



**With the voters' approval, the nine projects of the November Sales Tax Referendum will not only improve the quality of life in our community but will also create jobs.**

### **What is the referendum?**

- Sets a 1-cent sales tax for bonding/funding 9 **specific** projects
- Designates revenue **only** be used for these projects. **By state law.\***
- Limits its 'life' to 8 years. **By state law.\***
- Paid for not only by residents but also tourists and other non-residents visiting our area.

### **What are the projects?**

- Seneca Library
- Northern Oconee water line extension
- YMCA Facility
- Foothills Agricultural Center
- Westminster Library renovation/expansion
- Golden Corner Community Center and Library
- Tamassee/Salem Recreation Center and Library
- Walhalla Library renovation
- Oconee Heritage Center multi-site renovations

### **How will these projects improve quality of life in Oconee?**

These nine projects will affect everyone in the county. They feature expanded recreation opportunities, support and growth for agriculture events, Oconee heritage items, additional free internet access (in libraries), increased community meeting space, and much more. Also, the energy created by these projects will reflect positively on Oconee's citizens as well as those individuals and businesses seeking new opportunities in our county.

### **How will these projects increase jobs?**

If approved, implementation starts in January: the hiring of the project manager/company, clarifying location details, bidding of the projects. Estimated time for shovel-in-the-ground is Fall 2015. These construction projects with total funding of \$36.4 million translate to JOBS and expenditures in local businesses whether it is construction, design, hotels, restaurants, materials, whatever.

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\*Capital Project Sales Tax Act, Section 4-10-300, Act No.138, Section 3