

Economic project could soon be coming to Oconee

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PICKENS — A separate government entity tipped off a future economic development project headed to Oconee County earlier this week.



Gilbert

Pickens County Council passed first reading in title only of an ordinance authorizing the development of a “joint county industrial and business park” in Oconee County at its Monday meeting.

Both counties have passed similar ordinances for one another in the past when it comes to fee-in-lieu-of-tax agreements, with 1 percent of revenue going to the neighboring county.

Oconee Economic Alliance president Jamie Gilbert never returned a phone call requesting comment on

what the project could be. Oconee County Council will meet for the first time in nearly a month on Tuesday.

DAVID STONE DAY APPROVED

Council also approved a resolution declaring Wednesday, Aug. 23, as David Stone Day in Pickens County. The resolution came up after former county councilman Carl Hudson criticized the current council earlier this summer for not properly honoring the late longtime sheriff David Stone, who died in 2020. Stone was first elected Pickens County sheriff in 1968 and served until 2012, making him the longest-serving sheriff in South Carolina history and second-longest in the nation at the time he left office.