

April 21, 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, April 16, 2008.

Council Members in attendance:

G. Neil Smith, Chairman
Ben L. Trotter, Vice Chairman
Tom E. Ponder, Vice Chairman Pro-Tempore
Randy Crenshaw
James B. London
Jennifer H. Willis

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

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Smith called the meeting of April 21, 2008 to order and welcomed those in attendance. Chairman Smith further called upon Councilman Crenshaw to give the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Motion was made by Ben Trotter, seconded by Tom Ponder and unanimously passed to approve the minutes of April 7, 2008. Jennifer Willis abstained from the vote due to her absence at the April 7, 2008 meeting.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Hurst gave a short report relating to the following issues:

New Library Director – Ms. Allison Anderson. Mr. Hurst welcomed and introduced Ms. Anderson as the new Library Director. Mr. Hurst stated that Ms. Anderson began her duties on April 7, 2008 and he was glad to have someone of her expertise.

Air Quality Monitor – Chairman Smith asked about the monitor, and specifically if it had been removed. Mr. Hurst stated that it had not been removed as of meeting time.

MOTION PERIOD AND NEW BUSINESS:

Chairman Smith opened the floor for any new business. Hearing none, the floor was closed.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO.08-01 FOR FAIR HOUSING:

- Motion was made by Ben Trotter, seconded by Tom Ponder and unanimously passed to approve the Resolution to support fair housing.

PUBLIC HEARING TO PROPOSE ISSUANCE OF BONDS BY JOBS-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (JEDA) NOT TO EXCEED \$200,000,000:

Chairman Smith stated before he opened the public hearing that he wanted to clarify that the JEDA bond is supposed to read: not to exceed \$430,000,000. Mr. Smith explained that the public hearing had been advertised for the new amount. Chairman Smith also stated that these are hospital bonds and did not have any effect on the bonding capacity of Pickens County.

Chairman Smith officially opened the floor for comment, with no citizens speaking, Chairman Smith closed the public hearing.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 08-02 TO SUPPORT THE JEDA BONDS:

- Motion was made by Jennifer Willis, seconded by Tom Ponder and unanimously passed to approve Resolution No. 08-02.

APPROVAL OF THE BID FOR SIX MILE FIRE TRUCK:

- Motion was made by Ben Trotter, seconded by Randy Crenshaw and unanimously passed to approve the bid for the Six Mile fire truck in the amount of \$264,004.00.

APPROVAL OF THE BID FOR CROSSWELL FIRE STATION:

- Motion was made by Tom Ponder, seconded by Ben Trotter and unanimously passed to approve the bid of \$ 529,600.00 for the Crosswell Fire Station.

APPROVAL OF THE BID FOR THE SPRINGS FIRE STATION:

- Motion was made by James London, seconded by Tom Ponder and unanimously passed to approve the bid of \$936,800.00 for the Springs fire station. Chairman Smith stated that the difference in Crosswell and the Springs is the Springs station is a much larger station.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- Motion was made by Jennifer Willis, seconded by Ben Trotter and unanimously passed to approve the consent agenda as submitted.
 - a. Refer to the Public Service Commission – Joy Street request
 - b. Refer to the Administration and Finance Committee- the Accommodations tax committee recommendations

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- Motion was made by Randy Crenshaw, seconded by James London and unanimously passed to convene in executive session for the stated purpose.
 - a. *Contractual issue*

PUBLIC SESSION RECONVENED:

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

1. Motion was made by Ben Trotter, seconded by Tom Ponder to hire LPA group to perform a study on traffic on Highway 123 and Highway 153. Motion was unanimously approved.

ADJOURN:

With there being no new business before the Pickens County Council, motion to adjourn was made by Randy Crenshaw, seconded by Jennifer Willis and unanimously passed. Pickens County Council stood adjourned at 6:25 PM.

Respectively Submitted:

Approved:

Donna F. Owen, Clerk to Council

G. Neil Smith, Chairman