

February 4, 2008  
Regular Council Meeting  
6:00 PM

County Council met in regular session, in the auditorium, County Administration Facility, with Chairman G. Neil Smith presiding. Agendas, bearing date, time, and location of meeting, were mailed to Council members and local news media, January 29, 2008.

Council Members in attendance:

G. Neil Smith, Chairman  
Ben L. Trotter, Vice Chairman  
Randy Crenshaw  
James B. London  
Jennifer H. Willis

Absent: Tom E. Ponder, Vice Chairman Pro-Tempore

Staff: J. Chappell Hurst, County Administrator  
Lynn Fisher, Assistant County Administrator  
Ken Roper, County Attorney  
Olivia Vassey, Special Projects Coordinator  
Donna F. Owen, Clerk to Council

**WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Smith called the meeting of February 4, 2008 to order and welcomed those in attendance. Chairman Smith further gave the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

Chairman Smith opened the floor for Public Forum and called upon the Clerk to announce any citizen who signed up to speak before Council

1. David Pike—Mr. Pike requested that the Pumpkintown Fire District be allowed to take \$3,415.44 out of reserve for turn-out gear which was ordered without being budgeted.

With no further names on the sign up sheet, Chairman Smith asked if anyone from the floor wished to speak. Seeing none, the Public Forum was closed.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- Motion was made by Jennifer Willis, seconded by Ben Trotter and unanimously passed to approve the minutes of January 22, 2008.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Chairman Smith stated one committee has a report and called upon Ben Trotter for the report.

**1. Justice and Public Safety Chairman, Ben Trotter gave the following report.**

The Public Safety Committee met on February 4, 2008 at 4:30 PM in the Main Conference Room. All Committee members were in attendance.

Staff:  
 Chappell Hurst, County Administrator  
 Lynn Fisher, Assistant County Administrator  
 Donna Owen, Clerk to Council

| Item | Description  | Referred | Report  |
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| 10   | Request for an ordinance and enforcement policy regarding illegal immigrants.<br><br>Retained 12/31/2007 | 09/17/07 | Committee recommends a first reading and return to committee<br><br>Council approved                            |
| 11   | Fire Station and Trucks for the Keowee Springs District.   | 01/22/08 | Committee recommends the bids for (2) fire trucks and sent out RFP for building design.<br><br>Council approved |
| 12   | Architect fees for the Liberty Fire District.  | 01/22/08 | Committee recommends approval for the architect fees for the Liberty Fire Station<br><br>Council approved       |

**ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:**

1. Health Fair- Council was informed that the health fair was a success and employees and their spouses had an opportunity for complete blood testing and other health screenings. Mr. Hurst reported that one retiree was sent to the Doctor as a result, and the intervention certainly saved a huge hospital bill, and may have saved the person’s life. Mr. Hurst stated the employee had written council a note thanking them for providing the annual health fair.
2. SCAC Meeting- Mr. Hurst stated that Pickens County was recognized for being at the forefront of MERSA training and prevention at the prison.
3. Wi-Fi Grant – A grant in the amount of \$60,000 from the Department of Commerce for efforts of Pickens, Oconee, and Anderson counties being wireless. Mr. Hurst stated that the Appalachian Council of Governments will administer the details.
4. Recycling efforts for lake front communities - DHEC agreed to purchase the boxes for recycling to be more convenient for the lake properties. These boxes will be placed at Shady Grove. Brochures and other educational literature are being printed as well.

**COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE:**

Chairman Smith announced that the next meeting would be Tuesday February 19<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 PM. This meeting will be on Tuesday due to Monday February 18<sup>th</sup> being a holiday.

\*\*Mr. Trotter recognized the attendance of Mrs. Gatlin, the Clerk of Court.. Mr. Trotter stated that Mrs. Gatlin has been ill and he wanted to welcome her back to the meetings.

**MOTION PERIOD AND NEW BUSINESS:**

- Jennifer Willis, seconded by Ben Trotter moved to place on the agenda the request from Pumpkintown fire district. Motion carried with a unanimous vote to add to the agenda.

Mr. Trotter moved to take \$3,000.00 from Pumpkintown's current contingency and take \$415.44 out of reserve. Mr. Trotter stated he wanted to do it this way in order to send the message that districts need to be careful regarding their budgets. Jennifer Willis seconded and the motion was unanimously passed.

**APPROVAL OF PLANS FOR THE DSS BUILDING:**

- Motion was made by Ben Trotter, seconded by Jennifer Willis and unanimously passed to move forward with the plans for the DSS Building.

>>Chairman Smith stated this was a project where the State was giving the County the funds for an addition.

**APPROVAL OF AIRPORT HANGARS:**

- Motion was made by James London, seconded by Jennifer Willis and unanimously passed to approve the additional airport hangars.

>>Chairman Smith stated this was another project that was discussed at a previous meeting and the commitments are already provided to the airport for the hangars.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- Motion was made by Randy Crenshaw, seconded by Jennifer Willis and unanimously passed to approve the consent agenda.

Refer to the Administration and Finance Committee –

- Airplane Tax in Pickens County

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

- Motion was made by Ben Trotter, seconded by James London and unanimously passed to convene in executive session for the stated purposes.

>Legal Briefing on a contractual issue

>Personnel Issue

**PUBLIC SESSION RECONVENED:**

Chairman Smith called the public session back to order and allowed the following motion.

**Reorganization:**

- Motion was made by James London and seconded by Randy Crenshaw to approve the consolidation of the Roads and Bridges department and Solid Waste Department as recommended by the County Administrator. All council voted in favor, with the exception of Ben Trotter who opposed. Motion carried.

**ADJOURN:**

Hearing no further business, Chairman Smith called for the motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Randy Crenshaw, seconded by James London and unanimously passed. Pickens County Council stood adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Respectively Submitted:

Approved:

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Donna F. Owen, Clerk to Council

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G. Neil Smith, Chairman