

Pickens County Council Meeting

Items Before the Pickens County Council on
Monday, February 2, 2004
7:00 PM

Agenda

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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 January 29, 2004.

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
Edward Welmaker, Attorney

Committee Reports:

Administration and Finance:

Approved Compensation Study with MGT. Funds will come out of contingency.

Justice and Public Safety Committee:

Approved \$9,528.00 from contingency for reimbursement to Six Mile for communications equipment.

Public Service Committee:

Approved the road ordinance as amended and provided back to full Council.

Third Reading of Ordinance No. 329, To Define Regulate and Control the Disposal and Dumping of Garbage, Refuse and other Trash in Pickens County, South Carolina, To Provide Penalties and Violation of the Ordinance and to Repeal Ordinance No. 273, Dated July, 13 1999.

Approved.

Third 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.

Tabled

Third Reading of Ordinance No. 331, Regulating the use of Public Parks in Unincorporated Areas Of Pickens County, South Carolina, Including Public Access Areas At Lake Jocasse, Lake Keowee, And Lake Hartwell

Approved.

Third Reading of Ordinance No. 332, to provide for the amendment of the Pickens County Road Fee Ordinance No. 295.

Approved.

Consideration of Proposed Reclassification of personnel in the Solid Waste Department. As a result of the adoption of Ordinance #329 it is necessary to reclassify five positions within the new department, add one position and eliminate one position. The personnel costs including benefits under the current alignment are \$249,885.00. The personnel costs including benefits under the proposed realignment are \$244,979.00, which results in a savings of \$4906.00.

Approved.

Consideration of request for additional funds for Museum Expansion Project necessary to correct drainage problem. Attached is a memorandum that explains the drainage problem in more detail. Due to the weather delays the week of January 26th the contractor was not able to finalize the cost difference in making the necessary changes. However, this information is expected for the February 2nd meeting.

Approved.

Consideration to approve contract with the United States Corp of Engineers for lake Patrol Services. The Pickens County Sheriff's Office has provided patrol services on upstate lakes that border Pickens County and that are operated by the Corp of Engineers. The proposed contract provides a reimbursement rate of \$38.60 per hour for a projected total reimbursement of \$34,122. Approval of the Contract is recommended.

Approved.

Consideration of request from Easley Combined Utilities to return a fine refund from the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC). Combined Utilities entered into a consent order with SCDHEC on December 17, 2003 as a result of alleged violations at their wastewater treatment facilities. The amount of their fine was \$11,200.00. Fifty percent of this amount or \$5,600.00 will be returned to Pickens County. Combined Utilities has requested that this money be returned to them to be used to improve the operations at the wastewater treatment plants. Based on Council's action in the past approval of this request is recommended.

Approved.

Appointments to Boards and Commissions:

Board of Zoning and Appeals. **Robert Ballentine. Approved.**

Pumpkintown Fire District. **Gaston James. Approved**

Approved.

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Consideration of proposed list of county roads to be resurfaced next fiscal year. Attached is a proposed list of roads submitted by the Roads and Bridges Department for resurfacing next fiscal year. It is requested that this matter be referred to the Public Service Committee.

Consideration of request from the Pickens County Legislative Delegation to increase the rate of pay for the secretary to the delegation. It is requested that this matter be referred to the Administration and Finance Committee.

Consideration of request from the Pickens County Aeronautics Commission to consider reducing personal property tax on Aircraft in Pickens County. It is requested that this matter be referred to the Administration and Finance Committee.

Consideration of request for additional funds to finish the renovation at the Bes Pac Recycling Center. Attached is a memorandum that outlines the cost to date of the Bes Pac center expansion project. It is estimated that an additional \$80,000 will be needed to finish the project. Originally, it was planned to sell the used mauler and apply those funds towards the construction of the center. The county has been close to selling the used landfill equipment twice, but thus far a valid check has not been received. It is requested that this matter be referred to the Administration and Finance Committee

Executive Session:

Receive information regarding property Acquisition

Receive information regarding proposed economic development incentive agreement

Receive information regarding personnel matter

No action following executive session.