



# PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION SIGN IN SHEET

OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, April 21, 2009

7:00 PM

Oconee County Administrative Offices  
415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC

Limited to forty [40] minutes, four [4] minutes per person.  
Comments MUST be related to a specific agenda item  
slated for action at the meeting.

PLEASE PRINT

|    | FULL NAME          | AGENDA ITEM FOR DISCUSSION  |
|----|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1  | X Genene Blanchard | 7                           |
| 2  | X Dick Hughes      | 7                           |
| 3  | X Perry Nichols    | Budget / Vehicle Fee / ATAX |
| 4  |                    |                             |
| 5  |                    |                             |
| 6  |                    |                             |
| 7  |                    |                             |
| 8  |                    |                             |
| 9  |                    |                             |
| 10 |                    |                             |
| 11 |                    |                             |
| 12 |                    |                             |
| 13 |                    |                             |
| 14 |                    |                             |
| 15 |                    |                             |

4/21/09

received  
4/23/09

To: Beth Hulse  
From: George Cleveland  
Date: April 23, 2009  
Re: Request for letter to be put with minutes.

Hi Mrs. Hulse George here, If you could include my letter into the minutes of the Oconee County Council meeting of April 21, 2009 please. Thanks for your time.

George Cleveland  
864-356-2181

County Council Meeting April 21, 2009

The statements by a selected few regarding station 21 it's staff and Chief Burdette. In my opinion is a repugnant disregard to their clear objective. Protecting, assisting, providing, Conducting, training, responding. I must say this selected few of indivisibles do not speak for the rest of this county regarding fire protection. I must say that all the charges that are directed at Chief Burdette are politically degrading. To make accusations against a department or a employee within side that department. Or to have a preempted political agenda is a illicit way to one objective. Case in point.

January 09, 2009 Wayne Mc Call stated that volunteers are the backbone of fire protection. Also was stated station 21 has to go that is such a waste. That is coming from people who voted me in. fire chiefs, it's jut not working. Where are the facts?

You also stated that wear & tear on fire fighting vehicles, As well as gas consumption, what about liability. Every time a fire truck, emergency personal, law enforcement personnel get behind the wheel of a vehicle that is a liability. Fm sure that is in the minds of every drives mind.. That reason has no merit

February 27, 2009

Mc call stated he had a very positive discussion with the City Of Seneca fire chief Shane Phillip, While not having read the document, said 2009 and beyond might see the county rely more heavily on volunteer firefight efforts. Emergence Services Assessment report.

Why not read the document first and also meeting with Chief Burdette as well. You cannot make decisions based upon one sided views, you must look at both parts of views.

March 12, 2009

Fire Chief Travis Nix of Corinth Shiloh volunteer stations are getting the shaft. Because they were issued new air packs and had to turn the used air pack into Chief Burdette, That is no reason to plot to get rid of a department. Because a request was made to turn in old equipment for new. In my opinion a selected few of Volunteer fire chiefs and Councilman Mc Call are spearheading the elimination of Station 21 based upon personal issue. Instead of working together for the good & protection of the people. This selected group is working against team work.

March 13, 2009

Mc Call stated that one of my main goals is to abolish emergency service and see Rodney Burdette to the unemployment line. That was a quote that allegedly came out of your mouth. I have no idea if it is true. However if its true that is a violation of state ethics law. So I will ask the ethic commission to look into this incident. Therefore your vote to eliminate station 21 will be tainted until their investigation is complete. All I can say is if the person that made the allegation against telling the truth . And criminal charges are brought upon you district 2 will have to find another Council member to represent them

When I think someone is getting treated unfairly, I put myself into the middle. We all have equal rights and everyone must be treated fairly. I met with Chief Burdette Monday morning to talk about his department. I called his office & scheduled to meet with him. If anyone in this room want to talk with Chief Burdette, Make a appointment, be respectful. I sure some other Chief in this area wanted Chief Burdette job. However he was hired, move on, county council gave hi the power he has, he should be respected along with all the volunteer firefighters include all chiefs. In my opinion Station 21 is very effective. However they must have the funding and a since of direction to continue to succeed. I will not sit back & let a selected few bully a department. A department that in charge of helping & saving people lives be left with no voice. Because in my opinion station 21 along with Chief Burdette has not been at the negation table. Chief Burette has quotes all over his white board one in particular stuck out.

Coming together is a beginning  
Keeping together is progress  
Working together is success.

That quote cannot be so true.

I urge you Wayne Mc Call to step aside pending a full review of your conduct by the SC ethic commission.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF OCONEE  
**ORDINANCE 2009-010**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 32-4 OF THE OCONEE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES PERTAINING TO THE OCONEE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION, IN CERTAIN LIMITED REGARDS AND PARTICULARS, ONLY, AS TO MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS, TERMS OF MEMBERS, PROCEDURES FOR REMOVAL OF MEMBERS, AND SALARIES AND FUNDING STANDARDS; AND TO RATIFY AND AFFIRM ALL OTHER PROVISIONS OF SUCH SECTION 32-4 NOT AMENDED OR MODIFIED HEREBY; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the requirements established in Title 6, Chapter 29 (the "Act") of the South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, as amended (the "Code"), the Oconee County Council (the "County Council") adopted an Ordinance creating the Oconee County Planning Commission (Ordinance 95-2) on April 4, 1995 (the "Ordinance") and later proposed to amend the Ordinance by Oconee County Ordinance 1999-14 (the "Amending Ordinance"), all of which is currently codified at Section 32-4 (the "Section") of the Oconee County Code of Ordinances (the "Oconee County Code"); and,

**WHEREAS**, the adoption of the Section not only created the Oconee County Planning Commission, but defined the duties and authorities identified in state law as appropriate and necessary for a local planning commission to act in an advisory capacity for the governing body, as well as carrying out certain land use and planning-related functions; and,

**WHEREAS**, subsequent to adoption of Ordinance 95-2, Oconee County changed from a Council-Supervisor form of government to a Council-Administrator form of government, resulting in certain inconsistencies and ambiguities in some sections of the adopted Ordinance, and even the Section, necessitating review and amendment to clarify and ensure that responsible individuals, entities, duties, powers, and offices are properly identified; and,

**WHEREAS**, reappointments of the membership of the Oconee County Planning Commission (the "Planning Commission") have, at times in the past, been accomplished so as to alter the system of staggered terms originally established, thereby resulting in a majority of the commissioners' terms ending at the same time, which may unintentionally result in lessening the Planning Commission's collective experience and institutional knowledge; and,

**WHEREAS**, County Council approved an increase in Planning Commission members' compensation under a separate document on June 30, 2003; and,

**WHEREAS**, Oconee County, a body politic and corporate and a political subdivision of the State of South Carolina, acting by and through its County Council, desires to restate and reaffirm the Section, so as to clear up all ambiguities, reestablish fully staggered terms, provide for removal and replacement of members, provide for salaries and funding of the Planning Commission, and address other matters related thereto and to the Act.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, it is hereby ordained by Oconee County Council, in meeting duly assembled, that

1. Section 32-4 of the Oconee County Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read, in its entirety, as follows:

**\*Sec. 32-4. County planning commission.**

(a) **Authority to establish.** The county planning commission (referred to as the "planning commission") is established pursuant to S.C. Code 1976, § 6-29-310 *et seq.*

(b) **Functions, powers and duties.** It is the function and duty of the county planning commission to undertake a continuing planning program for the physical, social, and economic growth, development, and redevelopment of the county. The plans and programs must be designed to promote public health, safety, morals, convenience, prosperity, or the general welfare as well as the efficiency and economy of the county. Specific planning elements must be based upon careful and comprehensive surveys and studies of existing conditions and probable future development and include recommended means of implementation. The county planning commission may make, publish, and distribute maps, plans, and reports and recommendations relating to the plans and programs and the development of the county to public officials and agencies, public utility companies, civic, educational, professional, and other organizations and citizens. All public officials shall, upon request, furnish to the planning commission, within a reasonable time, such available information as it may require for its work. The planning commission, its members and employees, in the performance of its functions, may enter upon any land with consent of the property owner or after ten days' written notification to the owner of record, make exsmitations and surveys, and place and maintain necessary monuments and marks on them, provided, however, that the planning commission shall be liable for any injury or damage to property resulting therefrom. In general, the planning commission has the powers as may be necessary to enable it to perform its functions and promote the planning of the county.

In the discharge of its responsibilities, the county planning commission has the power and duty to:

- (1) Prepare and revise periodically plans and programs for the development and redevelopment of the county as provided in S.C. Code 1976, § 6-29-310 *et seq.*; and
- (2) Prepare and recommend for adoption to the county council as a means for implementing the plans and programs:
  - a. Performance (performance zoning) standards and zoning ordinances to include zoning district maps and appropriate revisions thereof;
  - b. Regulations for the subdivision or development of land and appropriate revisions thereof, and to oversee the administration of the regulations that may be adopted;
  - c. An official map and appropriate revisions on it showing the exact location of existing or proposed public street, highway, and utility rights-of-way, and public building sites, together with regulations to control the erection



of buildings or other structures or changes in land use within the rights-of-way, building sites, or open spaces;

- d. A landscaping ordinance setting forth required planting, tree preservation, and other aesthetic considerations for land and structures;
- e. A capital improvements program setting forth projects required to implement plans which have been prepared and adopted, including an annual listing of priority projects for consideration by the county council prior to preparation of its capital budget;
- f. Policies or procedures to facilitate implementation of planning elements; and

Appeals regarding alleged errors by the planning director concerning a decision on a land development plan or subdivision may be heard by the planning commission. The planning commission shall act on the appeal within 60 days and the action of the planning commission is final. An appeal from the decision of the planning commission may be taken to circuit court within 30 days after actual notice.

**(c) Membership.**

1. The membership of the county planning commission shall be seven (7) in number, selected and appointed by a majority vote of the membership of the county council voting in any meeting of county council, duly assembled, with five (5) members being selected from each of the five (5) county council districts in existence and as delineated at the time of the adoption of this section, nominated by the respective member of county council from each district, together with two (2) members from the county at large, who shall be designated and appointed by the entire membership of the county council.
2. If after an appointment of a member to represent a particular council district of the county to the planning commission, such district is altered, then such commission member shall continue to serve thereon for the remainder of the term to which said member is appointed, regardless of his/her place of residence within the county.
3. In the event the county is further divided into additional county council districts, additional appointments of members to the commission to represent the newly created district(s) may be made by county council through amendment of this section.
4. Should any member of this commission move and establish residence outside of the county or the district where such member was residing at the time of the appointment to this commission, such move shall constitute a resignation by the member, and a replacement member shall be appointed to fill the unexpired term of such resigned member, in the same manner as the original appointment.
5. No member of the planning commission may hold an elected public office within the boundaries of the county.

(d) **Terms of Members**

1. The length of the regular term served by each member shall be four (4) years, beginning on January 1 of the year of appointment.
  2. For the purposes of implementing the standards of this section, and thereby retaining the reappointment/replacement schedule of the membership of the commission to staggered lengths in as fair and equitable manner as possible, the following shall apply:
    - (8) All members appointed by county council district shall serve for the same term as the length of the remaining term of the council member who appointed them, after which the term of such district members shall be equal to and coincidental with the term of the council member appointing or reappointing them, with all terms or parts thereof starting as of January 1 of the year of appointment or reappointment.
    - (9) The first at-large member appointed by county council after adoption of the restatement of this section shall serve for four (4) years and the second such at-large member shall serve for two (2) years, after which the term of each such at-large member shall be four (4) years following appointment/reappointment, with all terms or parts thereof starting as of January 1 of the year of appointment or reappointment.
  3. In the event the regular term of a member in good standing expires prior to reappointment or replacement by County Council, said member shall continue to serve until his/her replacement is appointed and qualified. The date of reappointment or replacement, however, in no way alters the scheduled length of the term.
- (e) **Removal of Members.** Members of the county planning commission may be removed at any time by a majority vote of the county council, for cause (defined herein as dereliction of duty, as duties are defined herein, conviction of any felony or any crime of moral turpitude, or violation of the S.C. Ethics Act, all as determined by county council). If, or in the event, any member of the commission shall fail to attend fifty percent (50%) or more of the regularly scheduled meetings of the commission within any period of twelve (12) calendar months without excuse of the commission chairman, such member may be replaced without notice by action of the county council.
- (f) **Organization, Meetings, Procedural Rules, Records, and Purchases.** The county planning commission shall organize itself, electing one of its members as chairman and one as vice-chairman, whose terms must each be for one (1) year. The chairman and vice-chairman shall have the right to vote. The commission shall appoint a secretary, who may be a member or an employee of the county council or of the commission. If the secretary is a member of the commission, he/she shall also have the right to vote. The commission shall meet at the call of the chairman, and at such times as the chairman or commission may determine. Vacancies in such offices by reason of death, resignation or replacement shall be filled for the unexpired term of the officer whose position becomes vacant, in the same manner as the original election or appointment.



The commission shall adopt rules of organizational procedure, and maintain a record of its resolutions, findings, determinations, recommendations, and other actions as required by state and federal requirements.

Typical operational expenses of the commission shall be provided for in the budget of the planning department; however, the commission may from time to time employ or contract for professional services with funds appropriated by county council.

- (g) **Powers and Duties.** The county planning commission shall have those powers and duties provided for in Title 6, Chapter 29 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, as amended, to be exercised with respect to the total unincorporated area of Oconee County, South Carolina, and to include the function to undertake a continuing planning program for the physical, social, and economic growth and development, and redevelopment, throughout its area of responsibility. The commission shall, within the bounds of standards established in state law, draft and periodically review a comprehensive plan for the county, which shall be the basis for a planning process consisting of those elements considered critical, necessary, and desirable to guide the development and redevelopment for the county. It shall also be the duty of the planning commission to provide advice to the county council on any and all matters related to growth and development within the unincorporated areas of the county.
- (h) **Salaries and Funding.** Each member of the county planning commission shall be paid the sum of twenty-five (25) dollars per meeting of the commission attended, or as county council shall subsequently direct by ordinance or resolution. Additionally, members shall be compensated at the same rate, and in the same manner, as county employees for expenses incurred as a result of attending schools, seminars, meetings, and other normal activities associated with membership, provided said trips and activities are approved in advance by the Chairman of County Council.
2. All other parts and provisions of the Oconee County Code of Ordinances not amended hereby, either explicitly or by implication, remain in full force and effect. The Section, including as amended hereby, is ratified and affirmed, *ab initio*.
  3. Should any part or provision of this Ordinance be deemed unconstitutional or unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, such determination shall not affect the rest and remainder of this Ordinance, all of which is hereby deemed separable.
  4. All ordinances, orders, resolutions, and actions of Oconee County Council inconsistent herewith are, to the extent of such inconsistency only, hereby repealed, revoked, and rescinded.
  5. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force and effect from and after third reading and enactment by Oconee County Council.

**THE REMAINDER OF THIS PAGE IS INTENTIONALLY LEFT BLANK**

ORDAINED in meeting, duly assembled, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2009.

**ATTEST:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Dale Surrency  
Oconee County Administrator

\_\_\_\_\_  
Elizabeth G. Hulse  
Oconee County Clerk to Council

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Thomas L. Martin  
Oconee County Attorney

**FOR OCONEE COUNTY:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Reg Dexter, Chairman, District V

\_\_\_\_\_  
George Blanchard, District I

\_\_\_\_\_  
Wayne McCall, District II

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mario Suarez, District III

\_\_\_\_\_  
Joel Thrift, District IV

First Reading: \_\_\_\_\_  
Second Reading: \_\_\_\_\_  
Third Reading: \_\_\_\_\_  
Public Hearing: \_\_\_\_\_

**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL  
ORDINANCE 2009-11**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF  
CERTAIN OCONEE COUNTY REAL PROPERTY;  
AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A  
REAL PROPERTY DEED RELATED TO THE SAME; AND  
OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.**

**WHEREAS**, Oconee County, a body politic and corporate and a political subdivision of the State of South Carolina (the "County"), acquired certain real property located in the City of Seneca, Oconee County, South Carolina, pursuant to two deeds from Myra M. Lindemann (hereinafter, "Grantor") to the County, which were recorded in Oconee County Deed Book 10-V, Page 249, on July 16, 1970 and Oconee County Deed Book 11-L, Page 239, on September 3, 1972, which deeds conveyed certain real property (the "Real Property") to Oconee County for use as a museum, art gallery, or other suitable purpose, and one of which deeds (the one recorded in Oconee County Deed Book 10-V, Page 249, on July 16, 1970) included a reverter clause, indicating that the property in question would revert back to Myra M. Lindemann or her heirs if Oconee County ceased using the property for the stated purpose(s); and,

**WHEREAS**, the County has ceased to use the Real Property for the purpose(s) stated in the deed in question; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Real Property needs to be returned to the heirs of Myra M. Lindemann pursuant to the terms, and intent, of the real property deeds to Oconee County; and,

**WHEREAS**, by Order of the Court of Common Pleas for the Tenth Judicial Circuit dated February 3, 2009, the Honorable J. Cordell Maddox, Jr., presiding, judicial determination has been made that Charles F. Finley, Jr. is the sole heir (the "Heir") of Myra M. Lindemann and is sole beneficiary of the reverter clause contained in the deed found in Oconee County Deed Book 10-V, Page 249; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City of Seneca, Oconee County, South Carolina (the "City"), desires to use the Real Property in question for purposes similar to or consistent with the original intent of the Grantor, and has reached an understanding with the sole remaining Heir of the Grantor to convey the Real Property to the City, once the County re-conveys the Real Property to the Heir; and,

**WHEREAS**, Oconee County Council hereby finds and determines that it is in the County's best interest to convey the Real Property to Charles F. Finley, Jr., for the purposes noted herein; and,

**WHEREAS**, accordingly, Oconee County, acting by and through its County Council, hereby desires to authorize the re-conveyance of the Real Property to the Heir of Myra M. Lindemann, so that such Heir may then convey the Real Property to the City for continued use for public purposes;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it ordained by Oconee County Council, in meeting duly assembled, that:

1. Oconee County Council hereby authorizes the transfer of the Real Property to Charles F. Finley, Jr., pursuant to and because of the reverter clause contained in the deed from

Grantor to Oconee County, found in Oconee County Deed Book 10-V, Page 249, recorded on July 16, 1970, and for the reasons and purposes described herein.

2. The Oconee County Administrator and the Chairman of Oconee County Council are hereby authorized and directed to execute a Limited Warranty Deed in the name of Oconee County, South Carolina, for the above-referenced Real Property, and to take all of the steps and actions as are necessary or appropriate to transfer the Real Property to Charles F. Finley, Jr.
3. Should any part or provision of this Ordinance be deemed unconstitutional or unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, such determination shall not affect the rest and remainder of this Ordinance, all of which is hereby deemed separable.
4. All ordinances, orders, resolutions, and actions of Oconee County Council inconsistent herewith are, to the extent of such inconsistency only, hereby repealed, revoked, and rescinded.
5. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force and effect from and after third reading and enactment by Oconee County Council.

**ORDAINED** in meeting, duly assembled, this 5th day of May, 2009.

**ATTEST:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Dale Sarrett  
Oconee County Administrator

\_\_\_\_\_  
Elizabeth G. Hulso  
Oconee County Clerk to Council

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Thomas L. Martin  
Oconee County Attorney

**FOR OCONEE COUNTY:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Reg Dexter, Chairman, District V

\_\_\_\_\_  
George Blanchard, District I

\_\_\_\_\_  
Wayne McCall, District II

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mario Suarez, District III

\_\_\_\_\_  
Joel Thiff, District IV

First Reading: April 14, 2009  
Second Reading: April 21, 2009  
Public Hearing: May 3, 2009  
Third Reading: May 5, 2009

**AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**  
**OCONEE COUNTY, SC**

**COUNCIL MEETING DATE:** April 21, 2009  
**COUNCIL MEETING TIME:** 7:00 PM

**ITEM TITLE OR DESCRIPTION:**

Local Accommodations Tax-Arts & Historical grant to Blue Ridge Arts Council for \$2,500.00 to be used to cover advertisement for three upcoming shows;

1. Shannon Wright "Passages": This show will feature an award winning photographer who was the Best of Show winner in BRAC's juried photography show in September, 2007. Shannon lives in Anderson and is well known throughout the upstate. Shannon has a Master of Fine Arts degree from Clemson and will attract friends, colleagues, and family. Shannon also has a personal website, which will bring admirers of her work from outside the county and state.

2. The third annual Heritage, Arts & Music Festival "HAM" has been moved to July to celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our hosting partner, Duke Energy. In addition to BRAC producing a major art exhibit, other arts organizations in the region participate in this event adding music, cultural performances and historical displays.

3. The Annual Members shows an opportunity for BRAC to encourage artists from our membership to join in the yearly exhibition of the best of Blue Ridge Arts. Better advertising will draw more artists to the show and to membership in BRAC. This, in turn, will attract a larger number of visitors to view the show at the gallery.

Request approved by the Arts & Historical Commission on 04-02-09 by a unanimous vote.

**BACKGROUND OR HISTORY:**

Local Accommodations Tax funds are received monthly from the accommodations industry and according to Ordinance 2007-12, 25% of those funds are tourism related funds that are to be disbursed as annual grants to the Arts and Historical community through the Arts & Historical Commission to increase the ability of the grant recipient to attract or provide for tourist, as described in Ordinance 2007-12. All grant recipients are required to turn in intermediate reports every 60 days to the progress of the grant and a final report upon completion of the grant. These reports are placed in the grant folder, which is kept active by the PRT office until the grant is considered complete, and then it is filed in the PRT office.

**SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS OR CONCERNS:**

**COMPLETE THIS PORTION FOR ALL PROCUREMENT REQUESTS:**

Does this request follow Procurement Ordinance #2001-15 guidelines? Yes / No (review #2001-15 on Procurement's Website)  
If no, explain briefly: No Grant Award from Local Accommodations Tax

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Approval of Arts & Historical Commission recommendation for Local ATAX grant.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

\$2,500.00 to be paid out of line item 013-705-90095. Current 25% Local Accommodations balance is \$29,557.93. We have twelve grants recommended from the Arts & Historical Commission for the 2009 grant cycle. If all twelve are approved, the balance will be \$57.93.

**COMPLETE THIS PORTION FOR ALL GRANT REQUESTS:**

Are Matching Funds Available: Yes

If yes, who is matching and how much: Sonceca HAT - \$2,355.00  
BRAC - Entry Fees

*Council has directed that they receive their agenda packages a week prior to each Council meeting, therefore, Agenda Items Summaries must be submitted to the Administrator for his review/approval no later than 12 days prior to each Council meeting. It is the Department Head / Elected Officials responsibility to ensure that all approvals are obtained prior to submission to the Administrator for inclusion on an agenda.*

*A calendar with due dates marked may be obtained from the Clerk to Council.*



**ATTACHMENTS**

**Reviewed By/ Initials:**

\_\_\_\_ County Attorney

*VP*

\_\_\_\_ Finance

*FRW*

\_\_\_\_ Grants

\_\_\_\_ Procurement

**Submitted or Prepared By:**

Phil Shirley, PRT Director

\_\_\_\_ Department Head/Elected Official

**Approved for Submitted to Council:**

*Dale Surrett*

Dale Surrett, County Administrator

*Council has directed that they receive their agenda packages a week prior to each Council meeting, therefore, Agenda Items Summaries must be submitted to the Administrator for his review/approval no later than 12 days prior to each Council meeting. It is the Department Head / Elected Officials responsibility to ensure that all approvals are obtained prior to submission to the Administrator for inclusion on an agenda.*

*A calendar with due dates marked may be obtained from the Clerk to Council.*

**OCONEE COUNTY  
LOCAL ACCOMMODATIONS TAX  
GRANT APPLICATION FORM  
FOR TOURISM RELATED PROJECTS**

**I. APPLICANT**

A. Name of Organization Blue Ridge Arts Council

B. Address 111 E. South Second St., Seneca, SC 29678

**II. FUNDS REQUESTED**

A. ATAX Funds Requested \$2,500.00

B. How will ATAX Funds be used? ATAX funds will be used to enhance participation and visitation in three upcoming shows all falling within a four-month period. Advertisement throughout the region in a variety of media, the design, printing and mailing of call for entry, show cards, printing of the exhibition catalog, and advertising for the opening reception will be included in the funded activities.

Estimated percentage of costs directly attributed to attracting or serving tourists? 20%

D. Funds furnished by your organization:

Matching grant \$2,355.00 Source: Seneca IAT

Other Funding: Entry Fees Source: Members Show / BRAC

E. Provide an itemized budget for your event **and** for allotted funds. **THIS IS REQUIRED**, attach on a separate sheet.

### III. NARRATIVE PROJECT DESCRIPTION

- A. Project Titles:** 1. Shannon Wright "Passages" May 15-June 26, 2009;  
2. Heritage Arts & Music Festival "HAM" – July /August, 2009;  
3. BRAC Annual Member Show – July 17-September 10, 2009.

#### **B. Description of projects:**

1. Shannon Wright "Passages": This show will feature an award winning photographer who was the Best of Show winner in BRAC's juried photography show in September, 2007. Shannon lives in Anderson and is well known throughout the upstate. Shannon has a Master of Fine Arts degree from Clemson and will attract friends, colleagues, and family. Shannon also has a personal website, which will bring admirers of her work from outside the county and state.

2. The third annual Heritage, Arts & Music Festival "HAM" has been moved to July to celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our hosting partner, Duke Energy. In addition to BRAC producing a major art exhibit, other arts organizations in the region participate in this event adding music, cultural performances and historical displays.

3. The Annual Members show is an opportunity for BRAC to encourage artists from our membership to join in the yearly exhibition of the best of Blue Ridge Arts. Better advertising will draw more artists to the show and to membership in BRAC. This, in turn, will attract a larger number of visitors to view the show at the gallery.

**C. Who will benefit from this project?** The entire county can benefit from the interest generated by advertising these shows and the opportunity for our local artists to be seen in such a venue. Friends, families and vacationers will also be attracted to the shows, which will be promoted throughout the state.

### IV. DATES OF PROJECT (S)

Beginning: May 15, 2009 Ending: September 10, 2009

### V. APPLICANT CATEGORY

Government Entity: \_\_\_\_\_

Non-profit Organization: Incorporation date 1970

Eleemosynary Organization under IRS Code: IRS #23-7360169

Date of Determination Letter October 1974

## VI. DEMOGRAPHIC DATA

**How will the project influence tourism in Oconee County?** Increased advertising for the show will attract new visitors to Oconee County. The publicity will open a door for art enthusiasts to discover what Oconee County has to offer; as visitors coming to the gallery will be exposed to the Historic downtown areas and the natural wonders of our county. The Center's lobby will have brochures available to all visitors, highlighting upstate activities. These visitors will also patronize restaurants, lodging, and shops in the county.

**How many visitors/participants attended the event last year and are anticipated this year?**

1. Shannon Wright – Comparable show Art & Soul = 334 total; 51 tourists.
2. "HAM" Festival 2008 = 1,340 total; 250 tourists.
3. 2008 Members Show = total 411; 43 tourists. It is hoped that that trend to "daycations" will attract more travelers from within the State.

**How many of the visitors/participants were from beyond a 50 mile radius of Oconee County last year and are anticipated this year?** See above.

**How many overnight stays were created by this event last year and are anticipated this year?** 1. = 5%, 2. 20%, 3. 15% based on the current economic conditions.

**How do you plan to advertise this event beyond a 50 mile radius of Oconee County?**

State wide media press releases, Sandlapper Mag., Greenville News, Anderson Independent, Lake Living, Mag., & Carolina Arts Mag (N. & S. Carolina), other state-wide magazines and Southeastern publications, and BRAC website & links, SCAC websites and links, Heritage Corridor website, SCAC website,

What other documentation can you provide demonstrating this event promotes Tourism in Oconee County? (i.e. photographs, letters from local chambers of commerce, restaurants, shop or accommodations owners)

BRAC attendance log.

What records will be kept during this event to obtain the above demographic data? (i.e. guest logs, phone logs, accommodations contracts, website hits, advertising demographics)

BRAC attendance log, website hits and audience responses, community meetings

## VII. AUDIT

Does your organization perform an independent audit? Yes  No

Name of the Auditor Peter Cooke, Retired CPA (Volunteer Audit)

VIII. Will your project be using any funds from another group that received ATAX funds? Yes - See page one list.

*I have read the guidelines for the Oconee County Accommodations Grant Request and do hereby agree to comply with all rules and requirements. I understand failure to comply may result in a loss of funding for the project and that all information required for final reporting MUST be detailed when project is complete.*

A. Contact Name Bess Ciupak Title Executive Director

Signature BFC Date 3/15/09

Address 111 E. South Second St., Seneca, SC 29678

E-mail office@hueridgeartscenter.com FAX (864) 882-2722

Phone Number (s) 864} 882-2722



B. Alternate Contact Cindy Blair Title BOD Secretary & Grant Chair

Address 111 E. South Second St., Seneca, SC 29678

E-mail office@blueridgeartscenter.com FAX (864) 882-2722

Signature CB Date 3/15/09

Phone Number (s) (864) 882-2722

Arts Historical Grant Proposal 3-15-09

| A           | B                 | C               | D                      | E           | F               | G       | H                            |            |
|-------------|-------------------|-----------------|------------------------|-------------|-----------------|---------|------------------------------|------------|
| DESCRIPTION | OCRTAX-<br>MAY    | OCATAX-<br>JUNE | OCATAX-<br>JULY/AUGUST | Seneca HAT  | Total<br>Budget | EXHIBIT | Quote Source                 |            |
| 1           |                   |                 |                        |             |                 |         |                              |            |
| 2           |                   |                 |                        |             | \$ 260.00       |         |                              |            |
| 3           | Total             |                 |                        |             |                 |         |                              |            |
| 4           |                   |                 |                        |             |                 |         |                              |            |
| 5           |                   |                 |                        |             |                 |         |                              |            |
| 6           |                   |                 |                        | \$ 700.00   | \$ 700.00       | 1,2,3   | Print-It \$644               |            |
| 7           |                   |                 |                        | \$ 200.00   | \$ 200.00       | 1,3     | Print-It \$188               |            |
| 8           |                   |                 |                        | \$ 655.00   | \$ 655.00       | 1,2,3   | Print-It \$310<br>BRAC \$125 |            |
| 9           |                   |                 |                        |             |                 |         |                              |            |
| 10          |                   |                 |                        | \$ 150.00   | \$ 150.00       | 1,2,3   | Print-It \$25                |            |
| 11          |                   |                 |                        | \$ 1,905.00 | \$ 1,905.00     |         |                              |            |
| 12          | Total Printing    |                 |                        |             |                 |         |                              |            |
| 13          |                   |                 |                        |             |                 |         |                              |            |
| 14          | \$ 300.00         | \$ 300.00       | \$ 300.00              |             | \$ 1,140.00     | 1,2,3   | GVN                          |            |
| 15          | \$ 500.00         |                 | \$ 500.00              |             | \$ 1,000.00     | 1,2,3   | May/ August<br>June/Aug      |            |
| 16          | \$ 127.50         | \$ 127.50       | \$ 127.50              |             | \$ 382.50       |         |                              |            |
| 17          |                   |                 |                        | \$ 450.00   | \$ 450.00       | 1,2,3   |                              |            |
| 18          |                   |                 |                        |             |                 |         |                              |            |
| 19          | \$ 1,007.50       | \$ 507.50       | \$ 1,007.50            |             | \$ 2,522.00     |         |                              |            |
| 20          |                   |                 |                        | \$ 450.00   | \$ 2,972.50     |         |                              |            |
| 21          | Total Advertising |                 |                        |             |                 |         |                              |            |
| 22          | COMBINED BUDGET   |                 |                        |             |                 |         |                              | \$4,877.00 |

**AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY  
OCONEE COUNTY, SC**

**COUNCIL MEETING DATE:** April 21, 2009  
**COUNCIL MEETING TIME:** 7:00 PM

**ITEM TITLE OR DESCRIPTION:**

Local Accommodations Tax-Arts & Historical grant to Greater Oconee County Chamber of Commerce for \$2500.00 to produce, promote and distribute a 6-8 minute video about Stumphouse. The video will cover a brief history of Stumphouse, how the tunnel was created, Tunnel town, why the project stopped, and how it was used by Clemson to make cheese. More time will be spent on the importance of Stumphouse to the area and the story of how people came together from all over to save this area from development, leaving it a pristine natural wonder available to visitors now and forever. By using beautiful footage of Stumphouse and Issaquena Falls as well as interviews from those involved in the rescue and historical visuals, we will weave an interesting story that draws people to see the attraction today. The video will be streamed to the Chamber's website, other county web-sites, and broadcast on Youtube and available on DVD. Stumphouse continues to be a major tourist attraction in Oconee County. The publicity produced nationwide at the time the area was in danger of development has created an interest in the Tunnel. We believe a quality video that continues to promote the Tunnel will bring additional visitors to the county. Request approved by the Arts & Historical Commission on 04.02.09 by a unanimous vote.

**BACKGROUND OR HISTORY:**

Local Accommodations Tax funds are received monthly from the accommodations industry and according to Ordinance 2007-12, 25% of those funds are tourism related funds that are to be disbursed as annual grants to the Arts and Historical community through the Arts & Historical Commission to increase the ability of the grant recipient to attract or provide for tourist, as described in Ordinance 2007-12. All grant recipients are required to turn in intermediate reports every 60 days to the progress of the grant and a final report upon completion of the grant. These reports are placed in the grant folder, which is kept active by the PRT office until the grant is considered complete, and then it is filed in the PRT office.

**SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS OR CONCERNS:**

**COMPLETE THIS PORTION FOR ALL PROCUREMENT REQUESTS:**

Does this request follow Procurement Ordinance #2001-15 guidelines? Yes / No [review #2001-15 on procurement's website]. If no, explain briefly: No, Grant Award from Local Accommodations Tax

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Approval of Arts & Historical Commission recommendation for Local ATAX grant.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

\$2,500.00 to be paid out of line item 013-705-90095. Current 25% Local Accommodations balance is \$29,557.93. We have twelve grants recommended from the Arts & Historical Commission for the 2009 grant cycle. If all twelve are approved, the balance will be \$57.93

**COMPLETE THIS PORTION FOR ALL GRANT REQUESTS:**

Are Matching Funds Available: Yes

If yes, who is matching and how much: Funds to be raised from the Community - \$3,500.00

**ATTACHMENTS**

**Reviewed By/ Initials:**

*Council has directed that they receive their agenda packages a week prior to each Council meeting, therefore, Agenda Items Summaries must be submitted to the Administrator for his review/approval no later than 13 days prior to each Council meeting. It is the Department Head / Elected Officials responsibility to ensure that all approvals are obtained prior to submission to the Administrator for inclusion on an agenda.*

*A calendar with due dates marked may be obtained from the Clerk to Council.*

\_\_\_\_ County Attorney



\_\_\_\_ Finance

 \_\_\_\_\_

Grants

\_\_\_\_ Procurement

Submitted or Prepared By:

Phil Shirley, PRT Director

\_\_\_\_\_  
Department Head/Elected Official

Approved for Submittal to Council:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Dale Surratt, County Administrator

*Council has directed that they receive their agenda packages a week prior to each Council meeting, therefore, Agenda Items Summaries must be submitted to the Administrator for his review/approval no later than 12 days prior to each Council meeting. It is the Department Head / Elected Officials responsibility to ensure that all approvals are obtained prior to submission to the Administrator for inclusion on an agenda.*

*A calendar with due dates marked may be obtained from the Clerk to Council.*

**OCONEE COUNTY  
LOCAL ACCOMMODATIONS TAX  
GRANT APPLICATION FORM  
FOR TOURISM RELATED PROJECTS**

**I. APPLICANT**

- A. Name of:** Organization Greater Oconee County Chamber of Commerce
- B. Address** PO Box 855, Seneca, SC 29679  
108 E. N. 1<sup>st</sup> St, Seneca, SC 29678  
(864) 882-2097

**II. FUNDS REQUESTED**

- A. Local Accommodations Tax funds requested:** \$2,500

**B. How will these funds be used?**

To produce, promote and distribute a 6-8 minute video about Stumphouse: it's history, use, rescue from development and the attraction it is today. The video will be streamed to the Chamber's website, other county web sites, put on Youtube and available as a DVD.

Stumphouse continues to be a major tourist attraction in Oconee County. The publicity produced nationwide at the time the area was in danger of development has created an interest in the Tunnel. We believe a quality video that continues to promote the Tunnel will bring additional visitors to the county.

- C. Estimated percentage of costs directly attributed to attracting or serving tourists?** \$2,500

**D. Funds furnished by your organization:**

The Greater Oconee County Chamber of Commerce is a non-profit, service organization that relies on raising funds through grants and business organizations to fund special projects such as this:

Matching grant \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Source: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Funding: \$3,500 Source: Funds to be raised from the community



- E. Provide an itemized budget for your event and for allotted funds. **THIS IS REQUIRED**, attach on a separate sheet.

### **III. NARRATIVE PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

**A. Project Title:** Working Title: The Great Stumphouse Rescue

**B. Description of project:**

The video, 6-8 minutes in length, will cover a brief history of Stumphouse, how the tunnel was created, Tunneltown, why the project stopped, and how it was used by Clemson to make cheese. More time will be spent on the importance of Stumphouse to the area and the story of how peoples came together from all over to save this area from development, leaving it a pristine natural wonder available to visitors now and forever.

By using beautiful footage of Stumphouse and Isaqueena Falls as well as interviews from those involved in the Rescue and historical visuals, we will weave an interesting story that draws people to see the attraction today.

As in the Great Canoe Rescue, we hope to find footage from television stations and other participants that can be woven into the story. We plan to interview Dana Leavitt from Upstate Forever and others as to their role/perspective on the Tunnel.

The goal is to produce an intriguing and visually compelling story that attracts peoples attention and encourages them to visit Oconee County.

**C. Who will benefit from this project?**

Tourism industry in Oconee County  
Oconee residents

### **IV. DATES OF PROJECT**

Beginning May 1, 2009

Ending August 30, 2009

## V. APPLICANT CATEGORY

         Government Entity: \_\_\_\_\_

  X   Non-profit Organization: Incorporation date: Aug. 10, 1906

Eleemosynary Organization under IRS Code: IRS # Tax ID 570286871

Date of Determination Letter \_\_\_\_\_

## VI. DEMOGRAPHIC DATA

### How will the project influence tourism in Oconee County?

By streaming quality video about the Stumphouse Tunnel on the internet, more people will be enticed to visit our area. When they come to see the Tunnel, they also visit other sites, stay in the county and trade with local businesses.

Oconee County is mostly known for its beauty and outdoor recreation. To increase awareness of natural attractions helps foster tourism.

### How many visitors/participants attended the event last year and are anticipated this year?

N/A directly, but it is helpful to note that the page featuring Stumphouse and Isaqueena Falls is the second highest ranked page on [www.oconeecountry.com](http://www.oconeecountry.com) (the home page is number one) and the site averages 5,000 + visitors/month.

### How many of the visitors/participants were from beyond a 50 mile radius of Oconee County last year and are anticipated this year?

N/A directly, but the number of visitors to [www.oconeecountry.com](http://www.oconeecountry.com) averages 25% local, 50% from surrounding states and 25% national and international.

### How many overnight stays were created by this event last year and are anticipated this year?

As the video promotes The Stumphouse Tunnel, we believe it will contribute significantly to tourism and overnight stays in Oconee County, but as with most advertising, it is difficult to draw a direct correlation.

The benefit of a video project such as this is that it is a one-time investment that continues to benefit the county for years to come. The video has a projected life-span of many years and through the Internet, it is available to people everywhere, all the time. The total viewer ship, over time, will be great, as will be the benefit to the county.

**How do you plan to advertise this event beyond a 50 mile radius of Oconee County?**

By streaming the video on the Chamber web site, other county web sites, on [www.oconeecountry.com](http://www.oconeecountry.com) and on YouTube. The video will also be available for distribution on DVD to the Heritage Corridor, county libraries, schools and community organizations.

**What other documentation can you provide demonstrating this event promotes Tourism in Oconee County? (i.e. photographs, letters from local chambers of commerce, restaurants, shop or accommodations owners)**

As a county-wide Chamber we believe it is important to build on those locations that attract people to our county. Since Stumphouse is widely known as a success story, rescued from development, it is an opportune time to continue to generate interest and visits by producing a video that celebrates saving the Tunnel and showcases its beauty and uniqueness which will help attract people to visit our county.

**What records will be kept during this event to obtain the above demographic data? (i.e. guest logs, phone logs, accommodations contracts, website hits, advertising demographics)**


We will track the number of viewings on the various web sites and maintain copies of advertising and public relations efforts.


**VII. AUDIT**

Does your organization perform an independent audit? Yes  No

Name of the Auditor: Pending Quotes from Auditor

*I have read the guidelines for the Oconee County Local Accommodations Tax Grant Request and do hereby agree to comply with all rules and requirements. I understand failure to comply may result in a loss of funding for the project and that all information required for final reporting MUST be detailed when project is complete.*

A. Contact Name Pamela Ramey Title Director of Tourism  
Signature  Date 2-12-09  
Address P.O. Box 855, Seneca SC 29679  
E-mail oconeechamberofc Fax No. 864-882-2881  
@bellsouth.net  
Phone Number (s) 864-882-2097

B. Alternate Contact Patrick Lee Title Executive Director  
Address P.O. Box 855, Seneca SC 29679  
E-mail oconeechamberofc Fax No. 864-882-2881  
@bellsouth.net  
Signature  Date 2-12-09  
Phone Number (s) 864-882-2097

**Proposed Budget for  
The Great Stumphouse Rescue  
Presented by GBA Productions  
Seneca, SC**

The following budget is based on the production being done by GBA Productions, Seneca, SC who were instrumental in conceiving and creating the Oconee County Heritage video: Land Beside the Water and the Great Canoe Rescue.

Both Gene and Bette Borman have been active participants in working with county groups to join together and produce projects that work for the benefit of all.

After reviewing the cost of doing videos with other companies, the production committee believes the budget is appropriate to produce an excellent video the county will be proud of.

|  |                |
|--|----------------|
| Research and gather materials:                                   | \$1,000        |
| Script writing; narrator   | \$1,000        |
| Videography  | \$1,500        |
| Edit; sound & special effects mix;<br>create DVD; stream for web | \$2,500        |
| <b>Total estimated budget:</b>                                   | <b>\$6,000</b> |



# Oconee County

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

February 12, 2009

Mr. Luther Lyie, Chairman  
Oconee County Arts & Historical Commission  
c/o Parks, Recreation & Tourism Office  
671 High Falls Road  
Seneca, SC 29672

Dear Luther,

Attached is our grant application for consideration by your committee.

As you may be aware, tourism is part of the Chamber's mission statement and we believe this proposal is a unique opportunity to build on the interest generated in Stumphouse when many local and state wide groups came together to preserve this treasure, now and for future generations.

Your committee was instrumental in moving the Heritage video, Oconee: Land Beside the Water from a dream to a reality and we see this project as another "Special Feature" to continue to build on the combination of heritage and tourism.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Respectfully,



Patrick Lee  
Executive Director

Att.

**AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY  
OCONEE COUNTY, SC**

**COUNCIL MEETING DATE:** April 21, 2009  
**COUNCIL MEETING TIME:** 7:00 PM

**ITEM TITLE OR DESCRIPTION:**

Local Accommodations Tax-Arts & Historical grant to Oconee Heritage Center for \$2,500.00 to be used toward the construction of stairs and railing to the basement level of the Oconee Heritage Center. Beginning in the Spring of 2009, the Oconee Heritage Center will be constructing the Heritage Reading Room in the basement of the Tobacco Warehouse. Currently there is no interior access from the main level of the museum to the basement. Handicapped accessibility is available by way of South Broad Street. Request approved by the Arts & Historical Commission on 04-02-09 by a unanimous vote. Commission member Luther Lyle abstained.

**BACKGROUND OR HISTORY:**

Local Accommodations Tax funds are received monthly from the accommodations industry and according to Ordinance 2007-12, 25% of these funds are tourism related funds that are to be disbursed as annual grants to the Arts and Historical community through the Arts & Historical Commission to increase the ability of the grant recipient to attract or provide for tourist, as described in Ordinance 2007-12. All grant recipients are required to turn in intermediate reports every 60 days to the progress of the grant and a final report upon completion of the grant. These reports are placed in the grant folder, which is kept active by the PRT office until the grant is considered complete, and then it is filed in the PRT office.

**SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS OR CONCERNS:**

**COMPLETE THIS PORTION FOR ALL PROCUREMENT REQUESTS:**

Does this request follow Procurement Ordinance #2001-15 guidelines? Yes / No (review #2001-15 on Procurement's website)  
If no, explain briefly: No. Grant Award from Local Accommodations Tax

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Approval of Arts & Historical Commission recommendation for Local ATAX grant.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

\$2,500.00 to be paid out of line item 013-705-90095. Current 25% Local Accommodations balance is \$29,557.93. We have twelve grants recommended from the Arts & Historical Commission for the 2009 grant cycle. If all twelve are approved, the balance will be \$57.93

**COMPLETE THIS PORTION FOR ALL GRANT REQUESTS:**

Are Matching Funds Available: Yes

If yes, who is matching and how much: SCNHC State Grant - \$15,000.00  
SCNIC Regional Grant - \$8,000.00  
Private Donation - \$10,000.00  
OHC Funds - \$10,213.00

**ATTACHMENTS**

**Reviewed By/ Initials:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
County Attorney

KB  
Finance

KELC  
Grants

\_\_\_\_\_  
Procurement

Submitted or Prepared By:

Phil Shirley, PRT Director

\_\_\_\_\_  
Department Head/Elected Official

Approved for Submittal to Council:

Dale Surratt  
Dale Surratt, County Administrator

*Council has directed that they receive their agenda packages a week prior to each Council meeting, therefore, Agenda Items Summaries must be submitted to the Administrator for his review/approval no later than 12 days prior to each Council meeting. It is the Department Head / Elected Officials responsibility to ensure that all approvals are obtained prior to submission to the Administrator for inclusion on an agenda.*

*A calendar with due dates marked may be obtained from the Clerk to Council.*

**OCONEE COUNTY  
LOCAL ACCOMMODATIONS TAX  
GRANT APPLICATION FORM  
FOR TOURISM RELATED PROJECTS**

**I. APPLICANT**

A. Name of Organization *Oconee Heritage Center*

B. Address *123 Brown Square Drive, PO Box 395  
Walhalla, SC 29691*

**II. FUNDS REQUESTED**

A. Local Accommodations Tax funds requested *\$2,500*

How will these funds be used? *Requested funds would be used toward the construction of stairs and railing to the basement level of the Oconee Heritage Center. Beginning in the Spring of 2009, the OHC will be constructing the Heritage Reading Room in the basement of the Tobacco Warehouse. Currently, there is no interior access from the main level of the museum to the basement. Handicapped accessibility is available by way of South Broad Street.*

B. Estimated percentage of costs directly attributed to attracting or serving tourists? *100%*

D. Funds furnished by your organization *\$3,950 for stairs (\$43,213 for entire Phase I of basement renovations)*

|                |                 |        |                             |
|----------------|-----------------|--------|-----------------------------|
| Matching grant | <i>\$15,000</i> | Source | <i>SCNHC State Grant</i>    |
| Matching grant | <i>\$8,000</i>  | Source | <i>SCNHC Regional Grant</i> |
| Other Funding  | <i>\$10,000</i> | Source | <i>Private Donation</i>     |
| Other Funding  | <i>\$10,213</i> | Source | <i>OHC Funds</i>            |

E. Provide an itemized budget for your event **and** for allotted funds. **THIS IS REQUIRED**, attach on a separate sheet.

### III. NARRATIVE PROJECT DESCRIPTION

- A. Project Title *Heritage Reading Room (Installation of Stairway)*
- B. Description of project *The funds requested would be used toward the construction of a reading/research facility and artifact preparation area in the basement of the Tobacco Warehouse which houses the Oconee Heritage Center in Walhalla, SC. The facility will contain research materials for regional history and genealogy and allow public access to the archives of the Oconee Heritage Center. This will include equipment such as public computers, microfilm readers, private rooms for viewing/listening to oral history interviews and other research equipment.*
- C. Who will benefit from this project? *The Heritage Reading Room will benefit residents and visitors of Oconee County. The facility will provide greater access to the collections of the OHC by allowing patrons to view and utilize the artifacts and archives in storage. For instance, people doing research on their family history who need photos, information, etc. may visit the Heritage Reading Room to access those resources. Currently, there are no options for these visitors to gain access to these resources already at the OHC.*

### IV. DATES OF PROJECT

Beginning: *April 1, 2009*      Ending: *April 1, 2010*

### V. APPLICANT CATEGORY

Government Entity: \_\_\_\_\_

Non-profit Organization: Incorporation date *May 14, 1999*

Eleemosynary Organization under IRS Code: *EIN # 31-1663047*

Date of Determination Letter *March 18, 2004*

## VI. DEMOGRAPHIC DATA

How will the project influence tourism in Oconee County? *The Oconee Heritage Center receives many requests from traveling visitors along with Oconee residents concerning researching documents about the county's history and their families' history. The Oconee Heritage Center also receives numerous phone calls and emails regarding research materials and requests for help in their personal research. The OHC is partnering with the SC Reading Room at the Walthalla Branch of the Oconee Public Library to ensure that these needs are met. The Heritage Research Room will therefore be an outlet for those heritage tourists from all areas who come to learn more about their interests.*

How many visitors/participants attended the event last year and are anticipated this year? *The OHC received a total of 7,585 visitors between Oct '07 & Oct '08.*

How many of the visitors/participants were from beyond a 50 mile radius of Oconee County last year and are anticipated this year? *approximately 40%*

How many overnight stays were created by this event last year and are anticipated this year? *N/A*

How do you plan to advertise this event beyond a 50 mile radius of Oconee County?

*The Heritage Reading Room, as part of the Oconee Heritage Center, will be listed/advertised in publications such as Smiles, Discover Upcountry and the new Mountain/Lakes CVB Visitors Guide. Also, the Heritage Reading Room will become members of state and regional genealogical and historical societies and be listed as a repository of regional information.*

What other documentation can you provide demonstrating this event promotes Tourism in Oconee County? (i.e. photographs, letters from local chambers of commerce, restaurants, shop or accommodations owners)

*(See attached letters of support)*

What records will be kept during this event to obtain the above demographic data? (i.e. guest logs, phone logs, accommodations contracts, website hits, advertising demographics) *Visitor logs recording usage of the facility will be kept once the Heritage Reading Room is open. Additionally, a website will be setup specifically about the resources available in the Reading Room as part of the overall Oconee Heritage Center's website.*



## VII. AUDIT

Does your organization perform an independent audit? Yes \_\_\_ No X

Name of the Auditor \_\_\_\_\_

*I have read the guidelines for the Oconee County Local Accommodations Tax Grant Request and do hereby agree to comply with all rules and requirements. I understand failure to comply may result in a loss of funding for the project and that all information required for final reporting MUST be detailed when project is complete.*

A. Contact Name Nicholas Gambrell Title Director

Signature N. Gambrell Date 2-13-2009

Address PO Box 395; Walhalla, SC 29691

E-mail gambrell@oconeeheritagecenter.org Fax No. \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number (s) 638-2224

B. Alternate Contact Daniel Capps Title Administrative Assistant

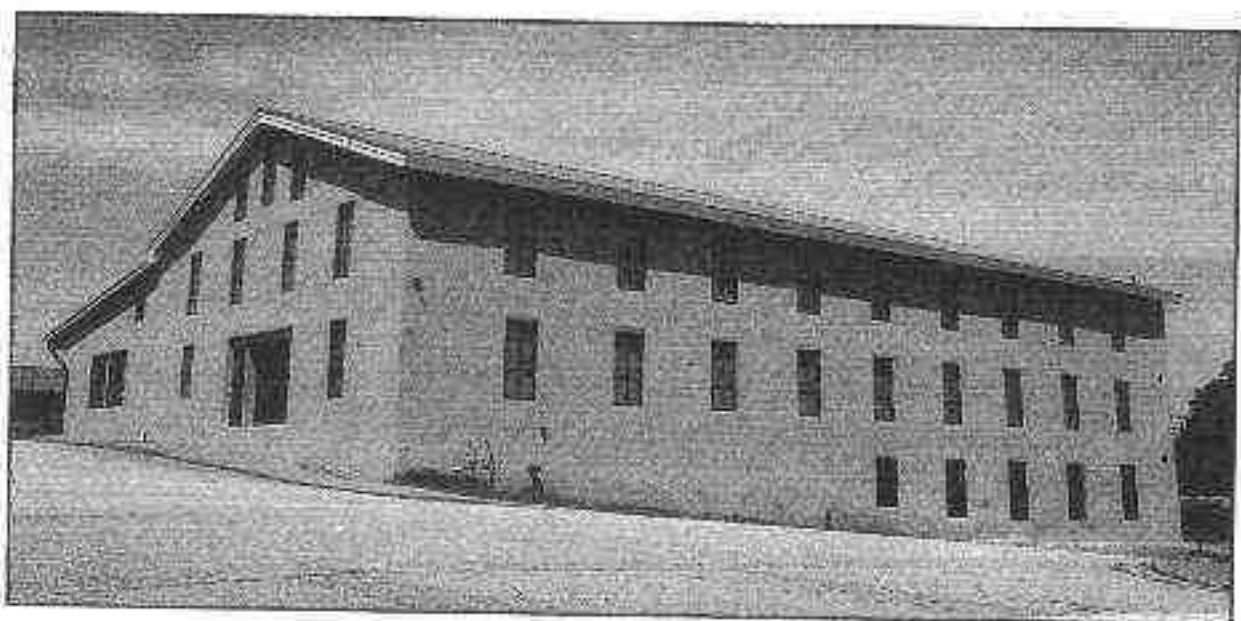
Address PO Box 395 Walhalla, SC 29691

E-mail Capps@oconeeheritagecenter.org Fax No. \_\_\_\_\_

Signature D. Capps Date 2-13-2009

Phone Number (s) 864-638-2224

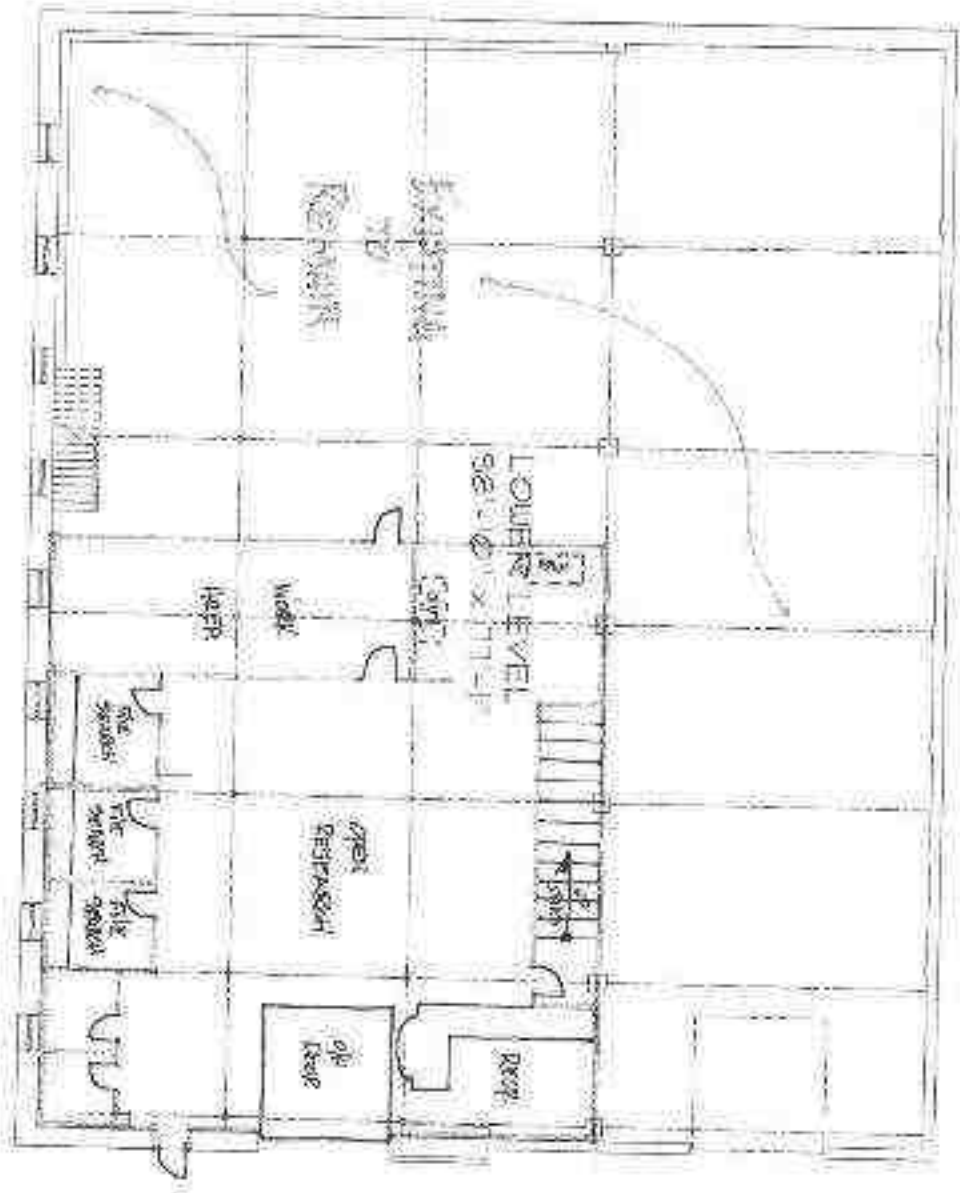




The Tobacco Warehouse



Access to the lower level from South Broad Street. The Heritage Reading Room will be located in this corner of the facility.



2 LOWER LEVEL - EXISTING CONDITIONS  
 SCALE 1/8" = 1'-0"

GENERAL NOTES:  
 MAIN LEVEL: 10000'  
 LOWER LEVEL: 9000'  
 SEE ELEVATIONS FOR FINISHES  
 SEE ELEVATIONS FOR ROOFING  
 SEE ELEVATIONS FOR FOUNDATION

10000'

10000' ON FOR  
 OCCASAL HERITAGE CENTER  
 10000' SOUTH CAROLINA

10000' ELEV



10000' ON FOR  
 OCCASAL HERITAGE CENTER  
 10000' SOUTH CAROLINA

Project: Valley Heritage Museum - Lower Level Renovations  
 Client: Valley Heritage Museum  
 Location: Valley Heritage Center  
 VA, POB 23042

# Budget Estimate

| Cost Code                         | Item Description                                | Estimated Value     | SF Cost        | Description & Classification  |   |
|-----------------------------------|---|---------------------|----------------|---|---|
| <b>Building Costs</b>             |   |                     |                |   |   |
| 0090                              | Existing Permits and Licensing                  | \$1,740.00          | \$2.49         | 0000 City of Chesapeake   |   |
| 0200                              | Demolition                                      | \$2,100.00          | \$3.79         | 0000 Remove 1000 sq. ft. of existing interior walls, including some existing floor  |   |
| 02100                             | Asphalt Paving & Repair - Lower Level           | \$9,720.00          | \$10.07        | 0000 Remove 2000 sq. ft. of existing asphalt and replace with 1 1/2" compacted gravel   |   |
| 06300                             | New Stairs and Railings                         | \$5,450.00          | \$2.44         | 0000 New stairs and railings for lower level  |   |
| 06400                             | Columns and Ceilings                            | \$7,760.00          | \$2.95         | 0000 New cast-in-place concrete columns and ceiling for lower level   |   |
| 08200                             | Wood Scaffolding, Insulation, and Sheetrock     | \$23,022.00         | \$8.82         | 0000 New wood framing, 1 1/2" wall insulation, 5/8" sheetrock   |   |
| 08600                             | Floor Finishes                                  | \$8,285.00          | \$3.11         | 0000 Carpet in interior areas, VCT in bathroom and work area (VCT Mosaic)   |   |
| 08800                             | New Interior Doors and Hardware                 | \$5,390.00          | \$2.11         | 0000 Metal door frames, wood doors, standard hardware   |   |
| 09400                             | New Aluminum Standard Entry Door                | \$1,250.00          | \$0.47         | 0000 Walkup frame, 40 series, post-pull hardware, 1/2" door, 1/2" wall  |   |
| 09500                             | New Glasshead Door                              | \$3,315.00          | \$1.25         | 0000 Aluminum door, standard 40 series, custom glass, 1/2" door, 1/2" wall  |   |
| 09600                             | Acoustical Ceilings                             | \$4,235.00          | \$1.65         | 0000 New 2' x 4' acoustical grid ceiling and acoustical tile in interior areas  |   |
| 09800                             | Painting  | \$5,184.00          | \$1.95         | 0000 Walls, ceiling, doors, trim  |   |
| 10500                             | New Heating and Air Conditioning                | \$10,000.00         | \$10.07        | 0000 Install new 1 1/2 ton units, recuperators, and 1/2" ductwork for the entire lower level (stage area, work storage area, kitchen, office, stairs) |   |
| 10600                             | Plumbing  | \$7,600.00          | \$2.87         | 0000 Install existing toilet in work area, install new drains, install supply water fixture and base for new ADA restroom                             |   |
| 10900                             | <b>New Toilet Accessories</b>                   |                     | \$600.00       | \$0.21  | 0000 Toilet paper holder, ADA grab bar, paper towel dispenser, mirror |
| 11000                             | Fire Sprinkler Modifications                    | \$5,000.00          | \$1.89         | 0000 Expanding existing fire sprinkler layout, install drops in existing piping   |   |
| 16100                             | Electrical - Finished Basement Area             | \$21,000.00         | \$8.11         | 0000 Install new electrical lighting in finished ceiling, install new recuperators, install 5' x 6' x 20' power poles in open area, install new floor |   |
| 16100                             | Electrical - Existing Floor Storage/Work Area   | \$9,800.00          | \$3.93         | 0000 Install new electrical lighting in work area, install 2' x 4' recuperators, install new floor  |   |
| 01500                             | Site Supervision, Telephone and Vehicle Expense | \$4,755.00          | \$2.82         | 0000 Superintendent's salary, vehicle & gas mobile phone  |   |
| 01900                             | Project General Conditions                      | \$14,714.00         | \$5.50         | 0000 Mobilization, safety, site facilities, crime protection, bathroom, kitchen, and general construction management                                  |   |
| 01600                             | Equipment Rentals and Consumables               | \$165.00            | \$0.18         | 0000 Material handling consumables  |   |
| <b>Subtotal - BUILDING COSTS:</b> |   | <b>\$194,820.00</b> | <b>\$80.85</b> |   |   |
|                                   | 8% Contingency                                  | \$15,585.60         | \$1.57         | 0000 Contingency - 8% of sub-total project of Contingency   |   |
|                                   | Design/Construction Documents                   | \$8,261.00          | \$3.34         | 0000 10% safety & contingency (excluding construction costs) (SCT)  |   |
|                                   | Total Contingency Cost/Total                    | \$13,846.60         | \$1.58         |   |   |
|                                   | Travel/Concurrence Fees                         | \$12,000.00         | \$1.51         |   |   |
|                                   | <b>BUILDER'S RISK POLICY</b>                    | <b>\$1,822.00</b>   | <b>\$1.18</b>  | 0000 Cost of Builder's Risk Policy (see 10/10/03)   |   |
| <b>Total Facility Costs:</b>      |   | <b>\$238,034.20</b> | <b>\$17.00</b> |   |   |

Scheduled Duration: 7 weeks

**Phase I of Basement Renovations**

|                       |          |
|-----------------------|----------|
| Stairs to Lower Level | \$6,450  |
| New Heating and Air   | \$16,063 |
| Electrical            | \$23,200 |

---

*Phase I Total*                      *\$45,713*

Note: Prices are based on attached budget from Trehel. This project is a continuation of renovations that have been ongoing at the Tobacco Warehouse since 2001. All renovations have been done through the contracted services of Trehel. Two grants already received for this phase, a SCNHC State Grant and a SCNHC Regional Grant, were awarded based on these estimates provided by Trehel. Therefore, for this grant, only one estimate is provided.

Oconee County  
Parks, Recreation  
& Tourism

May 12, 2008

Phillip S. Shirley  
Director

Oconee County  
Administrative Offices  
815 South Pine Street  
Walhalla, SC 29691

Phone: 864-639-1464  
Fax: 864-669-1389

E-mail:  
[ps Shirley@occoneesc.com](mailto:ps Shirley@occoneesc.com)  
[www.experienceocconee.com](http://www.experienceocconee.com)

South Carolina National Heritage Corridor  
1305 Pendleton Street  
Columbia, SC 29201

To Whom It May Concern:

It is my pleasure to support the efforts of the Oconee Heritage Center in seeking funds to create a research/reading room in the basement of the Heritage Center. This addition would provide an opportunity for people to come see artifact/records in storage, view and listen to oral history interviews, conduct oral and video histories, etc. Their vision to provide such a resource for both the citizens and our visitors enhances the ability of the Museum to provide research opportunities.

The Oconee Heritage Center has evolved into a great attraction to showcase Oconee County and we are grateful for the hard work and dedication of the staff and Board of Directors. Their efforts and exhibits are first class and I look forward to the addition of this resource.

Thank You,

Phil Shirley, Director  
Oconee County Parks, Recreation & Tourism



May 12, 2008

South Carolina National Heritage Corridor  
1205 Pendleton Street  
Columbia SC 29201

Dear Sir or Madam:

The Oconee County Public Library is pleased to write a letter in support of the Oconee Heritage Center's efforts to secure a grant from the South Carolina National Heritage Corridor.

The Center's Director, Nicholas Gambrell has met with the OCPL's Director, Martha Baily, the Chairman of the Library Board of Trustees, John Adams, key historical preservationists and library staff on several occasions to discuss the possibilities of developing a research room at the Center.

The Library is delighted that Nick is pursuing funding to secure this much needed resource for our community and to enhance the Center's holdings. Both organizations consistently have overwhelming requests for historical materials and genealogical research services that are beyond our capabilities to provide.

The Center and the Library have partnered on several projects. Most recently, in celebration of National Library Week, Nick compiled images and artifacts from the 1870s in "Remembering the Railroads" which was on display at the Walthalla Library, April 1-30. The exhibit featured photos of depots in the county (past and present) along with railroad lanterns and signs.

The exhibit proved to be one of the most popular ever displayed at the library. As we are in such close proximity of each other, our patrons are always eager to visit the Center to learn more about Oconee County's rich heritage. The OCPL looks forward to the many exciting possibilities that lay ahead for cooperation between our entities. Please do not hesitate to contact either Martha or me if you have further questions.

Sincerely,



Sue Baldwin, Walthalla Branch Manager

Cc: Nick Gambrell, Martha Baily



**AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY  
OCONEE COUNTY, SC**

**COUNCIL MEETING DATE:** April 21, 2009  
**COUNCIL MEETING TIME:** 7:00 PM

**ITEM TITLE OR DESCRIPTION:**

Local Accommodations Tax-Arts & Historical grant to Oconee Heritage Trails for \$2,500.00 to be used to design and produce a brochure which will emphasize the rich Cherokee tradition in Oconee County. The brochure will showcase our Cherokee historical sites to include historical markers, the Oconee Heritage Center, Stumphouse Tunnel and Issaquena Falls. Request approved by the Arts & Historical Commission on 04-02-09 by a unanimous vote.

**BACKGROUND OR HISTORY:**

Local Accommodations Tax funds are received monthly from the accommodations industry and according to Ordinance 2007-12, 25% of those funds are tourism related funds that are to be disbursed as annual grants to the Arts and Historical community through the Arts & Historical Commission to increase the ability of the grant recipient to attract or provide for tourist, as described in Ordinance 2007-12. All grant recipients are required to turn in intermediate reports every 60 days to the progress of the grant and a final report upon completion of the grant. Those reports are placed in the grant folder, which is kept active by the PKT office until the grant is considered complete, and then it is filed in the PRT office.

**SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS OR CONCERNS:**

**COMPLETE THIS PORTION FOR ALL PROCUREMENT REQUESTS:**

Does this request follow Procurement Ordinance #2001-15 guidelines? Yes / No [review #2001-15 or Procurement's website]  
If no, explain briefly: No, Grant Award from Local Accommodations Tax

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Approval of Arts & Historical Commission recommendation for Local ATAX grant.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

\$2,500.00 to be paid out of line item 013-705-90095. Current 25% Local Accommodations balance is \$29,557.93. We have twelve grants recommended from the Arts & Historical Commission for the 2009 grant cycle. If all twelve are approved, the balance will be \$57.93

**COMPLETE THIS PORTION FOR ALL GRANT REQUESTS:**

Are Matching Funds Available: No  
If yes, who is matching and how much:

**ATTACHMENTS**

**Reviewed By/ Initials:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
County Attorney        JD   Finance        KLL   Grants      \_\_\_\_\_ Procurement

**Submitted or Prepared By:**

Phil Shirley, PRT Director

**Department Head/Elected Official**

**Approved for Submittal to Council:**

  Dale Surratt    
Dale Surratt, County Administrator

*Council has directed that they receive their agenda packages a week prior to each Council meeting, therefore, Agenda Items Summaries must be submitted to the Administrator for his review/approval no later than 12 days prior to each Council meeting. It is the Department Head / Elected Officials responsibility to ensure that all approvals are obtained prior to submission to the Administrator for inclusion on an agenda.*

*A calendar with due dates marked may be obtained from the Clerk to Council.*

**OCONEE COUNTY ATAX GRANT  
APPLICATION FORM  
FOR TOURISM RELATED PROJECTS**

**I. APPLICANT**

A. Name of Organization Oconee Heritage Trails

B. Address 1320 Quail Haven Drive

Walhalla, South Carolina 29691

**A. FUNDS REQUESTED**

B. ATAX Funds Requested \$ 2500.00

C. How will ATAX Funds be used? to develop a tourist

D. brochure emphasizing the rich character

E. transition in Oconee County

F. Estimated percentage of costs directly attributed to attracting or serving  
a. tourists? 100%

G. Funds furnished by your organization \$/ 0

H. Matching grant \$ 0 Source: \_\_\_\_\_

I. Other Funding \$ 0 Source: \_\_\_\_\_

Provide an itemized budget for your event and for allotted funds. **THIS IS  
REQUIRED**, attach on a separate sheet.

**III. NARRATIVE PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

A. Project Title Cherokee Heritage Trails Brochure

B. Description of project Design and produce a

brochure that showcases our Cherokee

historical sites to include historical markers,

Heritage Center, Storehouse and Issaqueena Falls

C. Who will benefit from this project? Any business or

organization that deals with tourists  
and tourists (Restaurants, hotels, Antique shops,  
Heritage Center)

#### IV. DATES OF PROJECT

Beginning April 1, 2009 Ending September 1, 2009

#### V. APPLICANT CATEGORY

Government Entity: \_\_\_\_\_

Non-profit Organization; Incorporation date 6-27-2006  
Charlotte Heritage Trails (DBA Charlotte Boat Club of S.C.)  
Eleemosynary Organization under IRS Code: IRS # 03-0592416

Date of Determination Letter June 29, 2007

#### VI. DEMOGRAPHIC DATA

How will the project influence tourism in Oconee County? Encourage  
tourists to visit Oconee County and visit local  
historical sites

How many visitors/participants attended the event last year and are anticipated this year? N/A

How many of the visitors/participants were from beyond a 50 mile radius of Oconee County  
last year and are anticipated this year? N/A, 90%

How many overnight stays were created by this event last year and are anticipated this year?  
N/A, 100 stays

How do you plan to advertise this event beyond a 50 mile radius of Oconee County?  
Place brochures at museums, visitors' centers  
and other historical sites

What other documentation can you provide demonstrating this event promotes  
Tourism in Oconee County? (i.e. photographs, letters from local chambers of  
commerce, restaurants, shop or accommodations owners) Reference  
Heritage Center

What records will be kept during this event to obtain the above demographic data?  
(i.e. guest logs, phone logs, accommodations contracts, website hits, advertising  
demographics) The number of brochures

distributed and circulated

#### VII. AUDIT

Does your organization perform an independent audit? Yes \_\_\_ No

Name of the Auditor N/A

VIII. Will your project be using any funds from another group that received ATAX funds? No

*I have read the guidelines for the Oconee County Accommodations Grant Request and do hereby agree to comply with all rules and requirements. I understand failure to comply may result in a loss of funding for the project and that all information required for final reporting MUST be detailed when project is complete.*

A. Contact Name David LaVere Title Chairman

Signature David LaVere Date 2-10-09

Address 120 Pearl Haven Drive

E-mail case44@rimsping.com Fax No. \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number (s) 864/658-8692

B. Alternate Contact Nancy Basket Title Co-Chair

Address 1105 E Main Street Walhalla, SC 29691

E-mail Nativedeals@aol.com Fax No. \_\_\_\_\_

Signature Nancy Basket Date Feb 10, 2009

Phone Number (s) 715-8864

### ATAX Grant Processing Report

## ITEMIZED BUDGET

|                     |        |
|---------------------|--------|
| Development of Maps | \$500  |
| Editing (pictures)  | \$500  |
| Research Material   | \$300  |
| Printing            | \$1200 |
| Total               | \$2500 |

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY  
OCONEE COUNTY, SC

COUNCIL MEETING DATE: April 21, 2009  
COUNCIL MEETING TIME: 7:00 PM

**ITEM TITLE OR DESCRIPTION:**

Local Accommodations Tax-Arts & Historical grant to Patriots' Hall Association for \$2,000.00 to be used to cover advertisement for Oconee Veteran's Museum in Oconee Magazine. Request approved by the Arts & Historical Commission on 04-02-09 by a unanimous vote.

**BACKGROUND OR HISTORY:**

Local Accommodations Tax funds are received monthly from the accommodations industry and according to Ordinance 2007-12, 25% of those funds are tourism related funds that are to be disbursed as annual grants to the Arts and Historical community through the Arts & Historical Commission to increase the ability of the grant recipient to attract or provide for tourist, as described in Ordinance 2007-12. All grant recipients are required to turn in intermediate reports every 60 days to the progress of the grant and a final report upon completion of the grant. These reports are placed in the grant folder, which is kept active by the PRT office until the grant is considered complete, and then it is filed in the PRT office.

**SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS OR CONCERNS:**

**COMPLETE THIS PORTION FOR ALL PROCUREMENT REQUESTS:**

Does this request follow Procurement Ordinance #2001-15 guidelines? Yes / No (review #2001-15 on Procurement's website)  
If no, explain briefly: No, Grant Award from Local Accommodations Tax

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Approval of Arts & Historical Commission recommendation for Local ATAX grant.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

\$2,000.00 to be paid out of line item 013-705-90095. Current 25% Local Accommodations balance is \$29,557.93. We have twelve grants recommended from the Arts & Historical Commission for the 2009 grant cycle. If all twelve are approved, the balance will be \$57.93

**COMPLETE THIS PORTION FOR ALL GRANT REQUESTS:**

Are Matching Funds Available: Yes  
If yes, who is matching and how much: Donations - \$423.00

**ATTACHMENTS**

Reviewed By/ Initials:

\_\_\_\_ County Attorney

 Finance

 Grants


\_\_\_\_ Procurement

Submitted or Prepared By:

Phil Shirley, PRT Director

\_\_\_\_ Department Head/Elected Official

Approved for Submittal to Council:

  
Dale Surratt, County Administrator

*Council has directed that they receive their agenda packages a week prior to each Council meeting, therefore, Agenda Items Summaries must be submitted to the Administrator for his review/approval no later than 12 days prior to each Council meeting. It is the Department Head / Elected Officials responsibility to ensure that all approvals are obtained prior to submission to the Administrator for inclusion on an agenda.*

*A calendar with due dates marked may be obtained from the Clerk to Council.*



**OCONEE COUNTY  
LOCAL ACCOMMODATIONS TAX  
GRANT APPLICATION FORM  
FOR TOURISM RELATED PROJECTS**

**I. APPLICANT**

A. Name of Organization Patriots' Hall Association

B. Address P.O. Box 591

Walhalla, S.C. 29691

**II. FUNDS REQUESTED**

A. Local Accommodations Tax funds requested \$ 2000.00

B. How will these funds be used? These funds will be used to place an advertisement for Patriots' Hall: Oconee Veterans' Museum in one of four distributed magazines featuring Oconee County. Two of these magazines are owned by Eagle Media and two are owned by Dreams Float Media, LLC

C. Estimated percentage of costs directly attributed to attracting or serving Tourists? 75%

D. Funds furnished by your organization \$ 423.00

Matching grant \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Source \_\_\_\_\_

Other Funding \$ 423.00 Source Donations

E. Provide an itemized budget for your event **and** for allotted funds. **THIS IS REQUIRED**, attach on separate sheet. N/A not applicable

### III. NARRATIVE PROJECT DESCRIPTION

A. Project Title Advertisement for Patriots' Hall: Oconee Veterans' Museum

B. Description of project to publish a 1/4 page advertisement in Oconee Magazine six times a year . With the cost of this contract, a featured article for the museum will be printed in one of the issues. A 15% discount will be offered because the museum is a non-profit organization. After comparing the other 3 county publications, this magazine would be the "best fit" for Patriots' Hall.

C. Who will benefit from this project? Oconee Magazine targets operating businesses in each city in the county, city and county leaders, area managers and decision makers, and affluent consumers, including residents in Pickens County. It is mailed directly to carefully selected managers and decision makers in business, industry, professionals and entrepreneurs, home builders and realtors, government, and consumers. It is available free to consumers at area super markets, bookstores, retail outlets, chambers, associations, medical offices and newsstands. It is also available at S.C. Welcome Centers and S.C. State Parks and visitors' offices. It highlights Oconee County's real estate and retail to visitors. It is considered a "coffee table" book to be displayed in private homes who may have visitors looking for a places to settle or to visit.

### IV. DATES OF PROJECT

Beginning May Issue: Reseryation deadline April 13, Materials due: April 20, 2009 Ending February, 2010

### V. APPLICANT CAREGORY

Government Entity: \_\_\_\_\_

Non-profit Organization: Incorporation date 7-11-2003

Eleemosynary Organization under IRS Code: IRS # \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Determination Letter \_\_\_\_\_

### VI. DEMOGRAPHIC DATA

How will the project influence tourism in Oconee County? Distribution of Oconee Magazine is widespread to locations where visitors and newcomers have access. It is one of the most anticipated publications and is used as a community reference. Issues can be found in civic and governmental agencies that recruit business and visitors and on newsstands. This magazine clearly defines what to do, where to go and how to get there in Oconee County. The information is vital to the lives of those who rely on it for events and opportunities. Issues are commonly found on coffee tables and can be looked at by visitors who may be looking for relocation areas or places to visit.

How many visitors/participants attended the event last year and are anticipated this year? N/A... this funding request is not for an event

How many of the visitors/participants were from beyond a 50 mile radius of Oconee County last year and are anticipated this year? The PHA Membership database lists 10% of the membership as residing beyond a 50 mile radius. Annually, 15% of the visitors list their residence as being outside Oconee County with the farthest away being from Belgium and Germany. An increase of visitors this year is anticipated because of the installation of a small elevator to allow access to the second floor to those with physical limitations and the renovation that can now take place to allow for museum expansion.

How many overnight stays were created by this event last year and are anticipated this year? Not one event but any event at Patriots' Hall will be well publicized beyond the county.

How do you plan to advertise this event beyond the 50 mile radius of Oconee County? The advertisement will be professionally designed and will include a listing of the museum's web site...www.oconeeveteransmuseum.org...which will list all current events at the museum. The site also has links to other attractions and museums throughout the state and those places have links back to the museum. All events will be well publicized in the media. Museum brochures have been placed at all S.C. Welcome Centers and throughout the state where travelers visit.

What other documentation can you provide demonstrating this event promotes Tourism in Oconee County? (i.e. photographs, letters from local chambers of commerce, restaurants, shops or accommodation owners). Sample issues of Oconee Magazine and circulation data sheets. Both the state government and County Council have been very supportive of Patriot's Hall. Requests have been made for additional brochures at the Welcome Centers and by accommodation Owners.

What records will be kept during this event to obtain the above demographic data? (i.e. guest logs, phone logs, accommodations contracts, website hits, advertising demographics) There is a guest log at the museum that has a place for visitors to record their residence and how they heard about the museum. The website has a counter and includes a feed-back form to submit to the web master.

## VII. AUDIT

Does your organization perform an independent audit? Yes  No

Name of Auditor Sherra Wood, Community First Bank

I have read the guidelines for the Oconee County Local Accommodations Tax Grant Request and do hereby agree to comply with all rules and requirements. I understand failure to comply may result in a loss of funding for the project and that all information required for final reporting MUST be detailed when project is complete.

A. Contact Name Charles M. Brickett Title President of PHA Board of Directors

Signature:  Date 27 Jan 2009

Address: 4 Bowsprit Lane, Salem, S. C. 29676

E-mail: ww2eol@aol.com Fax No. \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number (s) 864-944-5112 cell 864-557-0983

B. Alternate Contact A. J. Smith Title: Vice President of PHA Board

Address: 309 Chevenne Drive, Westminster, S. C. 29693

E-mail: maorehj@bellsouth.net Fax No. \_\_\_\_\_

Signature:  Date 1-27-09

Phone Number (s) 864-972-8173 cell 864-280-0107

Comparison For A Tax 2009

| NAME  | Publisher/Owner   | Size            | Rates (1 time) | Total                  | Distribution                    | Publications | Extras              |
|---|-------------------|-----------------|----------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| Oconee Magazine   | Dreamstomat Media | 1/4 page        | \$475.00       | 6X @ \$2423 see below* |                                 | 6 times      | Feature 1 issue, di |
| Today   | Eagle Media       | 1/4 page        | \$300.00       | 2X @ \$550             | Sub. Wel. Centers, etc          | 2 times      | Non-profits - none  |
| Lake Evening  | Eagle Media       | 1/5 page        | \$1,000.00     | 6X @ \$2350            | Buy at newsstands, sub. Chamber | 6 times      | Non-profits - none  |
| Oconee Places & Faces   | Dreamstomat Media | full color page | \$495.00       | 1X @ \$495             | Direct mail, builders, business | 1 issue      | Mostly Features     |
| Courier   |                   |                 | \$236          | 1X @ \$236             | subscribers, purchase           | weekly       |                     |
| Sea. Journal  |                   |                 | \$189          | 1X @ \$189             | subscribers, purchase           | 6 X a week   |                     |
| * Direct-mailed to residents, select markets, high end homocuity, all Oc. HBA members, businesses, Chambers in Chemson, Cashiers, Highlands, Welcome Centers, Visitor Districts |                   |                 |                |                        |                                 |              |                     |



# Wahalla Civic Auditor

A historic school turned regional performing

**O**n a quiet street in Wahalla, Fla., sits a small, two-story building with a distinctive architectural style. This is the Wahalla Civic Auditor, a historic school building that has been transformed into a regional performing arts center. The building, which was originally constructed in 1902, features a combination of brick and stucco, with a prominent central tower and arched windows. The auditorium, which is located on the second floor, has a capacity of 150 seats and is equipped with modern sound and lighting systems. The building is surrounded by a well-manicured lawn and a few trees, and it is a popular destination for tourists and locals alike. The Wahalla Civic Auditor is a testament to the town's rich history and its commitment to preserving its cultural heritage.

The building's architecture is a blend of early 20th-century styles, with a central tower that serves as a focal point. The use of brick and stucco is a common feature in the region, and the arched windows add a touch of elegance. The auditorium's design is simple yet functional, with a focus on providing a high-quality performance space. The building's location in the heart of Wahalla makes it easily accessible to visitors, and its proximity to other historic sites adds to its appeal. The Wahalla Civic Auditor is not just a building; it is a piece of the town's history that continues to serve the community.

By Chuck Wagoner - Journal Times, WA, Fla.

The building's architecture is a blend of early 20th-century styles, with a central tower that serves as a focal point. The use of brick and stucco is a common feature in the region, and the arched windows add a touch of elegance. The auditorium's design is simple yet functional, with a focus on providing a high-quality performance space. The building's location in the heart of Wahalla makes it easily accessible to visitors, and its proximity to other historic sites adds to its appeal. The Wahalla Civic Auditor is not just a building; it is a piece of the town's history that continues to serve the community.

The building's architecture is a blend of early 20th-century styles, with a central tower that serves as a focal point. The use of brick and stucco is a common feature in the region, and the arched windows add a touch of elegance. The auditorium's design is simple yet functional, with a focus on providing a high-quality performance space. The building's location in the heart of Wahalla makes it easily accessible to visitors, and its proximity to other historic sites adds to its appeal. The Wahalla Civic Auditor is not just a building; it is a piece of the town's history that continues to serve the community.



Wahalla Grade School, circa 1902, showing its right wing. The German soldiers wanted it so that a night wing could be added as funds became available.

Wahalla Civic Auditor in today.

*Page adds summary for feature in the issue*

The building's architecture is a blend of early 20th-century styles, with a central tower that serves as a focal point. The use of brick and stucco is a common feature in the region, and the arched windows add a touch of elegance. The auditorium's design is simple yet functional, with a focus on providing a high-quality performance space. The building's location in the heart of Wahalla makes it easily accessible to visitors, and its proximity to other historic sites adds to its appeal. The Wahalla Civic Auditor is not just a building; it is a piece of the town's history that continues to serve the community.



## Wahalla Civic Auditor

Box 211

The Return - Friday, 5  
Rhonda Vincent - Sat  
Dr. Branch Finn Squad - Sat  
Andy County Christmas  
Saturday, December

864.638.52  
101 E. North Broad Street  
www.wahallacivicauditorium.com  
Wahalla, Florida, WA  
8 shows plus parking



**AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY  
OCONEE COUNTY, SC**

**COUNCIL MEETING DATE:** April 21, 2009  
**COUNCIL MEETING TIME:** 7:00 PM

**ITEM TITLE OR DESCRIPTION:**

Local Accommodations Tax-Arts & Historical grant to Seneca Woman's Club \$2,500.00 to be used to cover printing of Ballenger House brochures, advertising and promotion of 2009 Historic Seneca Home Tour in newspapers and an Art Hanging system for more professional hanging of art exhibitions. Request approved by the Arts & Historical Commission on 04-07-09 by a unanimous vote.

**BACKGROUND OR HISTORY:**

Local Accommodations Tax funds are received monthly from the accommodations industry and according to Ordinance 2007-12, 25% of those funds are tourism related funds that are to be disbursed as annual grants to the Arts and Historical community through the Arts & Historical Commission to increase the ability of the grant recipient to attract or provide for tourist, as described in Ordinance 2007-12. All grant recipients are required to turn in intermediate reports every 60 days to the progress of the grant and a final report upon completion of the grant. Those reports are placed in the grant folder, which is kept active by the PRT office until the grant is considered complete, and then it is filed in the PRT office.

**SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS OR CONCERNS:**

**COMPLETE THIS PORTION FOR ALL PROCUREMENT REQUESTS:**

Does this request follow Procurement Ordinance #2001-15 guidelines? Yes / No [review #2001-15 on Procurement's website]  
If no, explain briefly: No, Grant Award from Local Accommodations Tax

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Approval of Arts & Historical Commission recommendation for Local ATAX grant.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

\$2,500.00 to be paid out of line item 013-705-90095. Current 25% Local Accommodations balance is \$29,557.93. We have twelve grants recommended from the Arts & Historical Commission for the 2009 grant cycle. If all twelve are approved, the balance will be \$57.93.

**COMPLETE THIS PORTION FOR ALL GRANT REQUESTS:**

Are Matching Funds Available: No  
If yes, who is matching and how much:

**ATTACHMENTS**

Reviewed By/ Initials:

|  |  |                  |                   |
|--|--|------------------|-------------------|
| _____ County Attorney                  | <u>VB</u> Finance                              | <u>KR</u> Grants | _____ Procurement |
| Submitted or Prepared By:              | Approved for Submittal to Council:             |                  |                   |
| Phil Shirley, PRT Director             | <u>[Signature]</u>                             |                  |                   |
| _____ Department Head/Elected Official | Date: <u>          </u> , County Administrator |                  |                   |

*Council has directed that they receive their agenda packages a week prior to each Council meeting, therefore, Agenda Items Summaries must be submitted to the Administrator for his review/approval no later than 12 days prior to each Council meeting. It is the Department Head / Elected Officials responsibility to ensure that all approvals are obtained prior to submission to the Administrator for inclusion on an agenda.*

*A calendar with due dates marked may be obtained from the Clerk to Council.*

**OCONEE COUNTY  
LOCAL ACCOMODATIONS TAX  
GRANT APPLICATION FORM  
FOR TOURISM RELATED PROJECTS**

**I. APPLICANT**

A. Name of Organization: Seneca Woman's Club/Historic Ballenger House

B. Address: 212 E.S. Third Street Seneca, S.C. 29678

**II. FUNDS REQUESTED**

A. ATAX Funds Requested: \$2,500.00

B. How will ATAX Funds be used? Grant would go toward three current projects: Printing of additional Historic Ballenger House brochures for continued distribution to non-local entities for travelers and continued exposure of the facility. Advertising and promotion of 2009 Historic Seneca Home Tour in newspapers. Art hanging system for more professional hanging of art exhibits.

C. Estimated percentage of costs directly attributed to attracting or serving tourists?  
20%

D. Funds furnished by your organization: As necessary to complete project. See attached treasurer's report.

Matching grant \_\_\_\_\_, Source: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Funding \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Source: None other at this time

E. Provide an itemized budget for your event **and** for allotted funds.  
**THIS IS REQUIRED**, attach on a separate sheet.

**See Attached**

### III. NARRATIVE PROJECT DESCRIPTION

- A. Project Title: Promotion of Historic Ballenger House for tourism related events.
- B. Description of project: As a portion of the Seneca Woman's Club initiative to utilize the historic Ballenger House for community and tourism related events, planning is underway for a Historic District Home tour for 2009. Additional brochures are needed to promote the use of the Historic Ballenger House. They will be distributed throughout the upstate, at visitors' centers, at local and regional events and chambers of commerce. The HBH has hosted five art exhibits in the last 24 months. They have brought many visitors from outside our area and we would like to continue to develop this as a way to promote our presence in the ever growing tourism market of our region.
- C. Who will benefit from this project? This project benefits the upstate as a tourist attraction and will encourage return of visitors. Will also help maintain and increase the Historic Ballenger House's image as a respected facility to be used by city, county and state organizations.

### IV. DATES OF PROJECT

Beginning: immediately upon receipt of funding    Ending: December 30, 2009

### V. APPLICANT CATEGORY

Government Entity: \_\_\_\_\_

Non-profit Organization: Incorporation date: November 5, 1979

Eleemosynary Organization under IRS Code: IRS # 57-263-3756

Date of Determination Letter: September 1982

## VI. DEMOGRAPHIC DATA

How will the project influence tourism in Oconee County? The project will increase visibility of Oconee County through continued exposure to travelers. It will also promote the upstate as a community that promotes the arts and culture through tourism.

How many visitors/participants attended the event last year and are anticipated this year? In 2007 we had 250 people for historic district home tour and 550 in the month of November through the home tour including the S.C. State Museum Digital Arts Exhibit. This included visitors from 9 states and throughout the state of South Carolina. We feel increased advertising of this project will increase it's success.

How many of the visitors/participants were from beyond a 50 mile radius of Oconee County last year and are anticipated this year? 20%

How many overnight stays were created by this event last year and are anticipated this year?

Numbers for this year are difficult to determine since most events coincide with other Seneca events to assure success. We have been informed that magazine ads, brochures and flyers in local hotels have brought travelers to events. In our last Art Exhibit/Historic Home Tour combined there were over 550 guests from nine states. Our ongoing exhibit in partnership with BRAC has brought over 300 guests from four states. We are also having our events sold to travelers as a package weekend by our local Bed and Breakfast the Lowry House Inn.

How do you plan to advertise this event beyond a 50 mile radius of Oconee County? Brochures and flyers at welcome centers, chambers of commerce and other tourist information sites. Newspaper and Radio and magazine advertising. Our web-site has proven to be an excellent source. We also take advantage of free advertising and calendars of events. We have increased our flyers for individual events to be mailed and/or placed at strategic sites.

What other documentation can you provide demonstrating this event promotes Tourism in Oconee County? (i.e. photographs, letters from local chambers of commerce, restaurants, shop or accommodations owners).

See attached guest registers and press releases and copies of advertisements.

What records will be kept during this event to obtain the above demographic data? (i.e. guest logs, phone logs, accommodations contracts, website hits, advertising demographics)

Guest Registers with home addresses, web-site hits, list of organizations that use the house for events and meetings. Copies of all magazine and newspaper advertising.

## VII. AUDIT

Does your organization perform an independent audit? Yes  No

Name of the Auditor Cheryl Brock

VIII. Will your project be using any funds from another group that received ATAX funds? No

*I have read the guidelines for the Oconee County Accommodations Grant Request and do hereby agree to comply with all rules and requirements. I understand failure to comply may result in a loss of funding for the project and that all information required for final reporting MUST be detailed when project is complete.*

A. Contact Name: Donna C. Burati Title: Promotional Director

Signature  Date January 15, 2009

Address 18020 Clermont Circle Seneca, S.C. 29678

E-mail burati@bellsouth.net Fax No: 864-654-4043 (call first)

Phone Number (s) 864-654-4043(H) 864-710-6504(C)

B. Alternate Contact Becky Hetherington Title President

Address 515 Hillandale Road Seneca, S.C. 29672

E-mail hether by keowe@earthlink Fax No. \_\_\_\_\_

Signature  Date January 15, 2009

Phone Number (s) 864-985-1649(H)

**Itemized Budget of the Arts and Historical Grant  
January 15, 2009**

|  |                   |
|--|-------------------|
| AS Hanging Systems   | 1,360.70          |
| Print-It 5,000 Brochures   | 1,769.25          |
| Journal Messenger advertising<br>3-3X5 Ads for three weeks @ 90.00each | 810.00            |
| <u>Total</u>   | <u>\$3,939.95</u> |



**Jim Donna Burati**

---

**From:** "Glen Crain" <glen@dailym.com>  
**To:** <burati@bellsouth.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 14, 2009 9:52 AM  
**Subject:** rates for grant

Hey Donna, hope all is well.

Golden Corner Today magazine 1/4 page \$275.00

3x5 ad in the paper \$120.00 each time it runs. In the past that was \$90.00 each. As of oct. 1, 08 we had a rate increase for non-profit to \$8.00 per col. inch.

I hope this helps and thank you. Please feel free to call me any time.

Glen Crain  
Online Advertising Director  
upstatetoday.com  
864-324-4192

**Print It!**  
Design · Print · Mail



PO Box 1707  
Seneca, SC 29679  
Ph. 864.882.1609  
Fax 864.882.7178  
www.printitcolor.com

SENECA WOMAN'S CLUB  
505 S TOWNVILLE STREET  
SENECA, SC 29678

January 12, 2009  
Quote #: 10459  
Tel: (864) 854-4043  
Fax:  
Page 11 of 11

Contact: DONNA BURATI

| Quantity | Description  | Sub-Total |
|----------|--|-----------|
| 5,000    | Brochures - THE HISTORIC BALLENGER HOUSE<br>8.5 x 11 FULL COLOR BROCHURE<br>100# GLOSS TEXT<br>AQUEOUS COATING<br>LETTERFOLD | 1,769.25  |
| 10,000   | Brochures - THE HISTORIC BALLENGER HOUSE<br>8.5 x 11 FULL COLOR BROCHURE<br>100# GLOSS TEXT<br>AQUEOUS COATING<br>LETTERFOLD | 2,648.60  |



Hanging Systems

**AS Hanging Systems**  
4000 St-Amroise #171  
Montréal QC H4C 2C7 Canada  
Phone: 866 935-8949 / 514 935 8949  
Fax: 514 935-9209  
www.ASHanging.com

QUOTE  
#202561

Customer #2035866

Page 1 of 1

| Date  | Quote  | Ship via   | Currency |
|---|--------|--|----------|
| Jan 14, 2009  | 202561 | UPS  | USD      |
| <b>BILL TO:</b><br>Historic Ballenger House<br>Donna Burati<br>1820 Clermont Cir<br>Seneca South Carolina 29678<br>United States<br>864-654-4043<br>donna@ballengerhouse.com<br><br>PO: |        | <b>SHIP TO:</b><br>Historic Ballenger House<br>Donna Burati<br>Ship at care of: (same)<br>1820 Clermont Cir<br>Seneca South Carolina 29678<br>United States<br>864-654-4043<br><br>Note: |          |

Quoted items

| PN      | Description                             | Quantity | Unit price      | Total                 |
|---------|---|----------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| C2001GK | J-End Stainless Steel Cable 48" / 120cm | 100      | 6.40            | 640.00                |
| H3007AA | Self-Gripping Hook (Small)              | 125      | 7.25            | 906.25                |
| DISC    | VP Customer Discount                    | 1        | (185.55)        | (185.55)              |
|         |   |          | <b>Subtotal</b> | <b>\$1,360.70</b>     |
| US3D01Z | UPS 3-Day Select (US)                   | 1        | 58.90           | 58.90                 |
|         |   |          | <b>Total</b>    | <b>USD \$1,419.60</b> |

Thank you for the interest shown to our product line, this quote is valid for 30 days. To complete this order, call our Customer Service at 866 935 8949 with your quote number (#202561) or login on your account at [www.ASHanging.com](http://www.ASHanging.com). Your login name is [donna@ballengerhouse.com](mailto:donna@ballengerhouse.com) and your password is Xmu26iRo

**AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY  
OCONEE COUNTY, SC**

**COUNCIL MEETING DATE:** April 21, 2009  
**COUNCIL MEETING TIME:** 7:00 PM

**ITEM TITLE OR DESCRIPTION:**

Local Accommodations Tax-Arts & Historical grant to Walhalla Civic Auditorium, Inc. for \$2,500.00 to purchase ads on Northland Cable. These "spots" will be 30 seconds describing one or two events each month with voice over and appropriate pictures. These spots will be broadcast over popular channels in Western North Carolina, Northeastern Georgia, and Upstate South Carolina. The people of the Tri-State will benefit because they will be informed of the educational, cultural and entertaining events at the Walhalla Civic Auditorium. Request approved by the Arts & Historical Commission on 04-02-09 by a unanimous vote.

**BACKGROUND OR HISTORY:**

Local Accommodations Tax funds are received monthly from the accommodations industry and according to Ordinance 2007-12, 25% of those funds are tourism related funds that are to be disbursed as annual grants to the Arts and Historical community through the Arts & Historical Commission to increase the ability of the grant recipient to attract or provide for tourist, as described in Ordinance 2007-12. All grant recipients are required to turn in intermediate reports every 60 days to the progress of the grant and a final report upon completion of the grant. These reports are placed in the grant folder, which is kept active by the PRT office until the grant is considered complete, and then it is filed in the PRT office.

**SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS OR CONCERNS:**

**COMPLETE THIS PORTION FOR ALL PROCUREMENT REQUESTS:**

Does this request follow Procurement Ordinance #2001-15 guidelines? Yes / No (review #2001-15 on Procurement's website. If no, explain briefly: No, Grant Award from Local Accommodations Tax

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Approval of Arts & Historical Commission recommendation for Local ATAX grant.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

\$2,500.00 to be paid out of line item 013-705-90095. Current 25% Local Accommodations balance is \$29,557.93. We have twelve grants recommended from the Arts & Historical Commission for the 2009 grant cycle. If all twelve are approved, the balance will be \$57.93

**COMPLETE THIS PORTION FOR ALL GRANT REQUESTS:**

Are Matching Funds Available: Yes

If yes, who is matching and how much: Walhalla Civic Auditorium (Ticket Sales) - \$2,500.00

**ATTACHMENTS**

Reviewed By/ Initials:

\_\_\_\_ County Attorney

 Finance

 Grants

\_\_\_\_ Procurement

Submitted or Prepared By:

Phil Shirley, PRT Director

Approved for Submittal to Council:

  
Dale Surrency, County Administrator

Department Head/Elected Official

*Council has directed that they receive their agenda packages a week prior to each Council meeting, therefore, Agenda Items Summaries must be submitted to the Administrator for his review/approval no later than 12 days prior to each Council meeting. It is the Department Head / Elected Officials responsibility to ensure that all approvals are obtained prior to submission to the Administrator for inclusion on an agenda.*

*A calendar with due dates marked may be obtained from the Clerk to Council.*

**OCONEE COUNTY  
LOCAL ACCOMMODATIONS TAX  
GRANT APPLICATION FORM  
FOR TOURISM RELATED PROJECTS**

**I. APPLICANT**

A. Name of Organization Wahalla Civic Auditorium, Inc.

B. Address PO Box 523 101 East North Broad St.  
Wahalla, SC 29691

**II. FUNDS REQUESTED**

A. Local Accommodations Tax funds requested \$ ~~5,000.00~~ 2,500.00

B. How will these funds be used? To purchase ads on  
Northland Cable through Charter Media

C. Estimated percentage of costs directly attributed to attracting or serving  
tourists: 100%

D. Funds furnished by your organization \$ 2,500.00

Matching grant \$ 0.00 Source Tickets

Other Funding \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Source \_\_\_\_\_

E. Provide an itemized budget for your event and for allotted funds. **THIS IS  
REQUIRED** attach on a separate sheet. Attachment #1

### III. NARRATIVE PROJECT DESCRIPTION

A. Project Title TV Commercials

B. Description of project These funds will be used to purchase ads with Northland Cable through Charter Media.

These "spots" will be 30 seconds describing one or two events each month with voice over and appropriate pictures

C. Who will benefit from this project? The people of the Tri-State area will benefit because they will be informed of the educational, cultural and entertaining events at the WCA. Of course the WCA will benefit because ticket sales will increase

### IV. DATES OF PROJECT

Beginning May 2009 Ending April 2010

### V. APPLICANT CATEGORY

Government Entity

Non-profit Organization: Incorporation date March, 1994

Eleemosynary Organization under IRS Code: IRS # 57-0994911

Date of Determination Letter March 29, 1995

### VI. DEMOGRAPHIC DATA

How will the project influence tourism in Oconee County? These spots will be broadcast over popular channels in Western North Carolina, Northeastern Georgia and upstate South Carolina



How many visitors/participants attended the event last year and are anticipated this year? Total estimated at 13,000 - 17,000

How many of the visitors/participants were from beyond a 50 mile radius of Oconee County last year and are anticipated this year? 12-15%

How many overnight stays were created by this event last year and are anticipated this year? 200-300

How do you plan to advertise this event beyond a 50 mile radius of Oconee County?

On Charter that are the Upstate, including Northland Cable in the Greenville area, Northeast GA and TN North Carolina

What other documentation can you provide demonstrating this event promotes Tourism in Oconee County? (i.e. photographs, letters from local chambers of commerce, restaurants, shop or accommodations owners) ZIP Codes are kept to

document out-of-state, phone logs, e-mail logs of patrons who attend  
Web site visited by out of county, out of state. Attachments -

What records will be kept during this event to obtain the above demographic data? (i.e. guest logs, phone logs, accommodations contracts, website hits, advertising demographics) ZIP tabulations, Guest logs, statements from  
restaurants and motels, B + B's.

## VII. AUDIT

Does your organization perform an independent audit? Yes  No

Name of the Auditor Helen Westoverland

I have read the guidelines for the Oconee County Local Accommodations Tax Grant Request and do hereby agree to comply with all rules and requirements. I understand failure to comply may result in a loss of funding for the project and that all information required for final reporting MUST be detailed when project is complete.

A. Contact Name Maria W. Duke Title Deputy  
Signature Maria W. Duke Date 1/09/09  
Address 306 N. Catherine Street Wadkalla, SC 29691  
E-mail gponny@duke-dot-com Fax No: 864-638-5200  
Phone Number (s) 864-638-5200 or 864-710-3211

B. Alternate Contact Jean Phillips Title President  
Address 234 Lakeside Drive Wadkalla, SC 29691  
E-mail jeanmarbob@belkouth.net Fax No. ---  
Signature Jean Phillips Date 1-9-09  
Phone Number (s) 864-638-3995 or 864-723-5166

BUDGET FOR TV ADS ON CHARTER

Debbie Stone@chzrtar.com

247-7171

Prepared by Maxie Duke, Debbie Stone, Ray Burroughs and Tom Brosnan

**INCOME:**

|                                  |           |
|----------------------------------|-----------|
| Grant from Oconee County ATAX    | \$ 5,000  |
| Walhalla Civic Auditorium add on | 2,500     |
| Total Cash                       | \$ 7,500  |
| Tickets Contributed by WCA       | 2,500     |
| TOTAL CASH AND IN-KIND           | \$ 10,000 |

\$937.50 per month will be expended beginning April, 2009.

50% on that amount will be spent in the Greenville, SC market (33 spots)

The spots will be on CNN & FOX

50% of that amount will be spent in Northeast Georgia & Highlands markets (46 to 47 spots—25% in Highlands, 25% in Toccoa and Northeast Georgia on Monday-Wednesday-Friday.

In the Highlands market the spots will be on CNN, HGTV, Food

In the Northeast Georgia the spots will be on CNN, A & E and USA

In some instances the spots will not show as WCA frequently rents the Auditorium and will not sponsor rental ads.

# At a glance... Network Demographics

| Network         | Core Viewers | % of M | % of F | Special Interest                                  |
|-----------------|--------------|--------|--------|---|
| A&E             | Adults 35-54 | 42%    | 53%    | Upscale Working Women                             |
| ABC Family      | Adults 18-49 | 33%    | 57%    | Kids 2-11 Daytime, Families                       |
| Animal Planet   | Adults 18+   | 36%    | 52%    | Median Age Pet Owners, Children                   |
| BET             | Adults 18-34 | 40%    | 67%    | African American, Texas, Fansites                 |
| Bravo           | Adults 18-45 | 40%    | 60%    | Well Educated Adults, Upscale Audience            |
| Cartoon Network | Kids 6-17    | 63%    | 37%    | Niche network, mass appeal                        |
| CMT             | Adults 18-54 | 47%    | 53%    | Loyal Viewers, Country Music Lovers               |
| CNBC            | Adults 35-54 | 34%    | 46%    | Affluent Investors, Professionals, Upscale Income |
| CNN             | Adults 18-54 | 40%    | 51%    | Influentials, Affluent, Adults                    |
| Comedy Central  | Adults 18-49 | 65%    | 35%    | Males, Upscale Adults                             |
| Court TV        | Women 25-54  | 36%    | 62%    | Live Courtroom Coverage, Original Scripted Series |
| Discovery       | Adults 18+   | 67%    | 33%    | Median HHS Families                               |
| E!              | Adults 18-45 | 46%    | 54%    | Upscale, Professional Women                       |
| ESPN            | Men 18-54    | 77%    | 23%    | Covers all sports, Targets Men                    |
| ESPN2           | Men 18-54    | 73%    | 27%    | Sports Audience, Younger than ESPN, Xtreme Sports |
| Food Network    | Adults 25-54 | 35%    | 65%    | Upscale, Educated, Employed                       |
| Fox News        | Adults 35+   | 57%    | 43%    | Upscale, Older Adults, Loyal Viewers              |
| FX              | Adults 18-49 | 60%    | 40%    | Niche network, Loyal Viewers, Blockbuster Movies  |
| Fox Sports Net  | Men 18-54    | 78%    | 22%    | Regional Sports                                   |
| Hallmark        | Women 35+    | 35%    | 65%    | Professional, Owner, Manager                      |
| Golf Channel    | Men 35+      | 75%    | 25%    | PGA Tour, White Collar, Affluent Men              |
| HGTV            | Women 18-49  | 38%    | 62%    | Upscale, Educated, Employed                       |
| History Channel | Adults 35-54 | 67%    | 33%    | Upscale, Affluent Men                             |
| I! (Elina)      | Women 18-49  | 27%    | 73%    | Adults, Women, Original Movies                    |
| MSNBC           | Adults 35+   | 51%    | 49%    | Older News Audience, Tech Savvy                   |
| MTV             | Adults 12-34 | 44%    | 56%    | Young Adults, Teasers, Pop Culture & Music        |
| Nickelodeon     | Kids 2-11    | 30%    | 64%    | Children, Parents                                 |
| Norix           | Men 25-54    | 63%    | 37%    | Outdoor/Adventure Sports, Hockey                  |
| Oxygen          | Women 18-49  | 31%    | 69%    | Upscale, Affluent, Educated Women                 |
| Sci-Fi          | Adults 25-54 | 30%    | 42%    | Loyal Viewers, Affluent Adults                    |
| Speed Channel   | Men 25-54    | 63%    | 37%    | Racing, Strong Male                               |
| Spike           | Men 18-49    | 61%    | 40%    | Young, Affluent Males                             |
| Style           | Women 25-49  | 20%    | 80%    | Educated, Upscale with children                   |
| TBS             | Adults 18-49 | 50%    | 50%    | Draves, Sitcoms, Mass Adult Audience              |
| TLC             | Adults 18+   | 36%    | 63%    | Educated Adults                                   |
| TNT             | Adults 25-54 | 49%    | 51%    | Adult Target, Movies, Sports                      |
| Travel Channel  | Adults 18+   | 63%    | 37%    | Upscale Adults, World Poker Tour                  |
| Sports South    | Men 35+      | 56%    | 44%    | Braves, Regional Sports                           |
| TV Guide        | Adults 25-54 | 36%    | 64%    | Short Viewing Times, Many Commercial Breaks       |
| TV Land         | Adults 25-54 | 45%    | 55%    | Baby Boomers, Old Sitcoms                         |
| Univision       | Adults 18-54 | 43%    | 57%    | Highest rated All Hispanic Network                |
| USA             | Adults 18-49 | 49%    | 51%    | Original Series, Original Movies, Mass Audience   |
| VH1             | Adults 18-49 | 49%    | 51%    | Young Adults, Music Videos, Music Specials        |
| Weather Channel | Adults 35+   | 49%    | 51%    | Active Adults, High Viewership                    |

January 30, 2008

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

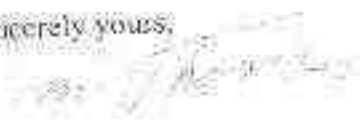
I am the owner of a small business here in Walhalla; it is easy for me to see how things are going because my customers come in, talk, tell me about up and down the street.

One of the best things that has happened to Walhalla lately is the Walhalla Civic Auditorium. It is so good to see that tree lighted and to know that folks from all over the county and tri-state area have come to enjoy themselves for an evening out.

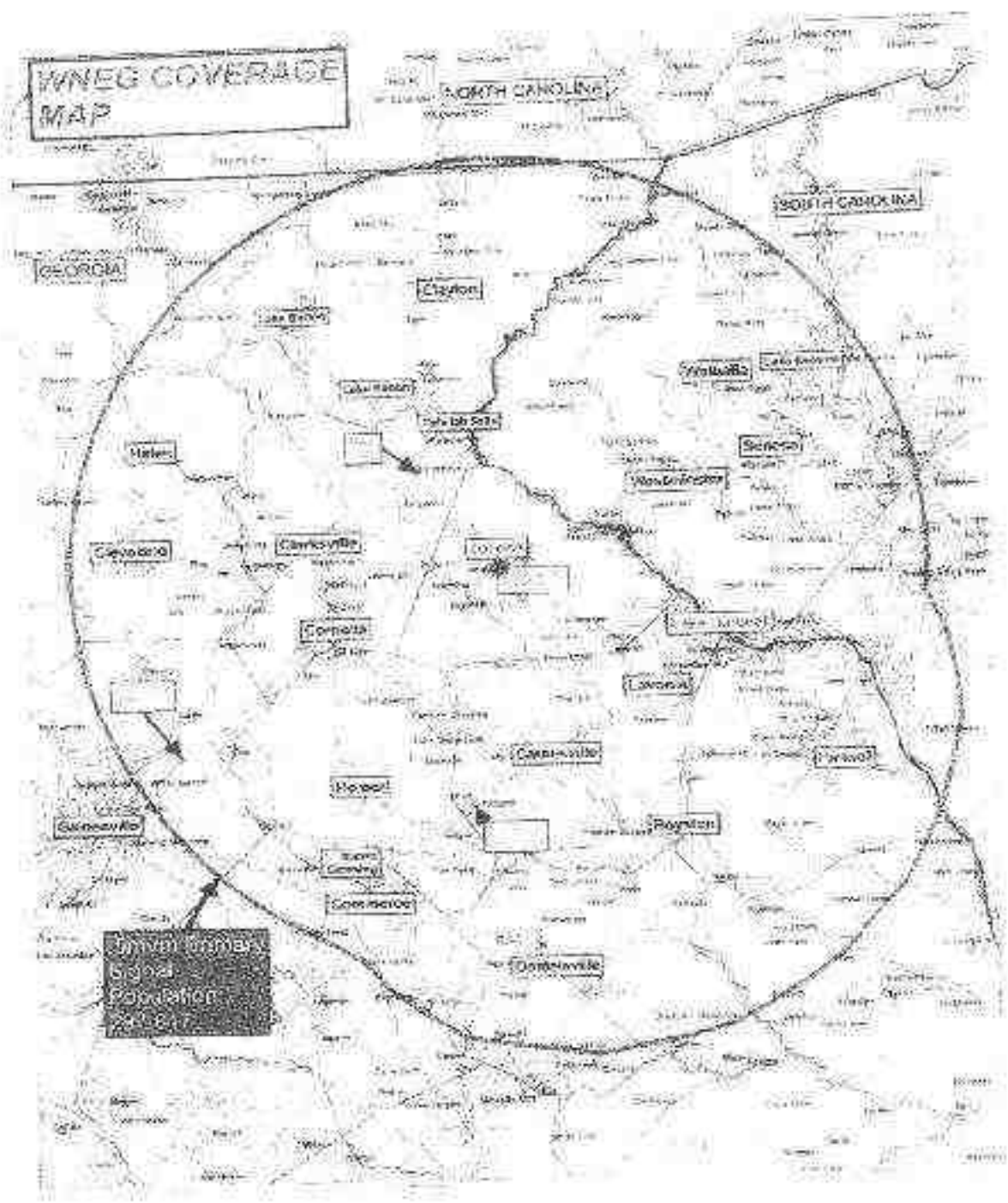
Not only does the Civic provide a venue for musical theatre, it is well-known for serving the activists' groups such as the Chambers of Commerce and the Vision for Oconee. Dance recitals, fundraisers for churches, all sorts of happenings are going on at the Civic. It is a good thing.

As a merchant and ticket outlet for the Civic, I know how hard the board members work and how intent they are on succeeding. Help them if you can.

Sincerely yours,

  
John Thomas  
The Village Farmer

# WVNEG COVERAGE MAP





January 30, 2008

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

As the owner of a small business here in Walhalla, it is easy for me to see how things are going because my customers come in, talk, tell me about up and down the street.

One of the best things that has happened to Walhalla lately is the Walhalla Civic Auditorium. It is so good to see that tree lighted and to know that folks from all over the county and tri-state area have come to enjoy themselves for an evening out.

Not only does the Civic provide a venue for musical theatre, it is well-known for serving the activists' groups such as the Chambers of Commerce and the Vision for Oconee. Dance recitals, fundraisers for churches, all sorts of happenings are going on at the Civic. It is a good thing.

As a merchant and ticket outlet for the Civic, I know how hard the board members work and how intent they are on succeeding. Help them if you can.

Sincerely yours,

Colleen Collins, Owner  
Common Grounds



January 30, 2008

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

My business is to feed to the hungry folk that come into our little town here in Waltham. It makes a big difference when the Waltham Civic Auditorium is hosting a great musical, a dance recital, or a civic affair. My business increases in direct proportion.

I am thankful that the Civic Auditorium has been created for our people. The ladies and gentlemen that run the Civic should be very proud of what they have created.

Unfortunately I am not able to attend the events, because of my business obligations, but I am always willing to listen to the complimentary remarks that my customers make.

Yours truly

Abel The Steak House





January 23, 2008

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

The Walhalla Civic Auditorium is a great asset to the Walhalla Community. They do a wonderful job in bringing a mix of live entertainment to our area.

This area provides programs over the year for the entertainment of the youngest to our retirement community, something for everyone. Folks can stay right here in our area and enjoy live entertainment and support our local economy.

The Auditorium is a well utilized asset. Various business programs, as well as civic programs, use the building as they seek to address common concerns in our community. The WCA has also been used by schools, clubs and even for political events.

What a wonderful group of community minded citizens that make up the Board of Directors for the Walhalla Civic Auditorium. I have the highest regard for their enthusiasm and commitment to making our area better and also more entertaining for visitors. It gives me great pride to support the WCA and the Board.

With warm personal regards,

  
Thomas C. Alexander

JCVcb



Public libraries have always been part of the fabric of America—the first publicly supported library in the nation was established here in South Carolina at “Charles Town” in 1698. As society has evolved, so have our libraries. The Oconee County Public Library provides residents with a reserve of the world’s knowledge by continuing to build an exceptional collection. The library also provides the technology that enables citizens to access global networks and databases, or to connect to family and friends. The four branch libraries of Salem, Seneca, Walhalla, and Westminster, as well as the mobile library, provide services to all Oconee County residents, regardless of age, education level, economic or social status, ethnicity, or distance from the library.

In FY08, the OCPL was the destination of choice for over 228,615 visitors. These days, it’s almost impossible to succeed without computers and the Internet and 44,556 people signed in to use 35 public terminals. 293,999 books, CDs, DVDs, magazines and books-on-tape were checked out by 32,941 registered users. The library maintained a collection of 178,168 items and answered 18,668 reference questions. The library was open seven days a week, for a total of 10,099 hours. These services were provided by 18 Full Time and 13 Part Time employees. As compared to counties serving similar size populations (Darlington and Greenwood), the OCPL operated more hours with four less employees.

As Oconee County’s fourth largest department, the total local expenditures for FY08, including salaries, was \$1,078,272.64, or \$16.25 per capita. How can citizens calculate the value of their investment? The following model was developed by the Massachusetts Library Association in September 2008.

| OCPL Service                          | Value of Service | Based On                                    | OCPL Service                       | Value of Service | Based On                                    |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|---|------------------------------------|------------------|---|
| Adult book borrowed                   | \$17.00          | Amazon.com average price                    | Children/Young Adult book borrowed | \$12.00          | Amazon.com average price                    |
| Magazine borrowed                     | \$5.00           | Average purchase price                      | Newspaper borrowed per week        | \$4.27           | Greenville News subscription                |
| Video borrowed                        | \$4.00           | Blockbuster average                         | Meeting Room per hour              | \$25.00          | Estimated average                           |
| CD borrowed                           | \$9.95           | iTunes download average                     | Basic Computer Class               | \$15.00          | TCT cost per hour                           |
| ILL request filled                    | \$25.00          | Amazon.com average price plus postage       | Audio book borrowed                | \$6.95           | Audible.com download average                |
| Adult program per attendance          | \$16.00          | Brooks Center program average admission fee | Children’s program per attendance  | \$8.75           | Brooks Center program average admission fee |
| Hour of Computer Use (Internet, etc.) | \$12.00          | FedEx-Kinko’s price                         | Research request answered          | \$7.00           | Average library cost                        |

Major accomplishments for FY08 include:

- 1-Installation of carpet and reconfiguration of shelving for the Walhalla Library
- 2-Enhancement of the Public Access Catalog
- 3-Completion of the first system-wide inventory of materials
- 4-Presentation of classes in basic computer literacy for both English and Spanish speaking peoples
- 5-Recipient of a National Endowment for the Humanities Picturing America grant
- 6-Redesign of the OCPL web site [www.oconee.lib.sc.us](http://www.oconee.lib.sc.us)

None of these projects would have been successful without the support of library patrons, program partners, the Friends of the Library, the Library Board of Trustees, and County Administration. Nor without the outstanding cooperation of other county departments, including: Facilities Maintenance, Information Technology, Finance, Grants Administration, Procurement and Human Resources.

The library has experienced significant increases in usage for the first six months of FY09 (July 1, 2008-December 31, 2008), as compared to the same time period in FY08. Circulation of materials has spiked 14.71% and the use of public computers has risen 12.02%.

Now, the OCPL is being called upon to endure huge cuts in State Aid funding, while faced with increased demands for programs and services. While the nation is in an economic crisis, the library must demonstrate its role as a catalyst for community revitalization. The OCPL is an information utility, and as such, it is vital that it keeps operating at an adequate level in order to assist all Oconee County citizens—the business owners, young children, farmers, community leaders, new immigrants, professionals, seniors, skilled and unskilled workers, students, investors, parents, government officials, and the unemployed. The list is long, but the Oconee County Public Library stands ready to help this community recover from economic hardship and invest in the future.

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY  
OCONEE COUNTY, SC

COUNCIL MEETING DATE: April 21, 2009  
COUNCIL MEETING TIME: 7:00 PM

**ITEM TITLE OR DESCRIPTION:** Request for approval to rollover balance of Library Director's salary for training.

**BACKGROUND OR HISTORY:** It is anticipated that the current manager of the Seneca Branch will resign Aug. 31, 2009. The Library in Seneca is the OCPL's busiest location. The Branch Manager's responsibilities include: serving as a key member of the Library Management Team; chairing the Library Technology Committee; maintaining the library's web site; overseeing all operations of the facility; and supervising (8) employees.

**SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS OR CONCERNS:** The Library would prefer to post the position in late May due to the deadlines associated with advertising and interviewing prospective candidates. The hiring process can then be completed by mid-August and training by August 31.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Approval of the requested funds will be in the best interests of Oconee County Administration and the Library. Training with the current Branch Manager on the "front end" will result in a more confident and knowledgeable employee in the long run. The new employee will learn the duties of the position from a highly talented and motivated employee. This action will help to insure the success of the new employee as they assume the responsibilities of full time employment.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** None. The Interim Library Director's salary is less than the former Director's salary, so there is sufficient coverage in the Director's salary account.

**COMPLETE THIS PORTION FOR ALL GRANT REQUESTS:**

Are Matching Funds Available: Yes / No  
If yes, who is matching and how much:

**ATTACHMENTS**

Submitted or Prepared By:

Sue Baldwin  
Department Head/Elected Official

Approved for Submittal to Council:

  
Dale Sarrett, County Administrator

Reviewed By/ Initials:

\_\_\_\_\_ County Attorney

\_\_\_\_\_ Finance

\_\_\_\_\_ Grants

C: Clerk to Council

*Agenda Items Summary to be submitted to Administrator for review / approval no later than close of business on Wednesday prior to a Council meeting.*

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY  
OCONEE COUNTY, SC

COUNCIL MEETING DATE: April 21, 2009  
COUNCIL MEETING TIME: 7:00 PM

ITEM TITLE OR DESCRIPTION: Request for approval of OCPL Wireless Policy.

**BACKGROUND OR HISTORY:** Before any new Library service is implemented, an accompanying policy is developed. In October, 2007, funding for Wireless Service was secured from Lottery and State Aid sources. At that time the Library Board also adopted a Wireless Internet Policy based on best practices of local area libraries and standards provided by the South Carolina State Library. The Library is now in the process of upgrading its technology infrastructure and anticipates Wireless Service will be available to Oconee County residents and visitors by Sept. 1, 2009.

**SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS OR CONCERNS:** In that this is a policy that affects a county facility and the signal could extend to adjacent public and private properties, it was recommended by County Administration that County Council approve the Library Wireless Policy. It was also recommended that the policy be reviewed by the County Attorney. The attached policy has been approved by Mr. Martin. Through a "pop-up" feature when accessing wireless service, the user is prompted to read, and agree to abide by the policy for access. If the user does not agree, then no access is given.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Approval of the OCPL Wireless Policy will be in the best interests of Oconee County Administration and the Library. The policy will give the public guidelines for acceptable use of the service, provide a framework for standard operating procedures, and ensure that library employees have the capability to enforce the wireless user agreement.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** NONE.

**COMPLETE THIS PORTION FOR ALL GRANT REQUESTS:**

Are Matching Funds Available: Yes / No  
If yes, who is matching and how much:

**ATTACHMENTS:** #1 OCPL Wireless Internet Access Acceptable Use Policy

Submitted or Prepared By:

Sue Baldwin  
Department Head/Elected Official

Reviewed By/ Initials:

\_\_\_\_\_  
County Attorney

C: Clerk to Council

Approved for Submittal to Council:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Dale Surrett, County Administrator

(\*) Note: This is proposed AS service with no filters or control on the type of sites viewed. - OR  
Finance Grants

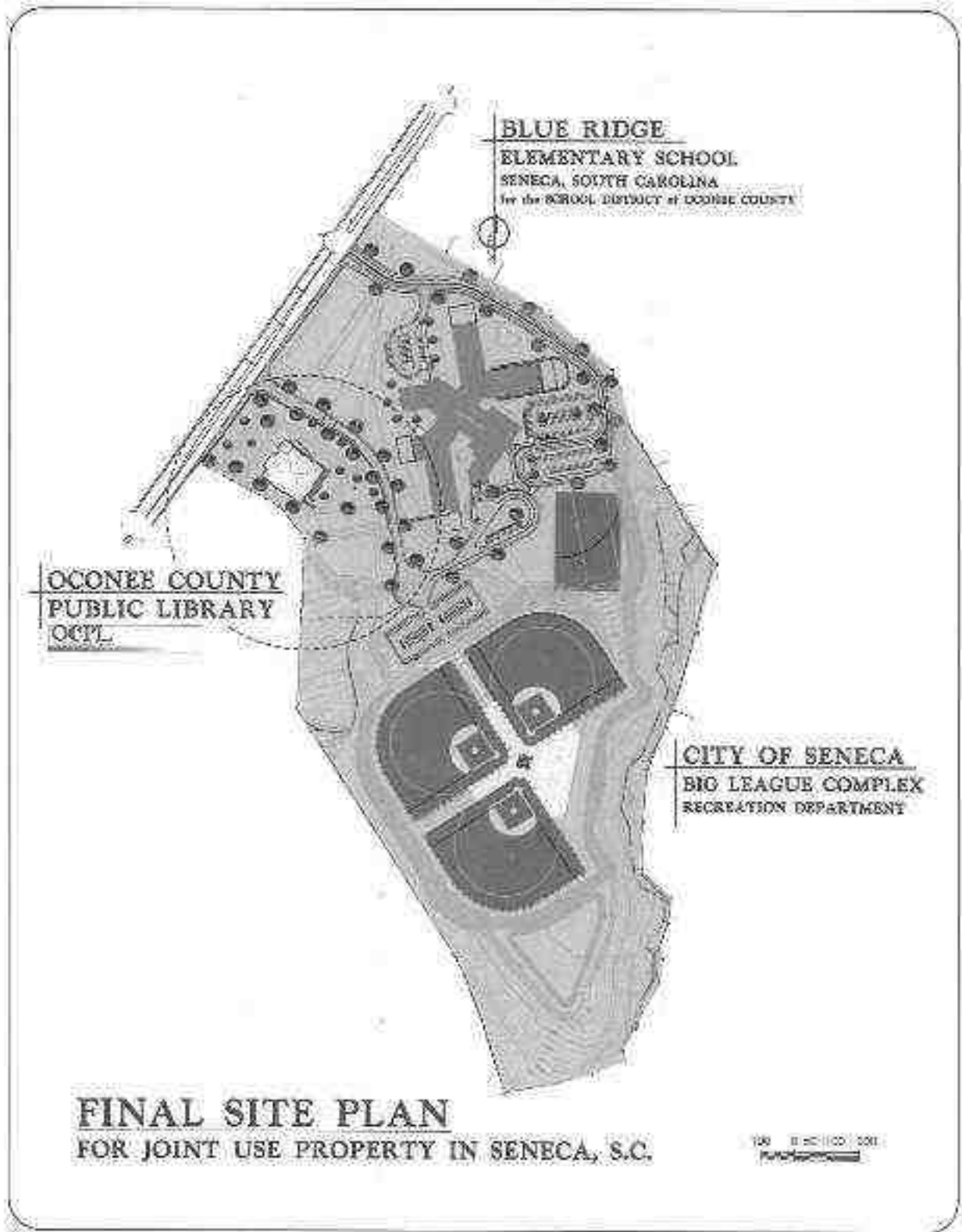


## OCPL WIRELESS INTERNET ACCESS ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY

The Oconee County Public Library ("OCPL") offers unfiltered wireless access (Wifi) for library patrons to use with their own personal notebooks, laptops, and other mobile devices. Handouts are available at the circulation desk with basic information about the service.

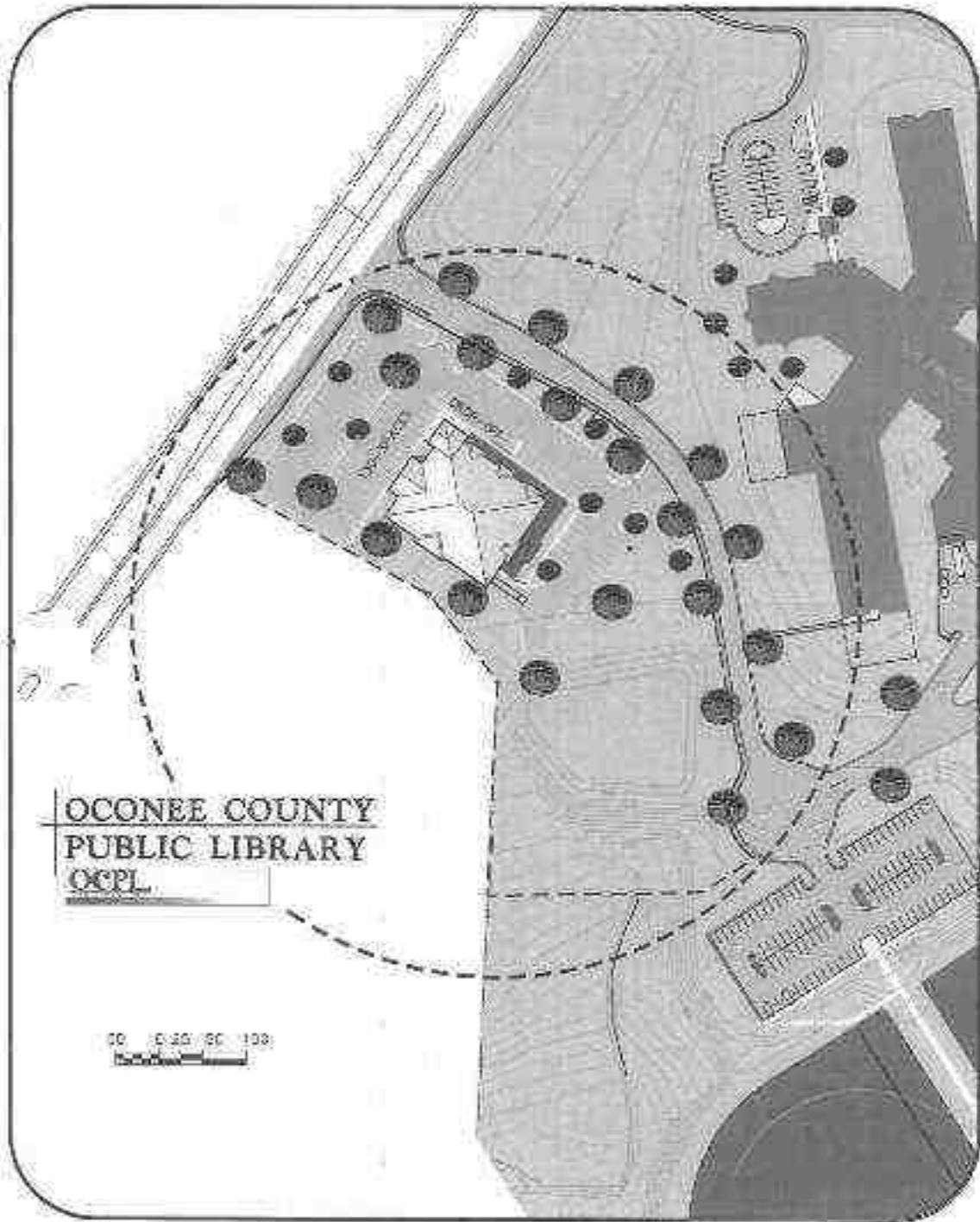
Wireless access is available to both library patrons and visitors. A library card is not currently required. There are no age requirements or restrictions; however, parents or guardians of children under 18 years of age should take responsibility in supervising their children's proper and safe use of the Internet.

- Wireless users are subject to existing library policies concerning computer/Internet use and public behavior where applicable. Use of OCPL's public wireless networks constitutes the user's agreement to and acceptance of all such policies, including these. The OCPL reserves the right to restrict or terminate access of any user to any OCPL network at any time for any reason, or no reason. OCPL will not be liable for any risk or liability for any such termination. Use of OCPL's Networks specifically, but without limitation, constitutes the users agreement to such policies.
- All OCPL wireless access points are accessible only during normal library hours.
- OCPL's public wireless networks are unfiltered and **NOT SECURE**. Users are responsible for safeguarding their own personal devices. Use of the wireless connection is done at the patron's own risk. The Library is not responsible for ensuring your privacy or the safety of your data or hardware while connected to our wireless network.
- Access to the wireless network is on a first-come, first-served basis. During high-use periods, access may be slow or unavailable. There are a limited number of electrical outlets available within the Library branches. Patrons are encouraged to bring back-up batteries for mobile device use.
- The Library accepts no responsibility for any software downloaded and/or installed, email opened, or sites accessed while patrons are on the wireless internet connection. Patron specifically agrees to release the County of Oconee and the Oconee County Public Library from all liabilities associated with the viewing of, use of, or exposure to any information while using the wireless network, or associated with the use of the wireless network, generally.
- Library staff are available to provide general information or handouts for connecting your device to the wireless network, but **cannot** troubleshoot problems related to your wireless device or assist in setting up wireless internet on your computer. Nor can Library staff make any changes to your device's network settings and/or hardware configuration. The Library cannot guarantee that your device will work with the Library's wireless access points.
- Printing access is not available via the wireless connection. If you need to print, please save your work to a floppy disk/flash drive or email files to yourself, then login to a wired library workstation and send jobs to the public printer.
- Parents or guardians, not the Library or its staff, are solely responsible for the internet information selected and/or accessed by their children. The OCPL and its staff will not monitor nor enforce such access.
- The Library does not actively monitor your connection, however, users who are discovered, by staff or other patrons, to be viewing inappropriate content or performing illegal activities, may be asked to cease using the wireless network or leave the building, and may be reported to the proper authorities.



**FINAL SITE PLAN**  
FOR JOINT USE PROPERTY IN SENECA, S.C.

100 11-2011-001-001  
P:\11-2011-001-001



**AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY  
OCONEE COUNTY, SC**

**COUNCIL MEETING DATE:** April 21, 2009  
**COUNCIL MEETING TIME:** 7:00 PM

**ITEM TITLE OR DESCRIPTION:**

Award Bid 08-27, Network and Wireless Hardware for Oconee County Library to Systems Development and Integration (SDI) of Greenville, SC for the amount of \$52,976.71.

**BACKGROUND OR HISTORY:**

The networking and computer equipment contained within this bid will be used to upgrade the library's computer network system. This hardware will provide increased reliability, speed/performance and maintainability for the computer systems within all four Oconee County public libraries. The core components will reside at the Walhalla branch, but all libraries will be able to utilize new high speed internet circuits, providing library patrons with more online resources.

On April 7, 2009, formal sealed bids were opened for this equipment. Twenty-one companies were originally notified of this bid opportunity. Seven companies submitted bids, with SDI, of Greenville, SC submitting the lowest bid of \$52,976.71.

**SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS OR CONCERNS:**

None

**COMPLETE THIS PORTION FOR ALL PROCUREMENT REQUESTS:**

Does this request follow Procurement Ordinance #2001-15 guidelines? Yes

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Award Bid 08-27, Network and Wireless Hardware for Oconee County Library to Systems Development and Integration (SDI) of Greenville, SC for the amount of \$52,976.71.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

For FY 2007-08, the Library had a balance of \$62,650 in State Aid that was rolled into 2008-09. The Library receives funds from the State on a quarterly basis. The Library has received \$100,646.80 in State Aid and spent \$69,285.64 so far this fiscal year. A total of \$94,011 is available from the State funds. This State Aid provides additional funding for public libraries to assist them in providing basic levels of service to South Carolina citizens. Funds may be used for salaries, collections and some operating expenses including computer systems and equipment.

**ATTACHMENTS**

- I. Bid Tabulation

**Reviewed By/ Initials:**

\_\_\_\_ County Attorney

SR Finance

\_\_\_\_ Grants

RL Procurement

**Submitted or Prepared By:**

Robyn Courtright  
Department Head/Elected Official

**Approved for Submittal to Council:**

Dale Surratt  
Dale Surratt, County Administrator

*If this equipment is purchased, it will require additional internet telephone service charges.*

*Council has directed that they receive their agenda packages a week prior to each Council meeting, therefore, Agenda Items Summaries must be submitted to the Administrator for his review/approval no later than 12 days prior to each Council meeting. It is the Department Head / Elected Officials responsibility to ensure that all approvals are obtained prior to submission to the Administrator for inclusion on an agenda.*

*A calendar with due dates marked may be obtained from the Clerk to Council.*







March 19, 2009

Mr. Lake Julian  
Oconee County Building & Maintenance  
415 S. Pine Street  
Wanchalla, South Carolina 29691

Re: Oconee County Library, Wanchalla - Foundation Repairs

Dear Mr. Julian:

I'd like to first thank you for allowing us the opportunity to provide design/build services for the foundation repairs of the above referenced project. Per our site visit and discussions we offer the following proposal to address the repairs needed:

- **Stabilize existing perimeter foundation of lower corner of structure** **\$19,124.00**
  - o Install 2-7/8" diameter steel push piles at footing within damaged area to a depth needed to reach load bearing strata (max. 42'). Attach pile to footing with commercial bracket. Includes site engineer inspections, local permit and license fees, all taxes and insurances. NIC painting up, caulking, or painting of damaged services (cosmetic repairs). See attached diagram for approximate locations.
  
- **Install 6" aluminum gutters/downspouts & drainage** **\$11,799.00**
  - o Install prefinished aluminum gutters and downspouts along eave of existing building (standard colors). Includes flashing of the shingle roofing to insure that the water will enter the gutters. Install plastic drain pipe in areas that will allow installation and pipe to daylight on the building property. In areas that do not allow underground piping, install a dry well at end of downspout to allow water containment and slow drainage away from building. Downspouts are not to be tied to existing storm drainage, sewer, or released on public sidewalks.

The foundation repairs should take three (3) days and the gutter installation and drain piping one (1) week. Again, I appreciate the opportunity to discuss these projects with you, and look forward to working with you again in the future. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at 864-654-6582.

Sincerely,

R. Bryan Yoder  
Project Manager  
Trehel Corporation



COPY

This deed prepared by:  
Ross Law Firm, PA  
210 WS Broad Street  
Waltham, SC 29691  
No title exam requested by Purchaser

Grantee's Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

ENTER

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )

TITLE TO REAL ESTATE

COUNTY OF OCONEE )

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that the SCHOOL DISTRICT OF OCONEE COUNTY in the State aforesaid, for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) to it paid by OCONEE COUNTY in the State aforesaid (the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged), subject to the reservations, covenants, easements granted, and other restrictions as described herein, have granted, bargained, sold and released and by these presents does grant, bargain, sell and release unto the said:

OCONEE COUNTY, its Successors and Assigns:

A tract of land located on South Oak Street in the County of Oconee, State of South Carolina containing 4,946 acres - as shown by a Plat by Stephen R. Edwards, PLS No. 19881, Stephen R. Edwards & Associates, Inc. dated August 22, 2008, and filed with the Oconee County Register of Deeds in Plat Book \_\_\_\_\_ at page \_\_\_\_\_.

This is the same property conveyed to the Grantor by Deed of Montez W. Jolly as Trustee, et al, dated October 15, 2007, filed with the Oconee Register of Deeds in Deed Book 1671 at page 123 and a portion conveyed by Deed of W. Alan Axon a/k/a William Alan Axon dated May 16, 2007, filed with the Oconee Register of Deeds in Deed Book 1586 at page 130.

Said property is subject to the sewer drainage (SD) as shown on said plat; and to any and all other easements and/or rights of way of record, as shown on said plat, or existing on the ground.

Parcel No. 520-52-04-009; 254-00-01-073 p/o; 520-52-04-005 p/o.

THIS PROPERTY IS TO BE USED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PUBLIC LIBRARY AND IF THE CONSTRUCTION OF A LIBRARY IS NOT BEGUN WITHIN FIVE (5) YEARS FROM THE DATE HEREOF, THIS PROPERTY WILL REVERT TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF OCONEE COUNTY.

THE PROPERTY MAY NOT BE USED BY OCONEE COUNTY FOR ANY PURPOSE OTHER THAN A PUBLIC LIBRARY AND MAY NOT BE LEASED OR SOLD WITHOUT THE WRITTEN PERMISSION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF OCONEE COUNTY.

TOGETHER with all and singular, the rights, members, hereditaments and appurtenances, subject to the reservations, covenants, easements granted, and other restrictions as described herein, to the said premises belonging or in anywise incident or appertaining.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD all and singular the premises before mentioned, subject to the reservations, covenants, easements granted, and other restrictions as described herein, unto the said OCONEE COUNTY, its successors and assigns.

And the said SCHOOL DISTRICT OF OCONEE COUNTY does hereby bind itself and its Successors, to warrant and forever defend all and singular the said premises, subject to the reservations, covenants, easements granted, and other restrictions as described herein, unto the said OCONEE COUNTY, its Successors and Assigns, against itself and its Successors and Assigns, and against every person whomsoever lawfully claiming, or to claim, the same or any part thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF SCHOOL DISTRICT OF OCONEE COUNTY has caused these presents to be executed in its name by its duly authorized officer(s) and its corporate seal to be hereto affixed this 30<sup>th</sup> day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand eight and in the two hundred thirty-third year of the Sovereignty and Independence of the United States of America.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered  
in the presence of:

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF OCONEE COUNTY  
(SEAL)

By: Michael Luzzo  
Dr. Michael Luzzo  
District Superintendent

By: Harry B. Mays, Jr.  
Harry B. Mays, Jr., Trustee  
Chairman of the Board

Attest:

By: Denise McCormick  
Denise McCormick  
Clerk

Witnesses

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF OCONEE  
ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I, Elizabeth M. [Signature], a Notary Public for the State of SC, do hereby certify that MICHAEL LUCAS AS DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT, HARRY B. MAYS, JR. AS CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD AND DENISE MCCORMICK AS CLERK OF SCHOOL DISTRICT OF OCONEE COUNTY personally appeared before me this date and acknowledged on behalf of SCHOOL DISTRICT OF OCONEE COUNTY the due execution of the foregoing instrument.

Witness my hand and official seal this 20<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2008.

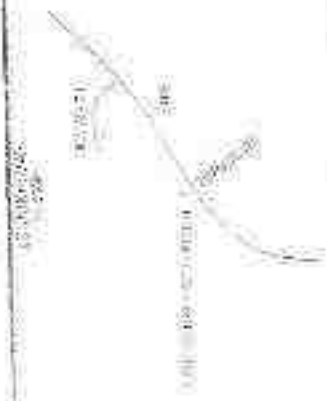
[Signature] (SEAL)  
Notary Public of SC  
My commission expires 09/20/2012

10/15/2010 10:00 AM

# SCHOOL DISTRICT OF GEOFFREY COUNTY

10000 10000 10000 10000 10000  
S. HEATH H. F. WARD & ASSOCIATES, INC.  
10000 10000 10000 10000 10000

10000 10000 10000 10000 10000  
10000 10000 10000 10000 10000



10000 10000 10000 10000 10000  
10000 10000 10000 10000 10000  
10000 10000 10000 10000 10000

10000 10000 10000 10000 10000  
10000 10000 10000 10000 10000

# COPY



| CURVE TABLE |        |        |        |
|-------------|--------|--------|--------|
| CURVE       | LENGTH | PACES  | CHAINS |
| 1           | 17.70  | 41.00  | 1.00   |
| 2           | 24.00  | 55.00  | 1.35   |
| 3           | 30.00  | 69.00  | 1.70   |
| 4           | 36.00  | 83.00  | 2.05   |
| 5           | 42.00  | 97.00  | 2.40   |
| 6           | 48.00  | 111.00 | 2.75   |

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF  
GEOFFREY COUNTY  
10000 10000 10000 10000 10000

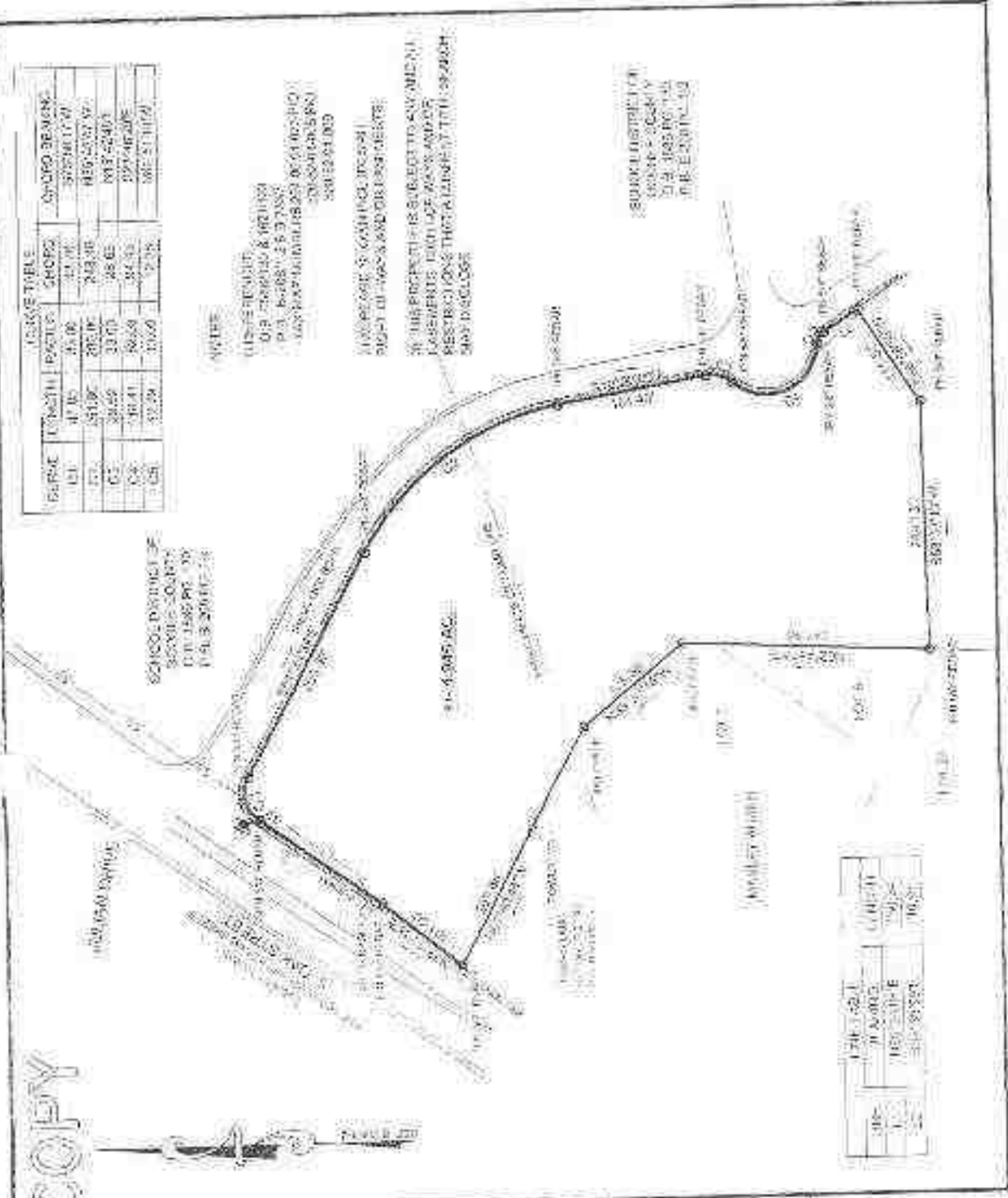
NOTE:  
(1) THIS PROJECT IS SUBJECT TO ALL APPLICABLE  
LAW, ORDINANCES, AND REGULATIONS.  
(2) THIS PROJECT IS SUBJECT TO ALL APPLICABLE  
LAW, ORDINANCES, AND REGULATIONS.  
(3) THIS PROJECT IS SUBJECT TO ALL APPLICABLE  
LAW, ORDINANCES, AND REGULATIONS.

NOTE:  
(1) THIS PROJECT IS SUBJECT TO ALL APPLICABLE  
LAW, ORDINANCES, AND REGULATIONS.  
(2) THIS PROJECT IS SUBJECT TO ALL APPLICABLE  
LAW, ORDINANCES, AND REGULATIONS.  
(3) THIS PROJECT IS SUBJECT TO ALL APPLICABLE  
LAW, ORDINANCES, AND REGULATIONS.

NOTE:  
(1) THIS PROJECT IS SUBJECT TO ALL APPLICABLE  
LAW, ORDINANCES, AND REGULATIONS.  
(2) THIS PROJECT IS SUBJECT TO ALL APPLICABLE  
LAW, ORDINANCES, AND REGULATIONS.  
(3) THIS PROJECT IS SUBJECT TO ALL APPLICABLE  
LAW, ORDINANCES, AND REGULATIONS.

NOTE:  
(1) THIS PROJECT IS SUBJECT TO ALL APPLICABLE  
LAW, ORDINANCES, AND REGULATIONS.  
(2) THIS PROJECT IS SUBJECT TO ALL APPLICABLE  
LAW, ORDINANCES, AND REGULATIONS.  
(3) THIS PROJECT IS SUBJECT TO ALL APPLICABLE  
LAW, ORDINANCES, AND REGULATIONS.

| CURVE | LENGTH | PACES  | CHAINS |
|-------|--------|--------|--------|
| 1     | 17.70  | 41.00  | 1.00   |
| 2     | 24.00  | 55.00  | 1.35   |
| 3     | 30.00  | 69.00  | 1.70   |
| 4     | 36.00  | 83.00  | 2.05   |
| 5     | 42.00  | 97.00  | 2.40   |
| 6     | 48.00  | 111.00 | 2.75   |





## Boards & Commissions

|  | Meeting Date to Appoint | George Blanchard District I  | Wayne McCall District II  | Mario Suarez District III   | Joel Thrift District IV         | Reg Dexter District V                              | Delegation Office                                   | Other                               |
|--|-------------------------|--|---|---|---------------------------------|--|---|-------------------------------------|
| Aeronautics Commission   | February 2012           | Paul Mack  | Den Sudloch   | Thomas Luka   | Wayne Rholetter                 | Fred Golden  | 2012: Robert Edwards                                |                                     |
| Anderson-Groene Behavioral Health Services Commission              | May 2011                | Harold Alley, Wanda Long, Joan Black, Jeff DuBois, Fred Hamilton, Billie Welsh, Robert Blessingaria  |   |   |                                 |  | At Large: 2010 - Jonny Paywell & 2012 - Stan Dubose |                                     |
| Arts & Historical Commission                                       | March 2010              | Rick Berhea  | Luther Lyle   | Al Robinson   | Barbara Walters                 | Henry Richardson                                   | 2012: N/A   |                                     |
| Assessment Appeals, Board of                                       |                         | N/A  | N/A   | N/A   | N/A                             | N/A  | Board Full  |                                     |
| ATAK Committee   | June 2008               | Not by District  | RESIGNED / OPEN   | 2009: Geri McSwain  | 2010: Gerald Foster, Glen Abbot | 2010: Joanne Blake, Barbara Laughter, Doyle Burton |   |                                     |
| Building Codes Appeal Board  | January 2011            | Roger Mize   | Neal Workman  | Sam Shaw  | 2011: Vinson Smith              | 2011: Forrest Fuller                               |   |                                     |
| Disabilities & Special Needs Board of                              |                         | N/A  | N/A   | N/A   | N/A                             | N/A  | Board Full  |                                     |
| Economic Development Commission                                    | November 2010           | Kim Alexander  | Harold Gibson   | Hank Field  | 2010: Sam Dickson               | 2010: Buddy G. Herring                             |   |                                     |
| Emergency Services Commission                                      | February 2009           | Tom Stultz   | 2009: Jess Novell   | RESIGNED / OPEN   | 2010: Nick Williams             | 2010: Ronnie Williams                              | Terms co-terminus w/ council members term           |                                     |
| Firemen's Insurance & Inspector Fund Board                         | August 2009             |  |   |   |                                 |  |   |                                     |
| Infrastructure Advisory Commission **                              | January 2010            | 2009: Larry Harden, Dewitt Mize, Chris Smith, Richard Timms, Charles Scooby Williams   |   |   |                                 |  |   |                                     |
| Kalamazoo Fire Tax District Commission                             |                         | County Council Chairman - Council Appoints: Economic Development Director, Jim Alexander, Planning Director/Art Holbrooks and Administrator/Date Sumrell. IFY: county attorney attended in an advisory role. |   |   |                                 |  |   |                                     |
| Library Board  | March 2009              | 2010: R. Daniel Day  |   | 2009: John Adams, Frank Montagne, Jody Gaurin, Euff Kennedy, Vicki Miller, Paul Johanson, Carol Baumgartner |                                 |  |   |                                     |
| Parks, Recreation & Tourism Commission                             | October 2010            | Erin Mickergow   | Dwight Adolis   | Wayne Frady   | 2010: Kristel Sacaman           | 2010: John Garler                                  | 2010: Patricia George                               |                                     |
| Planning Commission  | June 2009               | RESIGNED / OPEN  | Randy Abbott  | RESIGNED / OPEN   | 2011: Tommy Abbott              | 2012: Ryan Honea                                   | 2009: Rex Ramsay / Howard Moore                     |                                     |
| SC AGOG Board  | January 2010            |  | 2010: Ben Winchester / Citizen Representative                                   |   |                                 |  |   |                                     |
| Seneca Highway Committee   |                         |  | 2010: Reg Dexter / Council Representative                                       |   |                                 |  |   |                                     |
| Sewer Commission   |                         |  | Council will no longer appoint - Ononsee Joint Regional Sewer Authority (OJRSA) |   |                                 |  |   |                                     |
| Water Board  | N/A                     |  | Inactive Board w/o members - may appoint in future if needed.                   |   |                                 |  |   |                                     |
| Zoning Board of Appeals  | January 2012            | Gary Winters   | Sammy Lee   | Gary Littlefield  | 2012: Mike Willifon             | 2012: Eric Mullin                                  | 2012: Al Lange                                      | 2012: Barry Nichols & Paul Ranscott |
| ** Infrastructure Advisory Commission members serve until replaced |                         |  |   |   |                                 |  |   |                                     |
| Council does not appoint this Board/Commission                     |                         |  |   |   |                                 |  |   |                                     |
| OPEN SEAT for this Board/Commission in current yr.                 |                         |  |   |   |                                 |  |   |                                     |
| PAST DUE APPOINTMENT for Board/Commission                          |                         |  |   |   |                                 |  |   |                                     |



## Oconee County Commissions & Boards

### Annual Report to Council

---

|           |  |
|-----------|--|
| January   | Building Codes Appeal Board            |
| February  | Aeronautics Commission                 |
| March     | Arts & Historical Commission           |
| April     | ATAX Committee                         |
| April     | Disabilities & Special Needs Board of  |
| May       | Economic Development Commission        |
| June      | Emergency Services Commission          |
| July      | Zoning Board of Appeals                |
| August    | Planning Commission                    |
| September | Scenic Highway Committee               |
| September | Library Board                          |
| October   | Infrastructure Advisory Commission     |
| November  | Parks, Recreation & Tourism Commission |
| December  | Keowee Fire Tax District Commission    |

Oconee County Council requests that each Board and/or Commission listed prepare a 5-10 minute presentation to Council outlining their accomplishments and goals for the past 12-month period. They may also prepare a written report and/or powerpoint presentation to accompany the oral presentation. Specific meeting dates will be designated by the Council Chairman after the first meeting of each year. Any Board / Commission to report in January will do so at the second monthly meeting.





FOR YOUR INFORMATION  
April 21, 2009

## Budget, Finance & Administration Committee FY 2009-2010 Budget Workshop Meeting Schedule

|           |                |            |   |
|-----------|----------------|------------|---|
| Tuesday   | April 14, 2009 | 10:00 a.m. | SDOC Budget Presentation to Council – CHAMBERS  |
|           |                | 7:00 p.m.  | 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading in Title Only [tentative]   |
| Wednesday | April 15, 2009 | 6:00 p.m.  | Administrator Present to Council FY 09-10 Budget – CHAMBERS   |
| Thursday  | April 16, 2009 | 6:00 p.m.  | Budget Workshop – CHAMBERS – CANCELLED  |
| Thursday  | April 23, 2009 | 6:00 p.m.  | Budget Workshop – CHAMBERS  |
| Monday    | April 27, 2009 | 6:00 p.m.  | Budget Workshop – CHAMBERS  |
| Wednesday | April 29, 2009 | 6:00 p.m.  | Budget Workshop – CHAMBERS  |
| Thursday  | May 7, 2009    | 6:00 p.m.  | Budget Workshop – CHAMBERS TENTATIVE if needed  |
| Tuesday   | May 5, 2009    | 7:00 p.m.  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading [tentative – may be moved to 5:15 if additional workshop meetings required] |
| Thursday  | May 14, 2009   | 6:00 p.m.  | Budget Workshop – CHAMBERS TENTATIVE if needed  |
| Tuesday   | June 2, 2009   | 7:00 p.m.  | Public Hearing [TENTATIVE]  |
| Tuesday   | June 16, 2009  | 7:00 p.m.  | 3 <sup>rd</sup> & Final Reading [TENTATIVE]   |

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY  
OCONEE COUNTY, SC.

COUNCIL MEETING DATE: April 21, 2009  
COUNCIL MEETING TIME: 7:00 PM

**ITEM TITLE OR DESCRIPTION:**

Award of contract for professional design-build services to Trebel Corporation of Clemson, SC, in the amount not to exceed \$31,000, to stabilize existing foundation and install new gutters and downspouts for the Oconee County Library located in Walthalla.

**BACKGROUND OR HISTORY:**

The Walthalla Library has a crack in the structural foundation located in the northeast lower basement corner of the building. It has been monitored during the past three years and slight movement has been detected. This building has never had gutters in place and it is suspected that this may be the cause of the foundation crack, due to the way the water drains to the lowest point of the building.

The proposal (attached) by Trebel Corporation includes stabilizing existing perimeter foundation at the lower corner of the Walthalla Library structure and installing pre-finished aluminum gutters and downspouts along the eaves of the building.

**SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS OR CONCERNS:**

Under the Request for Qualifications # 06-17, Trebel Corporation was accepted as qualified to provide design-build services which include additions or renovations to existing County facilities. County Council approved a contract and fee schedule February 20, 2007 and this contract is in its second renewal period.

**COMPLETE THIS PORTION FOR ALL PROCUREMENT REQUESTS:**

Does this request follow Procurement Ordinance #2001-15 guidelines? Yes

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff requests that County Council approve Trebel Corporation to perform the described design-build services as defined in the attached proposal, for a fee not to exceed \$31,000.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

For FY 2008-09, there is a balance of \$31,744.35 (budget code 010-714-83207-00000) for building maintenance for the Walthalla Library.

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Proposal

**Reviewed By/ Initials:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
County Attorney

 \_\_\_\_\_  
Finance

\_\_\_\_\_  
Grants

 \_\_\_\_\_  
Procurement

**Submitted or Prepared By:**

  
Department Head/Elected Official

**Approved for Submission to Council:**

  
Dale Surrent, County Administrator

*Council has directed that they receive their agenda packages a week prior to each Council meeting, therefore, Agenda Items Summaries must be submitted to the Administrator for his review/approval no later than 12 days prior to each Council meeting. It is the Department Head / Elected Officials responsibility to ensure that all approvals are obtained prior to submission to the Administrator for inclusion on an agenda.*

*A calendar with due dates marked may be obtained from the Clerk to Council.*



March 17, 2009

Mr. Luke Julian  
Oconee County Building & Maintenance  
415 S. Pine Street  
Wehalla, South Carolina 29691

Re: Oconee County Library, Wehalla - Foundation Repairs

Dear Mr. Julian:

I'd like to first thank you for allowing us the opportunity to provide design/build services for the foundation repairs of the above referenced project. Based on the visit and discussions we offer the following proposal to address the repairs needed:

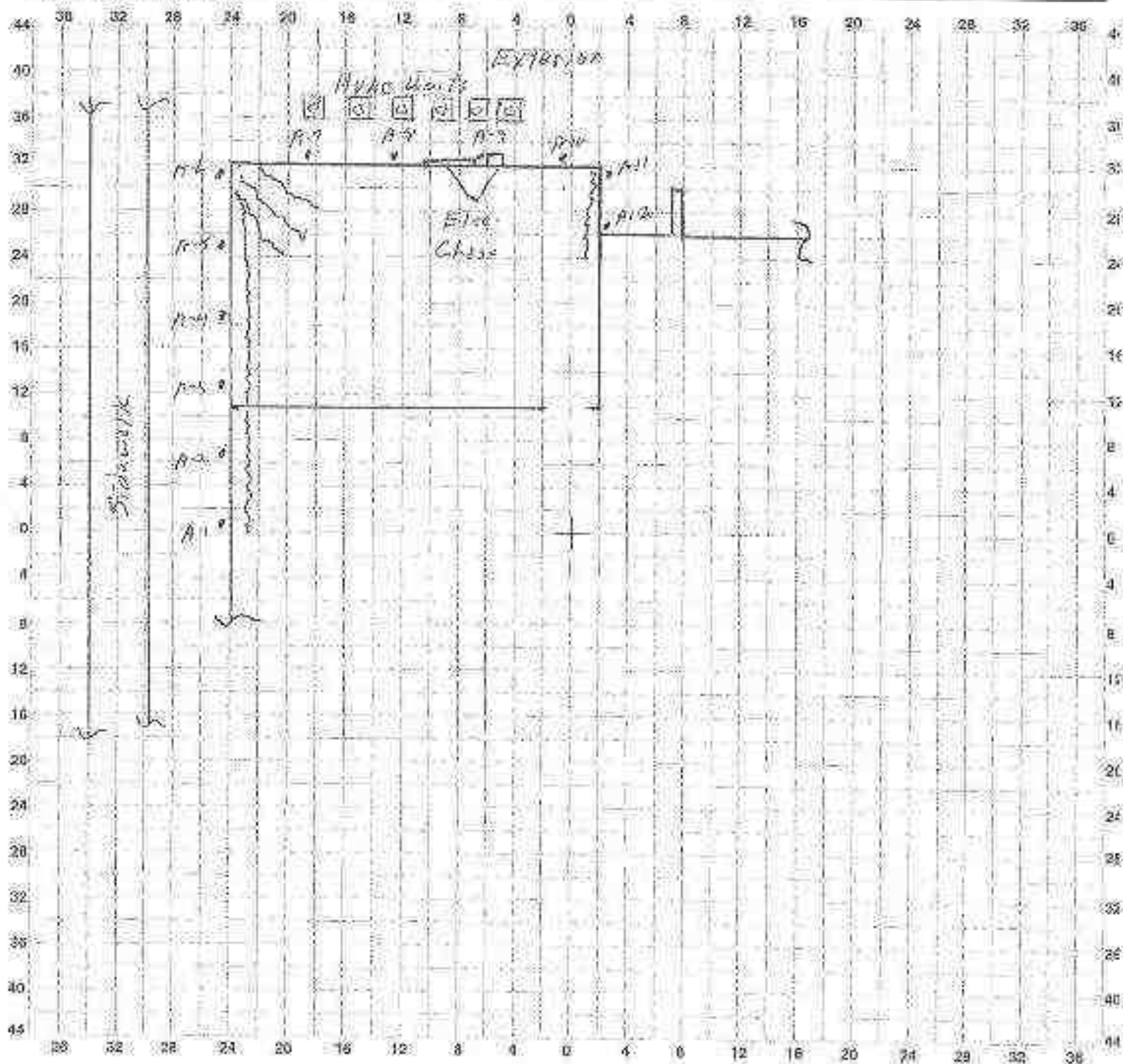
- Stabilize existing perimeter foundation at lower corner of structure **\$19,124.00**
  - o Install 2-7/8" diameter steel push piles at footing within damaged area to a depth needed to reach load bearing strata (max. 42'). Attach pile to footing with commercial bracket. Includes site engineer inspections, local permit and license fees, all taxes and insurances, NIC printing (w/ caulking, or painting of damaged services (cosmetic repairs). See attached diagram for approximate locations.
  
- Install 6" aluminum gutters/downspouts & drainage **\$11,799.00**
  - o Install prefinished aluminum gutters and downspouts along eave of existing building (standard color). Includes flushing of the shingle roofing to insure that the water will enter the gutters. Install plastic drain pipe in areas that will allow installation and pipe to daylight on the building property. In areas that do not allow underground piping, install a dry well at end of downspout to allow water containment and slow drainage away from building. Downspouts are not to be tied to existing storm drainage, sewer, or released on public sidewalks.

The foundation repairs should take three (3) days and the gutter installation and drain piping one (1) week. Again, I appreciate the opportunity to discuss these projects with you and look forward to working with you again in the future. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at 864-654-6582.

Sincerely,

E. Bryan Yoder  
Project Manager  
Trehel Corporation

Call 1-800-451-5555 for Ram Jack literature.  
**Special Instructions:**



Scale 3/8" = 1'

Pile Placement

Pile in Concrete

Ties

Pile in Grouting

Name \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_

Site Address \_\_\_\_\_

Number Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_

City / State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Ram Jack Representative \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated Job Cost \$ \_\_\_\_\_





**NOTES FOR MR MCCALL  
LAW ENFORCEMENT, PUBLIC SAFETY, HEALTH &  
WELFARE COMMITTEE MEETING  
March 19, 2009**

**Presentation regarding Fire, Safety & Rescue: Water Availability, Control & Use by Ms. Susie Cornelius:**

**Discussion regarding Boat Storage at South Cove Park:**

It is the recommendation of this committee that this issue be addressed during the FY 09-10 budget discussions as funding is not available in the current budget for this project.

**Discussion of Oconee County Fire & Westminster Fire Station:**

The committee directed Mr. Julian and Chief Smith to draw up plans for a turn key facility for a maximum cost of \$2.2 million dollars. Mr. Thrift asked that they meet and identify needs and wants and that they put together a plan [to include electrical, communications, IT, etc] and bring it back to the Committee for review. Mr. Surret noted that a fair estimate for the building would then be approximately \$1.5 million.

Mr. McCall made a proposal, agreed to by Mr. Thrift and Mr. Blanchard, that Mr. Julian look also at the cost to move the Emergency Operations Center [EOC] to this facility versus keeping it at the LEC thereby causing jail expansion outside of the current facility.

**Fire Contract with the City of Seneca for Unincorporated Areas of County:**

It is the recommendation of the committee that the mayor and administrator work out the details and agree on terms and to then bring this agreement to the full Council for a vote.

**County Fire Organizational Structure Proposal:**

Mr. McCall presented for review by the committee and those present a proposed County Fire Organization Structure flowchart. A Fire Board would be created made up of five volunteer chiefs who would be elected by their peers. This Board would have authority granted by Council to govern the county's fire service. It is the intent with this proposed reorganization to eliminate some of the squabbling about who gets what and how much money each station gets. The Chiefs would decide these issues.

It was the recommendation of the committee that this issue be scheduled for a future meeting so that everyone has time to review the plan and formulate questions.

The chart was distributed to all Chiefs and put on line on the Council website.