommendation and a Chamber Alliance has already been formed.

CHAMBER ALLIANCE-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SUMMIT

Status Report as of August 13, 2007

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Results to Date:

1. The OCA named Chairs to head each breakout topic, and directed the chairs to form a working committee.
2. Each committee has reviewed the breakout recommendations, and finalized their respective list.
3. For each recommendation, the committees have (or are in the process of) recommending to the OCA who each item should be consulted with/referred to, and how the Co-chairs should structure their presentation.
4. This is a continuing process, with the goal to complete this critical stage by September.
5. Meetings with partners/contacts have been scheduled.

Next steps:

1. Continue review and referral.
2. Collect feedback and determine additional requirements and resources.
3. Update plan/process.
4. Formalize method of information exchange with partners/contacts.
5. Update summit participants and community at large.

Oconee County 
Economic Development Summit
Business Expansion Retention 2007

**Documentation of Proceedings
Prepared by**

facilitator  **4** 

Recommendations from Breakout Groups

The six Topic Area Breakout Groups identified the following sets of recommendations, benefits of each recommendation, and the person/organization/entity each recommendation should go to.

Government

Recommendations	Benefit	Who Gets This Recommendation
Zoning/Land Use Controls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protects property values • Allows for planned growth • Consistency in land use • [Enhances] quality of life 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City and County Governments • The Public
Coordinate/Collaborate activities and efforts between Local/State and Federal [governments]. Set common goals and a united shared vision by supporting the Oconee Alliance.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Save taxpayers' money • Shared resources • Consistency of regulations • Shared vision 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • County Council • City Councils/Governments • Chambers of Commerce • The Public
Develop one Chamber of Commerce	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better use of resources • Improved focus • Consistent and shared vision • Better service 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Oconee Chamber Boards
Provide broadband technology County-wide/Public access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved services • More cost-efficient • Ability to share info/communication 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • County/Private sector partnership
Expand sewer/water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developers/Development • Environment • Public 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Voters
Emphasis on Trained/Skilled Labor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attract potential industry 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tri-County Tech

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Retain current industry ▪ Increased incomes/increased local spending 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Board • HCC • Clemson University • Existing Industry • Business Owners • Chambers • WIA-SCESC
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Healthcare

Recommendations	Benefit	Who Gets This Recommendation
<p>Support and collaborate with local, state and federal delegation in the development of universal healthcare coverage insurance.</p> <p>Address the healthcare needs of the fastest growing segment of our population</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to quality healthcare for all • Improve quality of life for seniors • Cost-effective • Continue to attract retirees 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local, state and national government officials • Senior agencies • State agencies
<p>Continue to enhance the delivery of healthcare services in Oconee County and to promote the successes. Ex.: Expand and recruit new specialities, publishing performance scores</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Convenience of care in the County for people • Job growth and economic impact of staying in County for services • Continued improved perception of healthcare in Oconee County 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OMH and other healthcare agencies • Press
<p>Promote healthy living through</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education • Providing fitness opportunities • Wellness 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attracting industry, retirees, etc. for economic growth • Reduce charity care • Produce healthy people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healthcare providers • County Council • Industry • Schools

Tourism

Recommendations	Benefit	Who Gets This Recommendation
Green Tourism – Rails to Trails Preserve and protect our natural resources [duplicate]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Everyone Foundation for all [tourism] efforts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phil Shirley, Parks, etc. State DNR County elected officials
Signage needed for attractions (PRT, DOT) [duplicate]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Everyone 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parks, Rec., etc.
Training in Tourism Product Relocation Dev.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CVB
Build convention center on Lake with hotel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tax base/employment Small business/tourist 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> County Council
County-wide calendar for events, gallery openings, community activities, museums	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local residents Event planners Tourists 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PRT office Regional Tourism office
Have a plan for Tourism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> County/Leadership 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oconee Alliance PRT
Regional cooperation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All participating agencies/counties 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oconee Alliance/PRT
Lake-based festivals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> More tourism business 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chambers Civic groups
Develop slogan/graphic for the area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consistent branding reinforces the message 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emerging CVB
Tap Clemson Dept. of Tourism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Free Eliminates duplication Focus efforts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phil Shirley/PRT

Secure County Council's support of Tourism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> County Council City Councils Voters
Walhalla Civic Auditorium support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tourism increase with economic benefits 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CVB
Big Farmers Market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Farmers/small business Local residents 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clemson Ext. Service? County Extension office
CVB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bring \$ to Oconee County Overcome turfism 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Independent Task Force Coordinate with Chambers
Include Locals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create ideas Benefits business 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ?
Additional restaurants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tourists, ATAX, OTC Small business 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chambers OA Blue Laws a big lie County Council
Additional lodging	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Festival planners Tax revenues 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chambers, OA Economic Development PRT
Expand hours of museums, attractions. Businesses open after 5 pm.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tourists Small business 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PRT Chambers Heritage Corridor
County-wide bus system	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Everyone 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> County Council

County-wide Chamber needed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tourists • Locals and businesses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Existing Chambers
Logo, website, links	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business • Tourists • Locals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Existing Chambers or CVB in future
Promote partnerships. Sell the Region A/O/Access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business and other CVBS • All regional attractions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Tourism office • Heritage Corridor
Grant money	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Everyone 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gov't • CVB • Chambers
First maximize current resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Everyone 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gov't • CVB • Chambers
Zoning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Everyone 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Gov't

Industry

Recommendations	Benefit	Who Gets this Recommendation
<p>County-wide Chamber</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unity • Enhanced recruiting of small business • Health-care consolidation • Focused advertising • Strength in numbers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chambers of Commerce
<p>Partnership with educational resources</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better trained workforce • Diverse training • Better marketing tool • Increase education • More resources for public schools 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School District • Economic Development • Business partnership • Work Link
<p>Broadband County-wide</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase productivity • Faster Economical communication • More resources for public schools 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning Commission • Zoning Boards • Telecommunications Co. • County Council • PSC • State
<p>Protect and Enhance Quality of life</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reason people want to live here • Brings industry • Brings tourism • Avoid pollution 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alliance
<p>Infrastructure</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use what we have • Attract more industry • Maintain quality of life 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administrator and Council
<p>Community-based Zoning</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stability for the future • Protection of resources • Quality of life • Enhanced recruitment of personnel and 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • County Council • Businesses

	<p>future industry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Increased tax base leads to increase in property value	
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Education

Recommendation	Benefit	Who Gets this Recommendation
<p>Make teachers aware of job opportunities available</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage students to work in local industry • Real-world perspective on job requirements • Positive teacher image of community • Positive career paths in industry and business • Opportunities for business and industry to make educators aware of job requirements • Decreased unemployment rates • Incentive to stay in school to qualify for jobs • Tie schools, industry, business and community together 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education
<p>Make training programs more convenient</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business and industry • Under-educated adults • Taxpayers • Families 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SDOC-Hamilton Career Center • Voc. Rehab. • TCTC • Unemployment/One Stop • Economic Development Office
<p>Raise Skills to meet Industry Requirements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Industry Gains better skilled employees • Students better prepared for employment • Employees earn higher wages • More taxes collected • Higher employment, lower cost of social services • Better wages and employment raise community quality of life 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education/Business partnership • Curriculum coordinator

<p>Parent Involvement and accountability</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better Workforce • Better Student performance in all facets: grades, attendance, behavior • Better Communication • Parents are more accountable • Reduce teacher stress • Make teachers' jobs easier • Results in better education 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents • Community Leaders • Legislators (w/incentives) • Children/Students
<p>Enhance Technology</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More directed education • Workforce readiness in today's society • Makes learning more enjoyable • A portable resource • It is affordable and available 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School District directive with funding from Federal, State and Local governments, as well as private industry

Small Business

Recommendation	Benefit	Who gets this recommendation
<p>Create sensible Zoning and simplify necessary Codes with agents business and user-friendly</p>	<p>Zoning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve quality of Cities • Save us from looking like GA • Opportunity for long-term planning • Keep us beautiful <p>Codes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consistency between agents • Quicker Business start-ups • Synergy between City and business • Inspector oversight • Business oversight of County Supervisor • Improve business 	<p>County Codes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chamber/County codes liaison • County Supervisor • County Councilmen • County Zoning and codes leadership
<p>Quality Workforce</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revise employer expectation brochure (OCBER) • Identify resources to promote "life skills" (OCSD) • Establish Oconee County mentor/speaker 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raise quality of job applicants 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •

<p>resource list (OCSD)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yearly education/business "summit" (OCBER) • Job shadowing 		
<p>Affordable and Obtainable insurance through Chamber and other associations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lower Costs • Less burden on healthcare system • Employee incentive 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chambers, local and state • Business Associations • Chuck Bundy • K. Kojis
<p>Have to "STOP" tourists in Oconee County</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arts/Crafts Heritage • Pull it all together (See One Oconee) • Hospitality to support • Coherent marketing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Give to Oconee?? • Give to County PRT • County Gov't buy-in • Give to businesses who will benefit/promote
<p>County-wide Chamber of Commerce</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Affordable benefits • Resource Center • Collaborative advertising • Promotion of County events • County slogan for promotion • Quality workforce/resources • Broadband communication 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ??
<p>T-1 lines, wireless broadband</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Efficiency • Emergency communications • Economic development • Improved educational opportunities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • County • State

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More access • Exposure • Marketing 	
Incubator, focus on startups, business centers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic "Business 101" for the real world • Ability to overview before spending capital • Shows viability in order to gain capital 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chambers • Local universities

**Georgia County
Parks, Recreation & Tourism**



**Tourism
Mission Statement**

To enhance the quality of life and the economic well-being of Georgia County by utilizing and our assets through tourism marketing and promotion, encouraging an appreciation of our area, historical and cultural resources, and while focusing on preserving and promoting our natural resources with nature-based interactions.

Press Release Goals

- Provide an overview of tourism action currently being done
- Present specific recommendations from citizen support groups
- **ATTRACTION**
- **ACTIVITIES**
- **COMMODITIES**
- **DESTINATIONS**
- **ORGANIZATIONAL CHARACTERISTICS OF A VISITOR'S BUREAU**

TOURISM

• **Geographic Territory**
 1. 16,800 sq. miles
 2. 171,000 people
 3. 200,000 homes

• **Geographic Region**
 1. 1,100 miles
 2. 100,000 homes
 3. 100,000 people
 4. 100,000 homes

1. Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
 2. Georgia County (523.22.8888) 713.67.8888

Tourism Action

• **Activities**
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**Georgia County
Tourism Committee
Representatives**

• Mayor • City Council • City Manager • City Clerk • City Attorney • City Treasurer • City Engineer • City Auditor	• County Board • County Board Chair • County Board Vice Chair • County Board Members • County Board Secretary • County Board Treasurer • County Board Auditor
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**Tourism Recommendations
Economic Summit
Georgia County Tourism Committee**

**Tourism
Citizen Recommendations
Economic Summit**

Question
How do we leverage Tourism as a strategy to economic growth in Georgia County?

Responses
Over 100 responses
The top 20% of Responses

Tourism
Citizen Recommendations

Should we partner with neighboring counties/regions in the efforts to increase the impact of tourism in Oconee County?

Prior to engaging in major partnerships, we should make sure we are organized enough to be a productive and balanced partner with other members of the coalition.

Oconee Alliance Tourism Committee Recommendations

- Develop a Tourism Action Plan that:
 - Provides information to justify impact/tourism in Oconee County
 - Provides a SWOT Analysis
 - The Plan Plan with timeline and budget
 - Recommendations for implementation
 - Strategic Alliance for implementation
- Create a Working Group

Definition and History Behind (CVB)

What is a CVB and what does it do?

- How is it organized?
- How do we fund it?

CVB
What is a CVB and what does it do?

Develop strategies to increase the economic impact of tourism in Oconee County

Lead and coordinate the marketing and promotion efforts

CVB
How is it organized?

How do we coordinate with other CVBs in the region?

How do we coordinate with other agencies and organizations in the region?

How do we coordinate with other stakeholders in the region?

How do we coordinate with other community members in the region?

CVB
How do we fund it?

County Board - Support and Policy

Local Government - CVB

Private Business Donors

- State and Local Grants
- Local Government
- Local Hospitality/Leisure
- Private Property Owners

Request to Proceed

Questions

2006 REASSESSMENT SUMMARY

New law enacted requiring local ordinance prior to implementation of reassessment		May-06
Reassessment ordinance	1st reading 2nd reading 3rd reading	5-Jun-06 20-Jun-06 27-Jun-06
South Carolina Department of Revenue approval to mail reassessment notices		18-Jun-06
Assessment notices mailed	Mobile Homes Real Estate	30-Jun-06 August 4-24, 2006
Millage rate	Proposal to council Approved by council	30-Aug-06 19-Sep-06
South Carolina Department of Revenue review	Notification Review began	21-Sep-06 25-Sep-06
South Carolina Department of Review ruling	Reassessment approved	9-Nov-06
Real Estate Tax Notices	Ready for mailing Mailed	9-Oct-06 13-Nov-06
Corrected Assessments (Corrections made due to roll-over errors)	540 Parcels	October 4-19, 2006
Original Appeal Deadlines	Mobile Homes Real Estate	28-Sep-06 23-Nov-06
Appeal filed before original deadline	2,553	
Appeal deadline after 90 day extension (County ordinance—1st reading 10/3/06—2nd reading 10/17/2006—3rd reading 11/7/06)	Mobile Homes Real Estate	28-Dec-06 23-Feb-07
Appeals during extended appeal period	2,081	
Total appeals	4,504	
Appeals responded to	3,379	
Outstanding appeals	1,225	

CONCLUSION

As indicated above, several unforeseen events have occurred outside the control of the Assessor which has added approximately nine (9) months to the time required for handling appeals. However, the overall increase in the time required to complete the process is much greater than nine (9) months as a result of the fact we have inadequate staffing to perform both ongoing assessment activities such as the appraisal of new homes, subdivision, etc. and handling reassessment activities simultaneously. Given the growth rate the County is experiencing, additional workload to be generated by recently enacted legislation, and the necessity of performing property inspections during future reassessment programs it is anticipated a minimum of six (6) additional appraisers will be required prior to handling work on the upcoming reassessment programs. Virtually all of the 4,504 appeals will have been resolved informally prior to the end of the calendar year. However, we anticipate having approximately 150 to 200 appeals remaining at that time which must be disposed of in a more formal manner, possibly including a hearing before the Oconee County Board of Assessment Appeal.

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY
OCONEE COUNTY, SC

COUNCIL MEETING DATE: October 16, 2007
COUNCIL MEETING TIME: 3:00 PM

ITEM TITLE OR DESCRIPTION:

Arts & Historical grant request to the Lewis E. Blanchet American Legion Post 124 for \$500.00 for American flags for patriotic occasions. Request approved in Arts & Historical Committee on 10-05-07 by a unanimous vote.

BACKGROUND OR HISTORY:

The American Legion Post 124 requests assistance in purchasing new American Flags for patriotic occasions. The flags will be displayed on Main Street Walhalla during patriotic occasions.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS OR CONCERNS:

The amount to replace all the current flags is estimated at \$1100.00. The request is for a grant of any amount to help with the purchase of new flags.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Approval of Arts & Historical Committee grant request of \$500.00 for American flags for patriotic occasions.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

\$500.00 to be paid out of PRT line item 010-202-30022-00213.

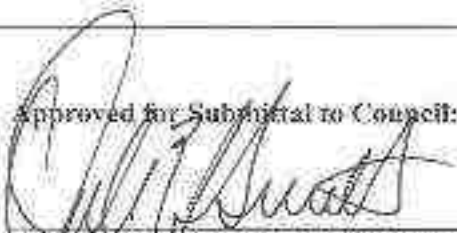
ATTACHMENTS:

Request Letter

Submitted or Prepared By:

Phil Shirley, PRT Director
Department Head/Elected Official

Approved for Submittal to Council:


Dale Surratt, County Administrator

Reviewed By/ Initials:

_____ County Attorney

_____ Finance

C: Clerk to Council



LEWIS E. BLANCHETT
AMERICAN LEGION POST 124
P. O. BOX 1026
WALHALLA, SOUTH CAROLINA 29691



August 7, 2007

Dear Friend of the Walhalla American Legion:

The purpose of this letter is to ask for your consideration in helping us with a most worthwhile project.

The Walhalla American Legion is responsible for seeing that our avenue of beautiful 3x5 foot American flags continues to wave proudly up and down our main street on patriotic occasions. Our commitment is to keep our towns flags vibrant and colorful.

We have determined that the existing flags are in need of replacing. The cost to us for this replacement effort will be approximately \$1100. Our county is planning a very meaningful Memorial Day Ceremony on May 28th at our beautiful Veterans Park at the courthouse and we would like to have the new flags on display up and down Main Street by that time.

If you can help us with a donation to replace our American flags, it would be greatly appreciated. Your check, in any amount, tax deductible, can be made out to the Walhalla American Legion and mailed to P.O. Box 1026, Walhalla, SC 29691. You can also call Jerry Dyar for more information at 638-4231.

Thanks for your consideration of this special request.

Respectfully,

William (Bill) Butts
Commander
Walhalla American Legion
PO Box 1026
Walhalla, SC 29691

**AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY
OCONEE COUNTY, SC**

COUNCIL MEETING DATE: October 16, 2007
COUNCIL MEETING TIME: 7:00 PM

ITEM TITLE OR DESCRIPTION:

Arts & Historical grant request to the Oconee Community Theatre for \$750.00 for Oconee Community Theatre's Summer Youth Program in 2008. Request approved in Arts & Historical Committee on 10-05-07 by a unanimous vote.

BACKGROUND OR HISTORY:

The OCT summer youth program has been in existence for 16 years. Students experience both theatrical and arts workshop components during the program. The requested funds will be spread out and used as scholarship funds to students that would otherwise not be able to attend. Last year the summer program had 79 attendees, with 16 of those students receiving scholarship funds to assist with the tuition. Tuition for the 2 week summer program is \$150. per person.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Approval of Arts & Historical Committee grant request of \$750.00 for Oconee Community Theatre's Summer Youth Program in 2008.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

\$750.00 to be paid out of PRT line item 010-202-30022-00213.


ATTACHMENTS:

Request Letter

Submitted or Prepared By:

Phil Shirley, PRT Director
Department Head/Elected Official

Approved for Submission to Council:


Dale Surrett, County Administrator

Reviewed By/ Initials:

_____ County Attorney

_____ Finance

C: Clerk to Council

October 3, 2007

Mr. Luther Lyle
OCA&HC

Dear Luther:

I am writing to request funds for Ozaukee Community Theatre's Summer Youth Program. Last year the OCA&HC provided us with \$750.00 that enabled us to offer scholarships to students that would otherwise not be able to afford to attend our program. Sixteen students received scholarship money to pay all their tuition. All told we had 79 students in our expanded two week summer program. The OCA&HC generosity played a large part in our success in 2007.

Once again we are planning a full two week Summer Workshop this year. Last year we added with the help of BRAC an art component to our program. Students will not only receive a theatre experience but art training as well. Our plans are to continue this for our 2008 workshop.

All of us at OCT appreciate your past support and hope you will be able to help us again this year. If you need any additional information please let me know.

Sincerely,
Bill Chiusano
Executive Director

Scholarship recipients 2007:

*Hannah Little
Lawson Lee
Caroline Lee
Julianne Johnson
Abby McConnell
Alexandra Van Hamer
Jedyn Ross
Sarah Decossaz*

*Kalin Grant
Jessica Johnson
Hannah Decossaz
Victoria Roberts
Caleb Morgan
Jacob Lusk
Zachary Hunter
Bethany Decossaz*

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY
OCONEE COUNTY, SC

COUNCIL MEETING DATE: October 16, 2007
COUNCIL MEETING TIME: 7:00 PM

ITEM TITLE OR DESCRIPTION:

Arts & Historical grant request to The Greater Walhalla German-American Club for \$1,840.00 for a Gen. John A. Wagener (founder of Walhalla) historic marker. Request approved in Arts & Historical Commission meeting on 10-05-07 by a unanimous vote.

BACKGROUND OR HISTORY:

See attached proposed wording for marker.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS OR CONCERNS:

The marker will be placed on the vacant lot beside the delegation office on Short Street, which is owned by the Saint John's Lutheran Church.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Approval of Arts & Historical Commission grant request of \$1,840.00 for a Gen. John A. Wagener (founder of Walhalla) historic marker.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

\$1,840.00 to be paid out of PRT line item 010-202-30022-00213 to Sewal Studios for creation of this marker.

ATTACHMENTS:

Request letter and proposed wording for historical marker

Submitted or Prepared By:

Phil Shirley, PRT Director
Department Head/Elected Official

Approved for Submittal to Council:

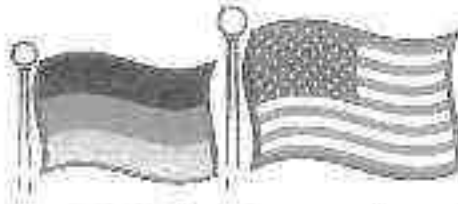

Dale Surratt, County Administrator

Reviewed By/ Initials:

_____ County Attorney

_____ Finance

C: Clerk to Council



The Greater Walhalla German-American Club

c/o 123 S. College St.
Walhalla, SC 29691

**2005 - 2007
Executive Officers**

President
Oly E. Lombard

Vice President
Helen Grewe

Secretary
Tom Newman

Treasurer
N. Kent Todd

July 16, 2007

Mr. Luther Lyle
Oconee Arts and Historical Commission
415 S. Pine St.
Walhalla, SC 29691

Dear Mr. Lyle:

The Greater Walhalla German American Club is very interested in becoming a sponsor for a Gen. John A. Wagener historical marker in Walhalla, SC.

We would like to request funding in the amount of \$1700.00 for this worthwhile project.

\$1700.00

Thank you in advance for considering our organization as a sponsor for this project. We look forward to working with you on this project in the very near future.

Sincerely,

Oly E. Lombard

Oly E. Lombard
President

Gen. John A. Wagener

Founder of Walhalla. Born in Sievern, Kingdom of Hannover, Germany July 21, 1816. He emigrated to Charleston, SC where he became a leader in the German emigrant community. Elected Mayor of Charleston. Organized the German Colonization Society with the purpose of finding a suitable place for German emigrants to settle in upstate South Carolina. During the War Between the States, he served as

Oconee Arts and Historical Commission, and
Greater Walhalla German-American Club
2007

a Colonel in the German Artillery, South Carolina Militia, Confederate States Army, and was later promoted to Brigadier General. Died August 29, 1876 in Walhalla, and was buried in Saint John's Lutheran Church cemetery at his request. His remains were later removed to Bethany Cemetery, Charleston, SC, where a monument was erected to him by the veterans of the German Artillery.

Oconee Arts and Historical Commission, and
Greater Walhalla German-American Club
2007

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY
OCONEE COUNTY, SC

COUNCIL MEETING DATE: October 16, 2007
COUNCIL MEETING TIME: 7:00 PM

ITEM TITLE OR DESCRIPTION:

Arts & Historical grant request from Oconee Arts & Historical Commission for \$1,298.40 for 5000 copies of "A Brief History of Oconee County" brochures. Request approved in Arts & Historical Committee on 10-05-07 by a unanimous vote.

BACKGROUND OR HISTORY:

It is commonly requested for historical information about Oconee County at different venues and events. The Arts & Historical Commission has compiled this information for a brochure to be placed at various venues including Pine Street, Heritage Center, Welcome Centers, etc. Three bids were received for an initial order of 5000 brochures. The low bid of \$1,298.40 is from Global Graphics.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS OR CONCERNS:

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Approval of Arts & Historical Committee grant request of \$1,298.40 for 5000 copies of "A Brief History of Oconee County" brochures.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

\$1,298.40 to be paid out of PRT line item 010-202-30022-00213.

Submitted or Prepared By:

Phil Shirley, PRT Director
Department Head/Elected Official

Approved for Submittal to Council:


Dale Surrency, County Administrator

Reviewed By/ Initials:

_____ County Attorney

_____ Finance

C: Clerk to Council

A brief history of Oconee County South Carolina



This is part of the George Hunter Map of 1730, which was commissioned by the British government to show the location of the Trading Paths, creeks, rivers, and Cherokee villages at that date. The outlined area is what is now Oconee County.



Oconee Arts and Historical Commission
415 South Pine Street
Walhalla, SC 29691

A Brief History of Oconee County

Oconee County, located in the northwest corner of South Carolina on the edge of the Blue Ridge Mountains, takes its name from the Cherokee word "Ae-quo-nee" (Land beside the water)

Oconee was a local Cherokee town that was situated on the main British/Cherokee trading path between Charleston and the Mississippi River in the early 1700's. The name of this little settlement could have ended up being just a footnote in history were it not for the fact that its geographic position later placed it at the intersection of the trading path and the Cherokee treaty boundary of 1777. In 1792, a frontier outpost was built by the South Carolina State Militia near that strategic town site, and was named Oconee Station. Because of the significance of this little Cherokee town in our local history, our county was named for it in 1868.



Native Americans lived here for thousands of years. Their towns were located near water, good hunting grounds and tillable land. Dwellings in the Cherokee towns were houses not unlike the rustic homes of early European settlers. They farmed hundreds of acres of corn in the rich land along the rivers and maintained peach and apple orchards. During Colonial times the Cherokee were allies and trading partners with the British. They had an extensive trading network including the trading path

Travels of William Bartram, 1775

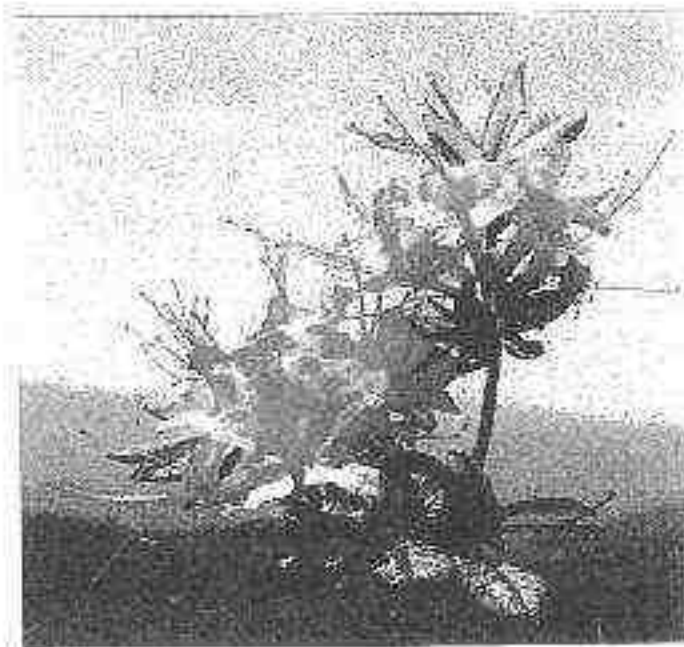
"...I began to ascend the Oconee mountain. On the foot of the hills are ruins of the ancient Oconee town...

My next flight was up a very high peak, to the top of the Oconee mountain, where I rested, and turning about, found that I was now in a very elevated situation, from whence I enjoyed a view inexpressibly magnificent and comprehensive...

My imagination thus wholly engaged in the contemplation of this magnificent landscape, infinitely varied, and without bound, I was almost insensible or regardless of the charming objects more within my reach: a new species of *Rhododendron* foremost in the assembly of mountain beauties (the Oconee Azalea)..."

William Bartram

(American Naturalist who traveled through the upstate of South Carolina in May 1775.)



Oconee Azalea (*Rhododendron Flammeum*)
Adopted as official county shrub by Oconee County Council, July 6 2004. (Photo by Middle Atlantic Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society).

**AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY
OCONEE COUNTY, SC**

COUNCIL MEETING DATE: 10/16/2007
COUNCIL MEETING TIME: 3:00 PM

ITEM TITLE OR DESCRIPTION:

Extending Baker's Waste Bid For Compactor Units and Receiver Boxes from June 7, 2006.

BACKGROUND OR HISTORY:

Currently, the Solid Waste Department has a total of twenty-one (21) Compactor Units at the Manned Convenience Centers. Fourteen (14) compactors are used to compact household garbage and seven (7) are used to compact corrugated cardboard. Of the 21 compactors, 11 are made by Baker's Waste, 9 are made by Accurate, and 1 is made by Bes-Pac. Eight of the nine Accurate compactors are used for household garbage and were all purchased in 1995. These compactors are in a dire need of repair as the hoppers and chambers are rusting out and the hydraulic cylinders are leaking and wearing out. These compactor units and receiver boxes were approved to be replaced in the 07-08 budget.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS OR CONCERNS:

In June 2006, three bids were received in response to our formal advertised invitation to Bid for cardboard compactors, garbage compactors, and receiver boxes for Solid Waste. The low bidder was Baker's Waste Equipment of Greenville, SC. The next bid from RJM Manufacturing was 32% higher for these three items. Baker's Waste Equipment has consistently won the last several bids.

Baker's Waste Equipment is willing to extend the 2006 bid price for this purchase. (See attached letter) In doing so, of the 21 total compactor units, 19 would then be a Baker's Waste compactor. Having 19 of the 21 compactors the same, allows for easier maintenance and stocking of filters, hydraulic fluid and other repair parts. This also allows the receiver boxes to adequately hook up to the compactor units.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends extending the County's bid #05-17 to Baker's Waste Equipment of Greenville, SC. The cost for the garbage compactors and receiver boxes is \$159,493.00.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Funds were approved in the amount of \$166,100.00 (budget code 012-718-50840).

ATTACHMENTS:

1. June 2006 Bid Tabulation Sheet
2. Baker's Waste Extension Letter

Submitted or Prepared by:


Swain T. Still,
Solid Waste Director

Approved By:


Dale Surrett,
Oconee County Administrator

Reviewed By/ Initials:

County Attorney

Finance

 Procurement

C: Clerk to Council



Oconee County
Finance Department



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Director of Administrative
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415 South Pine Street
Walhalla, SC 29691

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Fax: 864.718.1022

E-Mail
PLombard@OconeeSC.com

VERIFICATION OF FUNDS

Date: October 11, 2007

The Finance Department certifies \$166,100.00 funding for the
Garbage Compactor and Containers. This represents the original
budget amount and does not reflect any expenditures or encumbrances.

Account number: 012-718-50840-00000


Phyllis E. Lombard, CGFO or Designee

Designees: Sally Lowery, Fiscal Analyst
Karen Lusk, Accounting Coordinator
Ladale Price, Budget Analyst



BAKERS

WASTE EQUIPMENT INC.

October 10, 2007

Mr. Swain Still
Oconee County Solid Waste
PO Box 1766
Seneca, SC 29679

Dear Swain,

It was a pleasure meeting with you and discussing your requirements in reference to waste compactors in 2007.

Based on your request, Bakers Waste Equipment is prepared to honor the 2006 contract pricing for the B-300 (3 yd) Stationary Compactors and B-40 (40 yd) Receiver Containers for an order to be placed in October 2007. The pricing is based on specifications from your 2006 bid as noted below.

Bakers Waste Equipment is also prepared to further extend (or piggyback) our 2006 contract prices for B-400 (4yd) Stationary Compactors and B-40 (40 yd) Receiver Containers for an order to be placed in October 2007. These prices are also noted below.

B-300 (3 yd) Stationary Compactors (\$11,210 ea)
B-400 (4 yd) Stationary Compactors (\$12,700 ea)
B-40 (40 yd) Receiver Containers (\$5990 ea)
Installation Charges for compactors and receivers (\$480 ea)
Sales tax "to be determined"
Shipping and Handling Charges are included in the prices.
Delivery: approx 3-4 weeks

We certainly do appreciate the opportunity to extend our business relationship now and in the near future.

Sincerely,



Chris Burns
BWE, Inc. Director of Sales & Marketing

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY
OCONEE COUNTY, SC

COUNCIL MEETING DATE: 10/16/2007
COUNCIL MEETING TIME: 3:00 PM

ITEM TITLE OR DESCRIPTION:

Replacing Landfill Track Loader

BACKGROUND OR HISTORY:

The current CAT 973 Track Loader was purchased in 1993 and has 10,662 hours on it. The 973 loader has a 230 hp engine with a 5 cubic yard bucket and has an operating weight of approximately 59,500 lbs. The 973 Track Loader is a critical piece of equipment primarily used in the Seneca Construction & Demolition Landfill to move and compact waste and to transport, spread, compact, and track-in soil. The larger bucket capacity cuts down on operating time and cost. The weight provides for excellent soil compaction, which provides longer life to the landfill. Due to the amount of hours on the loader, the repair costs have escalated over the last few years. The wear and tear on the machine has drastically reduced the loaders capabilities. The track loader is used to spread soil cover as required by state regulations and to help handle the large volume of daily waste. When the loader is not operable and is down for long periods of repair time, the Solid Waste Department is put under hardship since there is no back-up loader available.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS OR CONCERNS:

Upon reviewing companies such as John Deere, Liebherr, and Caterpillar, the Solid Waste and Procurement departments determined Caterpillar makes the only track/crawler loader comparable in size, weight, and horsepower with the current landfill loader. Both Liebherr and John Deere's largest track loaders are only 180 hp with a max bucket capacity of 3.2 cubic yards and an operating weight between 45,000-48,000 lbs. This is comparable to the CAT 963 which is a size smaller than the current landfill loader which is a CAT 973.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Ratify and confirm the staff's and County Administrator's decision to declare this procurement a sole source purchase to replace the current landfill track loader with another CAT 973 at the price of \$429,151.00.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Funds in the amount of \$465,000.00 were approved in the current budget (budget code 012-718-50840).

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Tabulation Sheet Blanchard Machinery
2. Justification for Sole Sourcing the CAT 973-C WHA
3. Exhibit I-A
4. Exhibit I-B

Submitted or Prepared by:

Swain T. Still
Swain T. Still,
Solid Waste Director

Approved By:

Dale Surrent
Dale Surrent,
Oconee County Administrator

Reviewed By/ Initials:

_____ County Attorney

_____ Finance

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Procurement

C/ Clerk to Council



Oconee County
Finance Department



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415 South Pine Street
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Flombard@OconeeSC.com

VERIFICATION OF FUNDS

Date: October 11, 2007

The Finance Department certifies \$465,000.00 funding for the Landfill
Track Loader. This represents the original budget amount and
does not reflect any expenditures or encumbrances.

Account number: 012-718-50840-00000


Phyllis E. Lombard, CGFO or Designee

Designees: Sally Lowery, Fiscal Analyst
Karen Lusk, Accounting Coordinator
Ladale Price, Budget Analyst



Justification for Sole Sourcing the CAT 973-C WHA

The Solid Waste Department is currently trying to replace the 1993 CAT 973 used in the landfill. When information was gathered to organize a bid package, the Solid Waste and Procurement Departments determined that only Caterpillar manufactures a machine in the same weight, size, and power class as the current landfill loader. The following will provide justification for sole sourcing the landfill loader, as well as justifying not downsizing to the next series of machines.

The following table shows the difference in weight, horsepower and bucket size.

	Cat 973-C WHA	Liebherr LR632B	John Deere 755 D	Cat 963-D
Horsepower	239	180	177	189
Operating Weight (lbs)	62,900.00	48,800.00	46,300.00	45,200.00
Bucket Size (cu yd)	6.0	3.25	3.14	3.2
Horsepower Difference (%)	0.0	-32.8	-35.0	-26.5
Oper. Weight Difference (%)	0.0	-28.9	-35.9	-39.2
Bucket Size Difference (%)	0.0	-84.6	-91.1	-87.5

The C&D landfill has to be covered monthly per SC DHEC regulations. Regulations require all waste to be covered with a uniform cover of at least 6 inches. In order to obtain the required minimum of 6 inches, 12-16 inches of soil has to be used to fill in voids and around waste of unique shapes and sizes that are not easily compactable (i.e. stumps, concrete slabs, mattresses, etc). The coverage area each month is approximately two (2) acres in size. Exhibit I-A shows how many trips a loader would need to make in order to cover the area described with a specific size bucket. Once the number of trips has been determined, the yearly amount of hours to cover is calculated with a fuel cost and service cost for each loader. The following table shows the results:

	Yearly Cover Time (hrs)	Fuel Consumed (gal)	Fuel Cost (\$2.70/gal)	Yearly Service Cost	Total Yearly Service and Fuel Cost
Cat 973-C WHA	366.8	3228.0	\$8,715.60	\$293.45	\$9,009.05
Liebherr LR632B	677.0	4400.8	\$11,882.15	\$541.64	\$12,423.78
John Deere 755 D	700.9	4555.9	\$12,300.95	\$560.73	\$12,861.68
Cat 963-D	687.3	4467.3	\$12,061.64	\$549.82	\$12,611.45

The landfill operator tracks and compacts the soil during the covering process. As the cover is being put in place, the soil needs to be compacted as tight as possible so it cannot be easily blown or washed away. Soil is usually compacted in lifts of no more than 6 inches in order to obtain the best compaction. The weight of the machine determines how well the soil is compacted during the covering process. The percent difference in a machines weight directly correlates to the percent difference in compaction. The landfills waste and soil need to be compacted in a way to get as much material in the set air space as possible. Exhibit I-B shows

the calculations of space lost due to the difference in machine weight. On average, one cubic yard of non-compacted waste weighs approximately 600 pounds or 0.3 tons. However, one cubic yard of compacted waste weighs approximately 1500 pounds or 0.75 tons. One acre* ft of airspace can hold 1613 cubic yards of material. When compacted, one acre* ft of airspace can hold approximately 1209 tons of waste. At the current price of \$25 per ton, the value of one acre* ft of airspace is \$30,243. The following table shows the amount loss per machine:

	Cat 973-C WHA	Liebherr LR632B	John Deere 755 D	Cat 963-D
Operating Weight	62,900	48,800	46,300	45,128
Percent Difference	0	28.9	35.9	39.4
Compacting 6 inches	6	4.3	3.8	3.7
Compaction Difference (in)	0	1.7	2.2	2.3
Difference in Feet (ft)	0	0.1	0.2	0.2
Loss of Air Space Due to Less Compacted Soil Over 12 Months (ft)	0	1.7	2.2	2.3
Cost of Loss Space per Year	\$0.00	\$52,624.13	\$65,326.50	\$70,770.38

The initial budget cost of each machine is listed in the following table:

Cat 973-C WHA	Liebherr LR632B	John Deere 755 D	Cat 963-D
\$425,000.00	\$265,000.00	\$250,000.00	\$270,000.00

After all issues were considered, a ten year annualized cost was determined for each machine. The following table has the summation of the cost:

	Ten Year Annualized Cost			
	Cat 973-C WHA	Liebherr LR632B	John Deere 755 D	Cat 963-D
Initial Machine Cost Annualized	\$42,500.00	\$26,500.00	\$25,000.00	\$28,500.00
Fuel and Service Cost Per Year	\$9,009.05	\$12,423.78	\$12,861.68	\$12,611.45
Value of Space	\$0.00	\$52,624.13	\$65,326.50	\$70,770.38
Total Annualized Cost Per Year	\$51,509.05	\$91,547.91	\$103,188.18	\$111,881.83

SUMMARY

Based upon the above facts and calculations, the **CAT 973-C WHA** would cost nearly 77% less, have 31 % more horsepower, 35 % better compaction, 87% larger bucket, and be used nearly 84 % less than by going with a track loader in the next size smaller series.

Exhibit I-B: Calculation of Compaction Loss and Value of Airspace

	Cat 973-C WHA	Liebherr LR632B	John Deere 755 D	Cat 963-D
Operating Weight	62,900.00	48,800.00	46,300.00	45,128.00
Percent Difference	0	29	36	39
Loss Compacting 6 inches	6	4.26	3.84	3.66
Compaction Difference (in)	0	1.74	2.16	2.34
Difference in Feet (ft)	0.00	0.15	0.18	0.20
Difference over 12 Months (ft)	0	1.74	2.16	2.34

Cubic Yards Per One Acre Foot	1613	
Avg Weight of Garbage Per Cubic Yard Non-Compacted (lbs)	600	
Avg Weight of Garbage Per Cubic Yard Non-Compacted (tons)	0.3	
Avg Weight of Garbage Per Cubic Yard After-Compaction (lbs)	1500	
Avg Weight of Garbage Per Cubic Yard After-Compaction (tons)	0.75	
		Value @ \$25.00/Ton
Total Tons Per One Acre Foot Non-Compacted	483.9	\$12,097.50
Total Tons Per One Acre Foot After-Compaction	1209.8	\$30,243.75

	Cat 973-C WHA	Liebherr LR632B	John Deere 755 D	Cat 963-D
Loss of Air Space Due to Less Compacted Soil	0	1.74	2.16	2.34
Value of Loss Space per Year	\$0.00	\$52,624.13	\$65,326.50	\$70,770.38

Exhibit I-A: Yearly Service and Fuel Cost Based Bucket Size and Number of Trips

Soil Needed To Cover To Get Required Binches (cubic 2.0 Acre	12 inches	3227
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2 acres (sq ft)	Average Trip Length (ft)
87120	800

Number of Trips With Various Size Buckets						
Cubic Yards	3.14	3.2	3.25	4	5	6
3227	1028	1008	993	807	645	538

Cat 973-C WHA	Liebherr LR632B	John Deere 755 D	Cat 963-D
6 (cu yd)	3.25(cu yd)	3.14 (cu yd)	3.2 (cu yd)

	Trips Per Month	Trip Length Per Month (ft)	Total Miles Per Month	Avg MPH	Monthly Cover Time	Yearly Cover Time	Fuel Consumed	Fuel Cost (\$2.70)
Cat 973-C WHA	538	484200	91.70	3.00	30.57	366.8	3228.0	\$8,715.60
Liebherr LR632B	993	893700	169.26	3.00	56.42	677.0	4400.8	\$11,882.15
John Deere 755 D	1028	925200	175.23	3.00	58.41	700.9	4555.0	\$12,300.95
Cat 963-D	1008	907200	171.82	3.00	57.27	687.3	4487.3	\$12,061.64

Service Time	No. Services Per Year	Approx. Service Cost	Yearly Service Cost	Total Yearly Service and Fuel Cost
Cat 973-C WHA	2.50	\$200	\$283.45	\$9,009.05
Liebherr LR632B	2.50	\$200	\$541.64	\$12,423.78
John Deere 755 D	2.50	\$200	\$560.73	\$12,861.68
Cat 963-D	2.50	\$200	\$548.82	\$12,611.45

10/11/07
Oconee County
Walhalla, S.C.
Attn: Swain Still

Dear Swain,

Blanchard Machinery Co. is pleased to quote you the following Caterpillar Equipment for Budgetary Purposes.

1- 973C Track Loader w/ Cab & A/C, 6.2 cu.yd. General Purpose Landfill Bucket,	\$348,681.00
Waste Disposal Arrangement	\$ 12,768.00
Final Drive Abrasion Guards	\$ 2,893.00
Heavy Duty Bumper Guard	\$ 3,172.00
Perforated Engine Doors	\$ 517.00
Track Roller Guards	\$ 2,695.00
Windshield Screen	\$ 1,625.00
26.6" Single Grouser Shoes	\$ 7,570.00
Tilt Cylinder Guard	\$ 2,186.00
Rear Striker Bars	\$ 2,032.00
Landfill Precleaner	\$ 1,067.00
Operator, Parts & Service Manuals	\$ 824.00
Emergency Shutoff & Fire Suppression System (Installed)	\$ 9,247.00
Product Link	\$ 2,257.00
5 yr./5,000 Premier ESC Warranty to include Travel Time & Mileage up to 12 mos.	\$ 7,325.00
Total	\$404,859.00

These prices do not include S.C. Sales Taxes.

Thank you for the opportunity to quote you on your equipment needs. If I can be of any further help, please call me at (864)304-6746.

Sincerely,


Barry Sullivan

**AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY
OCONEE COUNTY, SC**

COUNCIL MEETING DATE: October 16, 2007

COUNCIL MEETING TIME: 3 pm

ITEM TITLE OR DESCRIPTION:

County Participation in Local Update of Census Addresses (LUCA) Program

BACKGROUND OR HISTORY:

Federal law provides an opportunity for local governments to review addresses within their jurisdiction prior to the Census Bureau actively canvassing the area in the upcoming 2010 Census. The voluntary 2-year program provides local governments a chance to check the Census Bureau's records for missing addresses, thereby ensuring the most accurate count possible. Although the Census Bureau uses sophisticated methods to maintain a comprehensive address list, they occasionally 'miss' addresses- among the more problematic cases include 'unofficial' subdivisions, improperly documented construction, and multiple households sharing a single address. LUCA allows input from those who know the area best to help in establishing an accurate count, thereby maximizing the benefits of the census- as a number of federal and state funding programs utilize census numbers in determining need, a low census count may negatively impact a county's funding for a number of projects.

Several different levels of participation are available to us under LUCA:

- Option 1- allows counties 120 days to review and amend the existing Census Bureau address list, and to initiate challenges to information collected by canvassers during the next phase of the program; allows counties to prioritize review areas within the jurisdiction
- Option 2- allows counties to submit their complete address list without reviewing the Census Bureau's list, and initiate challenges to information collected by canvassers during the next phase of the program
- Option 3- allows counties to submit their address list, but does not allow any challenges to Census Bureau records

The staff feels that **Option 1** will be the best for Oconee County. Because we possess no complete address list, we will be able to focus initially on those areas of the county which have seen the most growth- in the event the entire county has not been completely reviewed by the deadline, we can still challenge any questionable parts of the Census Bureau's address list during the next phase of the program. The deadline for submitting the application packet is November 19, 2007.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS OR CONCERNS:

While the work necessary to complete the LUCA Program will not be highly technical, it will require attention to detail and focus, and should be a project assigned to a single individual to avoid confusion and omissions. Given current workload of existing staff, the best approach lies in employing a temporary worker possessing basic computer skills. Although many jurisdictions will utilize their GIS software, the Census Bureau will provide us with free specialized easy to use software, which will make it significantly

easier to find someone qualified to do the job. Also, it should be noted that all Census Bureau information is covered by Title 13 privacy standards, which means that the project will be subject to a number of confidentiality rules. Among the most significant of these will be the dedication of a "stand-alone" computer to process the information, and a secure and relatively private office setting. As federal law requires that any data provided by the Census Bureau (as well as all copies we make) *must* be destroyed at the end of the project, the network backup system will not work. Therefore, we recommend that daily backups of the information be made on an external hard drive, and the device be stored in a separate, secure location when not in use.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Oconee County's participation in Option 1 of the LUCA Program, and the employment of a temporary employee dedicated to the project.


FINANCIAL IMPACT:

A temporary employee can be hired through a staffing company for approximately \$12/hour; as the review period is limited to 120 days, the total anticipated cost for the initial phase would be \$10,800; in the event a surplus computer and external hard drive are not available, one 2GB computer can be purchased for approximately \$1,700, and one external hard drive can be purchased for approximately \$200.

ATTACHMENTS:


Census Bureau Informational Sheets.

Submitted or Prepared by:



(Department Head/Elected Official)

Approved By:



Dale Surrent,
Oconee County Administrator

Reviewed By/ Initials:

_____ County Attorney _____ Finance _____ Other
C: Clerk to Council

LUCA is a Key Component
to a Complete and Accurate
Count for Census 2010



What is LUCA?



The Local Update of Census Addresses program, also known as LUCA, is a census geographic partnership program that will allow the U.S. Census Bureau to benefit from local knowledge in developing its Master Address File for the 2010 Census. Tribal, state, and local governments can contribute to a complete enumeration of their community by reviewing and commenting on the list of housing units and group quarters addresses that the Census Bureau will use to deliver census questionnaires within their community in the spring of 2010.

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Why is an accurate enumeration important to your community?

Census data are used to allocate federal monies to state and local governments. Significant amounts of state-generated funds are distributed on the basis of population data. Census data support grant applications that fund community, social, economic, and environmental programs and other needed improvements and enhancements. Census data also help communities plan for future needs.

Why is an accurate enumeration important to your state?

Census 2010 data is used to define state legislative districts.

Why is an accurate enumeration important to the United States?

Census 2010 data is used to apportion seats in the U.S. House of Representatives.

For more information visit the Census Bureau's LUCA website at:

<http://www.census.gov/gen/www/luca2010/luca.html>

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Will Your Community Be Ready for the 2010 Census Local Update of Census Addresses (LUCA) Program?

2010 Census LUCA Program

Reissued
June 2007

The Local Update of Census Addresses Program, also known as LUCA, is a decennial census geographic partnership program that will allow the U.S. Census Bureau to benefit from local knowledge in developing its Master Address File for the 2010 Decennial Census and for subsequent use for yearly ongoing household surveys. Tribal, state, and local governments can contribute to a complete enumeration of their communities by reviewing and updating the list of housing units and group quarters addresses that the Census Bureau will use to deliver 2010 Decennial Census questionnaires within their communities.

Why is the LUCA Program important to your community?

An accurate population count starts with an up-to-date and accurate address list. Having a housing unit or group quarters address listed on the Master Address File ensures that the people residing at the address will be enumerated. A February 2003 Government Accountability Office report indicated that in fiscal year 2000, about \$283 billion in federal grant money was distributed to state and local governments by formula; states received their share of this money based in part on factors such as annual population estimates derived from the 1990 decennial census. When the population estimates were updated to reflect the 2000 census results, an additional \$388 million in federal grant funding went predominately to the 23 states that had above-average estimate revisions. Clearly the stakes are high and a complete count is vital to cities and towns nationwide.

How is the LUCA Program administered?

The LUCA Program is made possible by the Census Address List Improvement Act of 1994 (Public Law 103-430) which provides an opportunity for designated representatives of tribal, state, and local governments to review the addresses contained on the census address list. The program operates as follows:

- Each invited government designates a LUCA liaison to review the portion of the census address list covering the area under its jurisdiction. The LUCA liaison will be subject to the same confidentiality requirements as census workers, which prohibits the disclosure of census information. The address list is confidential under Title 13 of the U. S. Code and participants must review a set of security guidelines and sign a confidentiality agreement promising to protect the confidentiality of the addresses.
- The Census Bureau will send the LUCA liaison an address list from the Master Address File, corresponding maps, and the address count list.
- In areas with city-style addresses, the LUCA liaison can update individual addresses on the list, as well as add addresses missing from the list. The Census Bureau will verify the updates during the Address Canvassing Operation and provide feedback to the participants about the results.

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- In areas with non-city-style addresses (e.g., rural route and box number or post office box numbers), the LUCA liaisons can challenge the count of housing unit and group quarters addresses.
- The Census Bureau will visit each census block during the Address Canvassing Operation and update the census address list. The Census Bureau will provide the LUCA participants with an updated address list and maps during the feedback phase.
- Public Law 103-430 allows LUCA participants to appeal final Census Bureau decisions. All appeals must be adjudicated prior to Census Day to ensure that the housing unit is visited during the enumeration phase. An agency independent of the Census Bureau will review and decide on all appeals prior to Census Day, April 1, 2010.

How has the LUCA Program changed from Census 2000?

The Census Bureau is making a number of improvements to the 2010 LUCA Program:

- There will be a single review cycle for all address types.
- There will be a longer review period: 120 calendar days.
- There will be more advance notice so that participating governments can prepare.
- There will be more comprehensive program communications, as well as periodic contact to answer questions and gauge each participating government's progress.
- There will be three options for participation.
- Participating governments will be offered the option of using the Census Bureau supplied MAF/TIGER® Partnership Software application that combines the census address list, address count list, and maps in a software package.

What is the LUCA Program schedule?

Time Frame	Activity
January 2007 to February 2007	LUCA advance notice letters were mailed to the highest elected official and other contacts in eligible, active, functioning governments.
August 2007	LUCA invitation letters and registration materials mailed to the highest elected official and other contacts in eligible, active, functioning governments.
August 2007 to January 2008	Invited governments register for LUCA and the Census Bureau ships the LUCA review materials to each participating government.
September 2007 to March 2008	LUCA participants review and update the address list and return their comments to the Census Bureau's Regional Office within 120 days of receipt of materials.
October 2007 to October 2008	Census Bureau reviews the participants' LUCA submissions and updates the Master Address File/TIGER® system.
November 2008 to June 2009	Census Bureau prepares for and conducts the Address Canvassing Operation using GPS equipped hand held computers.
August 2009 to October 2009	Census Bureau sends feedback materials to the LUCA participants showing how we processed each government's LUCA submissions.
September 2009 to December 2009	LUCA participants review their LUCA feedback and have the opportunity to appeal the results to the LUCA Appeals Office.
September 2009 to January 2010	LUCA Appeals Office reviews and adjudicates appeals.

What are the LUCA participation options?

There are three LUCA participation options for a government to choose from depending on factors such as the type of addressing within their government, access to an address list, willingness to sign a Title 13 confidentiality agreement, as well as their level of resources for conducting the review.

Option 1—Full Address List Review (Title 13 option)

This option requires a Title 13 confidentiality agreement and allows the participating government to update city style addresses on the census address list and provide any city-style addresses that are missing from the list.

City-style addresses are those used for mailing or E-911 in a house number and street name format. In census blocks within a jurisdiction that contain non-city-style addresses (P.O. Box, RR and Box) the LUCA participant may challenge the count of addresses in each census block. After the Address Canvassing Operation validates the address changes, the participant will receive feedback on their submission and may appeal the results to an independent LUCA appeals office that will adjudicate the differences.

Option 2—Local Address List Submission (Title 13 option)

This option may be selected by governments that have city-style addressing (mailing or E-911) but do not wish to update the Census Bureau's address list. The participating government submits its list of city-style addresses assigned to the census blocks within its jurisdiction in a Census Bureau predefined format. The Census Bureau will provide Option 2 participants with the census address list and maps as a reference, which is why a Title 13 confidentiality agreement is required. After the Address Canvassing Operation validates the participant's address list submission, the participant will receive feedback on each address submitted to the Census Bureau. If the participant does not agree with the Census Bureau's decision, the government may appeal the results to an independent LUCA appeals office that will adjudicate the differences.

Option 3—Local Address List Submission (Non-Title 13 option)

This option may be selected by governments that have city-style addressing (mailing or E-911) but do not wish to update the Census Bureau's address list and do not wish to sign a confidentiality agreement, or cannot meet the Census Bureau's security guidelines for protecting Title 13 information. This option allows the participating government to help improve the census address list by submitting its city-style addresses coded to the census blocks within its jurisdiction. The Census Bureau will provide Option 3 participants with maps and counts of addresses for each census block within its jurisdiction. After the Address Canvassing Operation validates the participant's submission, the participant will receive updated maps and counts of addresses by census block. The results under Option 3 cannot be appealed since the participant will not be able to tell the independent appeals office which addresses are missing from the census address list.

What type of LUCA review materials will I receive?

Census Address List and Address Count List

The census address list and address count list will be offered in paper and computer-readable formats. The paper media option will be available for governments with 5,000 or fewer addresses (approximately 1,000 printed pages). The computer-readable lists are in ASCII pipe delimited (|) text file format which are easily opened using most common spreadsheet and database software applications.

Census Maps from the MAF/TIGER® Database

The LUCA program maps will be offered in printed map sheet format or the participant may select the spatial data from TIGER® (the Census Bureau's Topologically Integrated Geographic Encoding and Referencing system) in shapefile format that requires a Geographic Information System (GIS) software application to view and update the file. LUCA participants using their own GIS software must use the Census Bureau provided shapefiles and return their map feature updates in the specified shapefile format.

Census Bureau's MAF/TIGER® Partnership Software

Participating governments may also use a Census Bureau supplied software application to update both the census address list and maps. The MAF/TIGER® Partnership Software (MTPS) is a tailored GIS application that combines both the census address list and digital maps into one application that participants use to do their address and map updates. The MTPS gives LUCA participants the ability to open their local address list in a non-editable view table. All address and map updates done with the MTPS will meet the Census Bureau's formatting requirements. This software is appropriate for any level of government that does not already have its own GIS software and only requires a Windows 98® or newer operating system (excluding Microsoft Windows Vista™).

How does LUCA integrate with other Census Bureau programs?

One benefit of participation in the 2010 Decennial Census LUCA program is that participating governments will be able to use their LUCA maps to provide updates to their legal boundaries. This means that if your government registers for the LUCA Program by October 31, 2007, the Census Bureau will not send you a separate 2008 Boundary and Annexation Survey (BAS) package in January 2008. The Census Bureau conducts a BAS annually to collect information about selected legally defined geographic areas. The BAS is used to update information about the legal boundaries and names of all governmental units in the United States. The Census Bureau uses the boundary information collected in the BAS to tabulate data from various programs and surveys, such as the Population Estimates Program and the American Community Survey. The boundaries are also provided to other federal agencies in accordance with Office of Management and Budget Circular A-16 and Executive Order 12906.

Yearly Boundary and Annexation Survey Schedule:

- September—the BAS contact is sent a prenotification letter (by fax/e-mail/mail) for the upcoming survey, asking if he or she will have changes to report as of January 1.
- January—BAS package mailed out.
- March–April—State Data Center staff conducts telephone follow-up.
- BAS packages received by April 1 will be included in the Population Estimates Program for estimates released the following calendar year.
- June 30—packages received will be included in the next BAS year materials.

Population Estimates Program

The Population Estimates Program publishes total resident population estimates and demographic components of change (births, deaths, and migration) each year. It also publishes the estimates by demographic characteristics (age, sex, race, and Hispanic origin) for the nation, states, and counties. In addition to the resident population universe, it also produces population estimates for these universes; resident plus armed forces overseas; civilian, and civilian noninstitutional at the national level; and civilian at the state level. The reference date for estimates is July 1 of each year.

American Community Survey

The American Community Survey (ACS) is a new nationwide survey designed to provide communities a fresh look at how they are changing. The ACS is conducted instead of administering the long form in future censuses and is a critical element in the Census Bureau's reengineered 2010 Decennial Census plan. The ACS will enhance your ability to serve your constituents by providing you with more timely information about your community. Data from this survey is released every year. Armed with more accurate and timely data, you will be able to make better informed decisions by having up-to-date information regarding your community, its people, and its resources. The Census Bureau selects a random sample from its file of housing unit addresses. An address has about 1 chance in 480 of being selected in any month. No address will be selected more often than once every five years.

Both the Population Estimates Program and the American Community Survey use the legal boundaries in existence for each jurisdiction on January 1 of each year. These boundaries are collected through the BAS, and all addresses geographically coded to the streets and roads within your jurisdiction become part of the sampling frame for the American Community Survey as well as part of the base used to calculate your population estimates. Therefore, participation in the LUCA Program and the BAS helps to ensure your community has good coverage—which contributes to good population estimates.

How do I find out more about LUCA and the other programs discussed?

Visit us at www.census.gov to reach the Census Bureau's home page.

To find out more about the LUCA Program, click on [Geography](#) then [Geographic Programs](#) or type in the URL www.census.gov/geo/www/programs.html. You may also send your questions regarding the LUCA Program to the following e-mail address: luca@geo.census.gov.

To find out more about the BAS, click on [Geography](#) then [Geographic Programs](#) or type in the URL www.census.gov/geo/www/programs.html or contact us at CEO.BAS@census.gov.

To find out more about the Population Estimates Program and the American Community Survey, visit us at www.census.gov and click on links to the [Estimates](#) page and the [American Community Survey](#) page adjacent to [People & Households](#) near the top of the home page.

To find the local Census Bureau Regional Office that serves your community, visit us at www.census.gov and click on [Regional Offices](#) along the left side of the screen. Then click your state on the map to get to the regional office that serves your state.

For questions on **General Census Geography**, contact geography@geo.census.gov.

Peggy Westmoreland

From: BMSgtRod@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, October 10, 2007 7:59 PM
To: Peggy Westmoreland
Subject: I'd like to know?

Hey Ms. Westmoreland,

I'd like to know just what kind of government office you folks are running there?

Friendly, courteous and fast service! Employees that smile and are so helpful!

Sheesh! You're going to give government operations a bad name!!

Just a note to thank you very much. My wife gave 24/7 care to her Mother starting in February of 2006, until her passing from cancer later in August of that same year. Her will finally came out of probate in June, and we are still to this date having a heck of a time getting all the loose ends tied up. I can foresee it being this time next year before all is said and done. It has taken somewhat of a toll on her and her sisters.

So it is very refreshing to have the kind of experience we did at your office earlier today. On behalf of my wife and I, I want to thank each and every one of you, as I know that even if you didn't personally assist or speak to us, it takes every one there to make this kind of experience happen.

SMSgt Rod & April Bentham
(USAF Retired)

God bless our troops and my son Tsgt Michael (USAF Active Duty)

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October 10, 2007

Mr. Ron Rabun
County Administrator
County of Oconee
415 South Pine Street
Wahalla, SC 29689

Dear Mr. Rabun:

Effective October 31, 2007, we will be adding several new networks – A&E HD, The History Channel HD, and GolfVersus HD to our High-Definition Tier, which already includes ESPN HD, ESPN2 HD, Discovery HD, TNT HD, Universal HD, HDNet, HDNet Movies, and MHD. The rate for the HD Tier will remain unchanged while we continue to add programming value.

Also on October 31, concurrent with the HD additions, some channels currently on Expanded Basic Service will move to Charter's Digital Service. This is necessary to provide bandwidth (space) to add new HD channels and to further prepare for the eventual conversion to an all-digital viewing environment in 2009.

High Definition Channels		
735	MHD	Hi Def Tier
736	Sat 2 HD	Hi Def Premium*
770	HDNET	Hi Def Tier
771	HDNet Movies	Hi Def Tier
772	TNT HD	Hi Def Tier
773	ESPN	Hi Def Tier
774	Universal HD	Hi Def Tier
775	Discovery HD (Future)	Hi Def Tier
776	ESPN2	Hi Def Tier
777	HDNet/ESPN Base	Hi Def Premium*
778	Discovery HD TV Base	Hi Def Premium*
779	ESPN HD TV Base	Hi Def Premium*
784	GolfVersus HD	Hi Def Tier New
785	A&E HD	Hi Def Tier New
788	The History Channel HD	Hi Def Tier New

Digital Channel Changes		
Channel	New Channel Number	Tier
Telemundo	60	Expanded Basic** - New
Q1	81	Expanded Basic**
Fox Business Network	108	Digital View - New
Q3	129	Digital View

** Must have a digital converter box in view.

* Not applicable to HDG, Comcast, Spectrum, and other services.
View us View.

Please don't hesitate to call me if I can respond to any questions or concerns you may have.

Sincerely,

James E. Corrin, Jr.
Director of Government Relations