



**FLORENCE COUNTY  
SOUTH CAROLINA**

**Minutes  
Florence County SC250 Commission  
5:30 p.m. / September 19, 2023**

Cafeteria #2 at Florence County Public Service Building  
2685 S Irby Street, Florence, SC 29505

Ben Zeigler	Seat 1	Dr. Will Bolt	Seat 6
Steve Dukes	Seat 2	VACANT	Seat 7
VACANT	Seat 3	Lyles Cooper	Seat 8
Holly Beaumier	Seat 4	Jeff Murrie	Seat 9
VACANT	Seat 5		

Meeting was called to order by Molly Fortune, Executive Director of SC American Revolution Sestercentennial Commission (SC250) at 5:33pm.

In attendance: Florence County SC250 Commissioners Jeff Murrie, Steve Dukes, Ben Zeigler, Dr. Will Bolt, Lyles Cooper, Holly Beaumier.

Public: Dr. Andrew Agha, Deana Broach, Sarah Bruno, Kent Daniels, Mona Dukes, Dr. Erica Edwards, Richard Frazier, Dianne Owens, Dusty Owens, Barry Wingard

Molly Fortune provided an overview of the SC250 initiative, noting that \$4.3 million of the \$7.7 million allocated has been disbursed. There are nine grant programs to support county endeavors. There is a concerted effort to tell the stories of women, freed and enslaved African Americans, children, Native Americans, and loyalists.

The proposed agenda was adopted. Zeigler/Cooper

Nominations for executive committee were presented and positions were filled:

Jeff Murrie, chairperson	Zeigler/Bolt
Steve Dukes, vice-chair	Zeigler/Cooper
Holly Beaumier, secretary	Zeigler/Cooper

A motion was made to create the following sub-committees by the commissioners and involving community stakeholders on as needed basis: Events Sub-Committee, Grant Sub-Committee, and Marketing, Branding, and Public Relations Sub-Committee. Zeigler/Cooper

A motion was made to transfer the grant funds and all treasurer duties to the County Finance Department or County Treasurer Office. Zeigler/Cooper

The account was opened with an amount of \$50 in October 2022. Following a check service fee in the amount of \$32.57 and a deposit for 80% of the \$3,000 Organizing Grant, the current balance is \$2,417.43. A ledger of the account is attached.

As per the grant request, \$1200 of grant funding is to be paid for research from primary sources. An agreement was made with FMU professor Dr. Erica Edwards to conduct this research with the assistance of a history student.

Old Business: Ben Zeigler reviewed the Site Grant application that was submitted in the previous grant cycle, noting that the Archaeological Institute of the Pee Dee has proposed excavation of two sites which will likely connect customs and foodways of colonists and the enslaved, the burning of large swaths of land by Wemyss, the integration of Francis Marion's brigade, and landowner Giles who was the forerunner to Marion and his "Community of Resistance."

There was no new business.

Molly Fortune noted that the deadline for the current grant cycle is September 26<sup>th</sup>. The next cycle will be ending in May.

The Commission will meet on a quarterly basis.

The meeting was adjourned. Zeigler/Bolt

Respectfully submitted by



Holly Beaumier  
Commission Secretary

Reviewed by

Jeff Murrie  
Commission Chair

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	TYPE					
10/01/2022	DEP	Opening Bal Equity	Account Opening Balance		50.00	50.00
11/30/2022	CHK	SC250	Service Charge	32.57		17.43
04/27/2023	DEP	SC 250:grant	Deposit		2,400.00	2,417.43
9/20/2023	Number	Payee		Payment	Deposit	
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## Recommendations for Florence County SC250 Committee

	LAST NAME	FULL NAME	LOCATION		AFFILIATION	PHONE	EMAIL
1	Addison	Ed Addison	East Florence	financial	veteran, auditor, Florence County A-Tax Advisory Committee	843-319-8789	edwadds@aol.com
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3	Bess	Clyde Bess	Lake City	community advocate	Ronald E. McNair Life History Center	843-374-0046	<a href="mailto:csbess@tc-i.net">csbess@tc-i.net</a>
6	Brown	Tonya Brown	covers Florence County	media	WPDE	843-742-9810	<a href="mailto:tbrown@wpde.com">tbrown@wpde.com</a>
7	Buyck	Mark Buyck, III (Pasha)	Florence	legal, historian	Willcox, Buyck, and Williams, P.A.		<a href="mailto:mb3@willcoxlaw.com">mb3@willcoxlaw.com</a>
8	Caudle	Kent Caudle	Florence	local elected official - County	County Council	843-621-8895	<a href="mailto:kcaudle@florenceco.org">kcaudle@florenceco.org</a>
9	Cooper	Lyles Cooper	Florence County	land conservation	Pee Dee Land Trust	843-250-8175	<a href="mailto:lcyiles@peedeelandtrust.org">lcyiles@peedeelandtrust.org</a>
10	Cox	Margaret Cox	Florence	historian	SC State Society Daughters of the American Revolution.	843-992-9179	<a href="mailto:mcox1263@sc.rr.com">mcox1263@sc.rr.com</a>
11	Daniels	Kent Daniels	Lake City	historian	Lynches Lake Historical Society and Museum	843-374-1506	<a href="mailto:lyncheslake@gmail.com">lyncheslake@gmail.com</a>
12	Dukes	Steve Dukes	Johnsonville	historical, former local official	former mayor	843-409-1115	<a href="mailto:sdukes78@hotmail.com">sdukes78@hotmail.com</a>
13	Frick	Barry Frick	Coward/Scranton	Friends of Revolutionary Rivers	River Rat's Kayak Rental	843-687-1673	<a href="mailto:barryfrick@yahoo.com">barryfrick@yahoo.com</a>
15	Garey	Robert Garey		artist	painted mural in Judicial Center	646-250-0998	<a href="mailto:rgarey52@gmail.com">rgarey52@gmail.com</a>
18	James	Terry James	Mars Bluff	community advocate	Jamestown	843-319-0660	<a href="mailto:james7955@att.net">james7955@att.net</a>
19	Lee	Dr. Frank Lee, Jr.	Florence County				
20	Moore	Darla Moore	Lake City	philanthropist	supporter of The Liberty Trail		
21	Murrie	Jeffrey Murrie	Florence	primary contact of committee	SC State Society of the Sons of the Revolution, also member of SCSAR	843-250-5206	<a href="mailto:jefferymurrie@gmail.com">jefferymurrie@gmail.com</a>
22	Owens	Dusty Owens	Florence County	historian	retired from Florence County EMS, Rev War reenactor	843-601-0605	<a href="mailto:fdowens@msn.com">fdowens@msn.com</a>
23	Reichenbach	Sen. Mike Reichenbach	Florence County	elected official, business person	State Senator, Mike Reichenbach Ford Lincoln Volkswagen	843-610-5169	<a href="mailto:mike@givemikeatry.com">mike@givemikeatry.com</a>
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25	Stokes	Obie Stokes					<a href="mailto:okstokes1@aol.com">okstokes1@aol.com</a>
26	Swink	Henry Swink	Effingham	business person	McCall Farms	843-687-1070	<a href="mailto:hswink@mccallfarms.com">hswink@mccallfarms.com</a>
27	Thomas Bridges	Angelyn Thomas Bridges	Florence	historian	National Society of the Colonial Dames		<a href="mailto:atb@sc.rr.com">atb@sc.rr.com</a>
28	Truluck	Woody Truluck	Lake City	community advocate	Lake City Architectural Review Board		<a href="mailto:woodytruluck@outlook.com">woodytruluck@outlook.com</a>
29	Venters	Dr. Louis Venters	Florence	historian	History Professor specializing in African American History, Rev War	843-661-1593	<a href="mailto:lventers@fmarion.edu">lventers@fmarion.edu</a>
30	Willcox	Hugh Willcox	Florence	legal, historian	Willcox, Buyck, and Williams, P.A.		
31	Wingard	Barry Wingard COL(R), USA	Florence	veteran	veteran, City Parks Commission,	843-601-3800	<a href="mailto:bfwingardjr@aol.com">bfwingardjr@aol.com</a>
32	Zeigler	Ben Zeigler	Florence	legal, historian	Haynes, Sinkler, Boyd, Francis Marion Trail Commission	843-676-5921	<a href="mailto:bzeigler@hsblawfirm.com">bzeigler@hsblawfirm.com</a>

Additional notes, 9/19/23 Community Meeting:

The Charleston Tea Party occurred on 12/3/1773, before the Boston Tea Party. Another was held in Charleston in November of 1774.

SC250 is partnering with DOT to place sidewalks along colonial roadways.

Note: Southern Campaigns and Treaties of Paris.

When speaking of Loyalists - mainly relatives / siblings of patriots, not necessarily the British forces.

A list of stakeholders was provided to County Council (attached).

There is a new logo which we need to swap out on social media.

There was mention of setting up an Instagram account.

Archaeological Institute of the Pee Dee received a grant to perform a survey of Snow's Island in December – 15 battlefield archaeologists.

There are approximately 400 archaeological sites in the Pee Dee, as opposed to 5-6,000 in Charleston.

Collectors can lead us to sites. The "Archaeology Roadshow" held at the museum provided this connection.

AC American Revolution Trust has been set up to house collections and digital assets.

Legends and Lore are welcome to be included in the counties' stories, so long as they are labeled as such. Example – "Outlander" sites tour shows what didn't happen there.

August 17<sup>th</sup> (the date Marion took command of the Williamsburgh Militia) is designated Florence County Heritage Day. Holly Swann in Johnsonville is working to bring back their event on the Saturday closest to that date.

Lake City is holding Pee Dee Back Country Day 9am-4pm on 10/14/23 behind the Bean Market.

There was discussion regarding Graham's Farm and the American Heritage Festival held there in February.

There is a new event to be held at the Harwell residence (The Columns) on January 19-21, 2024, organized by Lt. Col. Webster's Company, 33<sup>rd</sup> Regiment of Foot, Crown Forces. School Field Trips Day is Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup>.

FMU is hosting "Francis Marion: Hollywood or History" on October 28<sup>th</sup>, 5:30pm at Blanding Street Auditorium in Lake City.

There was discussion regarding an outreach workshop on cleaning gravestones. SCDAH has provided this information in the past.

Possible grant request: Clearing, pull-off, and renovation of the marker for William Gee on Highway 76.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Joseph J. Murrie". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J" and a trailing flourish.