

PICKENS COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, January 5, 2004
7:00 PM

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Regular County Council Meeting
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County Council met in regular session in the auditorium, County Administration Facility, with Chairman Ronald D. Harrison presiding. Agendas, bearing date, time and location of meeting, were mailed to Council members and local news media December 31, 2003.

Council Members in attendance:

Ronald D. Harrison, Chairman
Norman D. Langston, Vice Chairman
James London, Vice Chairman Pro-tempore
James H. Patten, III
C. Roy Collins
Jennifer H. Willis

Staff: Alan M. Ours, County Administrator
Lynn Fisher, Assistant County Administrator
Donna F. Owen, Clerk to Council
David Allison, Attorney

Committee Reports:

- a. Education, Recreation, Health, Welfare and County Planning.
 - Park and Recreation Ordinance
Second reading approved.
 - Storm Water Management Ordinance
First reading approved; stays in committee
- b. Public Service Committee
 - Solid Waste Ordinance
Second reading approved.

Motion Period and New Business:

Additions to the January 5th Agenda.

- Committee of Administration and Finance to study procedures for honoring Captain Kimberly Hampton.

Approved.

- Committee of Administration and Finance to study need for a part-time construction supervisor for the museum and Library projects.

Approved.

Public Hearing and Second Reading of Ordinance No. 330, to provide for the issuance and sale of not exceeding one million one hundred thousand dollars (\$1,100,000) Pickens County, South Carolina, general obligation bonds (Vineyards Fire Protection District project), series 2004; to prescribe the purposes for which the proceeds shall be expended; to provide for the payment thereof; and other matters relating thereto.

Approved.

Public Hearing and Second Reading of an Ordinance, to provide for the amendment of the Pickens County Road Fee Ordinance No. 295.

At the December 1, 2003 meeting, Council agreed to eliminate the Road User Fee for all Non-motorized Vehicles.

Approved.

Consideration to approve contract with Ralph Whitehead Associates for engineering services related to the design of a new bridge over Norfolk Southern Railroad on Old Central Road. This issue was discussed at Council's December 1, 2003 meeting. At that time Council requested a contract amendment to hold ten percent of the fee in retainage until the work was completed. Staff discussed this with company representatives who stated that a five percent retainage fee was the maximum amount they would authorize. According to state officials retainage is not standard on design projects, but is used for construction contracts.

Approved.

Consideration to approve a Mutual Aid Agreement between the Central Police Department and the Pickens County Sheriff's Office. The attached agreement is similar to other mutual Aid Agreements County Council has approved in the past. The agreement provides for assistance in the event of natural disaster, disorder, or other related emergency situations. Approval is recommended.

Approved.

Consideration to authorize Sheriff's Office to apply for grant funds for the purpose of adding a Narcotics Officer. The Sheriff's Office has been made aware of grant funds that would provide funding for an additional Narcotics Officer. Approval is requested to apply for \$82,500 for the first year, which would need to be matched by the County in the amount of \$27,500 for a total cost of \$110,000. Since the grant cycle would not begin until May 2004 matching funds could be budgeted in fiscal year 04/05.

Approved.

Consideration to approve agreement between Pickens County and Blue Ridge Electric Cooperative. Blue Ridge Electric has given Pickens County a check in the amount of \$100,000 to be used for sewer infrastructure at the Pickens County Commerce Park.

Approved.

Appointments to Boards & Commissions:

Planning Commission. **Sheree Chapman was approved for appointment**

Fire Districts. **The following were approved**

Dacusville requests the **re-appointment** of Sam Childers.

Sam Childers
136 Edinburgh Lane
Easley, SC 29640

2. **Easley** request the **re-appointment** of Craig Quillin.

Craig Quillin
116 April Drive
Easley, SC 29640

3. **Rocky Bottom** requests the re-appointment of Faye Bayne.

Faye Bayne
137 Upyonder Road
Sunset, SC 29671

4. **Six Mile** requests the **re-appointment** of Virgil Mitchell and Jo Anne Gessell.

Virgil Mitchell
2301 Norris Highway
Central, SC 29630

Jo Anne Gessell
307 Mt. View Church Road
Six Mile, SC 29682

5. **Vineyards** requests the **appointment** of Janet Benton, Ms. Benton will take the place of Mr. Wolf Schmitt.

Janet Benton , 108 Teaberry Lane, Sunset, SC 29685

6. **Shady Grove** requests the **re-appointment** of Perry Burns and **new appointments** of Bradley Stone and Edward Teagle to replace Carlyle Keasler and Willie Cantrell.

Perry Burns
308 Newton Rd
Pickens, SC 29671

Bradley Stone
224 Murphy Rd
Sunset, SC 29685

Edward Teagle
119 Youngdeer Trail
Sunset, SC 29685

Approval of Consent Agenda

Approved as presented.

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d. Consideration of request from the Pickens Office of the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services for renovation of Building. It is requested that this matter be referred to the Administration and Finance Committee.

- e. Consideration of request from the City of Liberty for assistance with Animal Control and disposal. It is requested that this matter be referred to the Administration and Finance Committee.

Executive Session

- Consideration to acquire property
- Receive legal advice regarding litigation
- Personnel Issue

Public session reconvened:

Actions taken after executive session:

Based on new opinion from the Advisory Committee on Standards of Judicial Conduct, the Probate Judge will no longer retain part of the marriage license fee and those fees will be incorporated into salary. Approximately \$1,800 per year.

Approved.