

Tyler Technologies leaving Oconee

Company stops taking appeals Friday

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WALHALLA — The private company that has created a brewing storm of controversy with its assessment of Oconee County property is leaving town in a week with \$1.8 million in hand.

Tyler Technologies' days in Oconee County are numbered according to several local officials:

Oconee County Councilman Wayne McCall told a Seneca

tea party gathering this week that anyone with a reassessment gripe should take it to the Assessor's Office because Tyler would soon be gone.

A woman who attended the tea party event asked McCall whether she should keep an appointment with Tyler scheduled for Thursday. McCall told her to call County Assessor Linda Shugart or someone on her staff.

County Administrator Scott Moulder confirmed that Tyler would stop taking informal ap-



peals on Friday. Oconee residents have until

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\$1.8M richer

Dec. 9 to file an appeal.

That's not stopping Tyler from getting paid in full.

Finance Director Kendra Brown said Tyler has been paid as work was being completed. She said there were no change orders to Tyler's contract.

"I believe it was a total max," Brown said.

Moulder said in a news conference this week that Tyler would have representatives available to defend their appraisals on any cases taken be-

fore the Oconee County Board of Assessment Appeals.

Through Oct. 11, Moulder said 1,325 property owners had filed an appeal, which he said equates to 2 percent of the approximately 65,000 parcels reassessed.

Moulder said that about two-thirds of the appeals are being adjusted, and encouraged homeowners to appeal if they are not satisfied with their assessments.