

**Pickens County Council Meeting**  
**Regular Meeting**

Items Before the Pickens County Council on

**Tuesday, September 2005**  
**7:00 PM**

September 6, 2005

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County Council met in regular session, in the auditorium, County Administration Facility, with Chairman Willis presiding. Agendas, bearing date, time, and location of meeting, were mailed to Council members and local news media on August 31, 2005.

Council Members in attendance:

Jennifer H. Willis, Chairman  
G. Neil Smith, Vice Chairman  
James B. London, Vice Chairman Pro Tempore  
C. Roy Collins  
Tom E. Ponder  
Ben L. Trotter

Staff: Alan M. Ours, County Administrator  
Donna F. Owen, Clerk to Council  
Ken Roper, County Attorney

1. Welcome and Call to Order  
Invocation: Councilman James London
2. Approval of Minutes, August 15, 2005  
**Approved**
3. Committee Report/Work Sessions

Item	Description	Referred	Report
1	Organizational structure of Pickens County	06/20/05	Council took no action and will schedule more meetings.  No action.
3	Study the issue of the road fee and uses for the road fee as it relates to the municipalities.  1 <sup>st</sup> reading to amend the road fee ordinance as it relates to its uses. 9/6/05	06/20/05	Council requested staff to develop a report which will show a comprehensive road inventory, number of miles paved, time line of past paving, allocations for bridges, culverts, and sidewalks.  Council did recommend staff to amend the current ordinance to specify uses for the road fee funds.  Further work sessions will be held.

### 1. Administration and Finance Committee.

The Committee of Administration and Finance met in the Main Conference Room at 10:00 AM, August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2005. All members were present and Vice Chairman Neil Smith presided.

Other Council Members:

C. Roy Collins  
Ben Trotter

Staff:

Alan Ours, County Administrator  
Donna Owen, Clerk to Council  
Ralph Guarino, Finance Director  
Jennifer Graham, HR Director

	Description	Referred	Report
170	<p>Out of State Training for County Employees.</p> <p><i>Approved 8/1/05 for this committee to approve all out of state travel.</i></p> <p><i>Approved 08/15/05 for this committee to look at the out of state travel as a final review. Not on a case-by-case basis, but a listing of proposed travel.</i></p>	08/01/05	<p>Committee recommends approval of the submitted "out of state" training requests.</p> <p><b><u>&gt;&gt;Council approved with Ben Trotter voting in opposition. Motion carried.</u></b></p>
171	<p>FY 2005/06 Budget amendment for the purpose to adjust sewer fees due to changes in the intergovernmental agreement.</p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> reading 08/01/05 2<sup>nd</sup> reading 09/06/05</p>	08/01/05	<p>Committee recommends approval and recommends consideration of <u>second reading, which includes the vineyard Fire District request.</u></p> <p><u>See attached Ordinance No. 364</u></p> <p><b><u>&gt;&gt;Council unanimously passed that this constitute second reading of ordinance No. 364</u></b></p>
173	<p>Consideration of a feasibility study that has been completed on the Old Easley Library. Pazdan Smith Architects have completed a study on the feasibility of locating county offices in the Old Easley Library, which includes preliminary cost information.</p>	08/01/05	<p>No action, staff will gather more information regarding possible future space needs.</p>
175	<p>Consideration of a request from the Vineyards Fire District to amend their fiscal year 2006 budget to reduce the revenue collected from taxes by \$50,000 and to appropriate \$50,000 from the fire district's fund balance.</p>	08/01/05	<p>Committee recommends to appropriate the \$50,000 from fund balance, and to amend the FY 2005-06 budget to provide a \$25,000 contingency. Interest fees will be charged for any negative cash flows at investment income plus 2%.</p> <p><b><u>&gt;&gt;Council unanimously approved.</u></b></p>
176	<p>Procurement issues, regarding Pickens County Contractors, and other bid issues.</p>	08/01/05	<p>Committee recommends for staff to maintain a list of Pickens County Vendors for mailing out requests for bids in an effort to increase Pickens County business.</p>
178	<p>Consideration to purchase a tractor and attachments to replace an existing tractor.</p>	08/15/05	<p>Committee recommends capital request of a tractor and attachments for the Roads and Bridges Department.</p> <p><b><u>&gt;&gt;Council unanimously approved.</u></b></p>
179	<p>Discuss \$3600 request for the Hagood Mauldin House</p>	08/15/05	<p>No action, staff will gather further information.</p>
180	<p>Consideration of a request from the City of Clemson to purchase a "Pot Hole Patching Vehicle" to make road repairs in the City of Clemson. The City of Clemson has requested approval to use a portion of the County Road Fee allocation to purchase a machine to patch potholes.</p>	08/15/05	<p>Committee recommends authorizing the request for a Pot Hole Patching Vehicle.</p> <p><i>Recommendation was a 2 to 1 vote.</i></p> <p><b><u>&gt;&gt;Approved with Neil Smith and Ben Trotter voting in opposition. All other members voted in favor. Motion carried.</u></b></p>

## 2. Justice and Public Safety.

The Justice and Public Safety committee met at 5:30 PM on September 6, 2005 with Committee Chair Tom Ponder Presiding. Councilman Trotter was in attendance and Councilman Smith was absent.

Staff:

Alan Ours, Administrator

Donna Owen, Clerk

Item	Description	Referred	Action
21	Consideration of a request to pay for the pro-rata share of the County Fire Department's cost of the design of the proposed fire training facility from the Contingency Account.	06/06/05	No action.
22	Consideration to approve an agreement between the Shady Grove Rural Area Fire District and the City of Pickens for fire protection services.	07/18/05	<p>Committee recommends to full Council.</p> <p>During Council discussion, Mr. Trotter stated the problem he had with this contract was all authority given to the City Fire Chief and also stated he did not think it would benefit all the people, also stated was the fire district had stated an ISO rating of 6,</p> <p>Shady Grove Fire Board Member, Perry Burns stated he realized not all residents would benefit from an ISO rating of 6. And further stated anyone outside the 5-mile radius would not.</p> <p>&gt;&gt;Neil Smith moved to amend Section 6 to state 90 days at the end of the contract instead of 12 months. Amendment passed with a unanimous vote.</p> <p><b><u>&gt;&gt;All council voted in favor to approve as amended, with the exception of Ben Trotter who opposed. Motion carried.</u></b></p>

4. Motion Period and New Business

**Approved for committee to consider employees being compensated for assisting with Hurricane Katrina and for FEMA to reimburse.**

5. First reading of an Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 295, to clarify language as it relates to the uses of the Pickens County Road Fee.

**Approved**

6. First reading of an Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 333 as it relates to section 1-10 Construction Standards and section 1-11 Drainage Structures. Based on a recommendation from the County Engineer the Planning Commission is recommending an amendment to Ordinance No. 333 that sets forth criteria for roads to be accepted into the county road system. First reading of the ordinance is recommended with referral to the Public Service Committee.

**Approved**

7. First reading of an ordinance to amend the Ordinances that govern each fire district in Pickens County to provide for public notification procedures and other matters.

**Approved**

8. Resolution No. 05-10, in memory of Sergeant Anthony G. Jones.

**Approved**

9. Consideration to accept grant award from the South Carolina Department of Commerce in the amount of \$330,000 to install sewer service for St. Jude Medical. The Appalachian Regional Commission has awarded Pickens County a grant in the amount of \$330,000 to provide sewer to the new St. Jude Medical Facility in the Pickens County Commerce Park. This is one of two grants for the project. Acceptance of the grant award is recommended.

**Approved**

10. Consideration to approve contract between Pickens County and the Appalachian Council of Governments (ACOG) for the administration of the Arial Mill Village Sewer Project Grant. Historically, ACOG has administered CDBG grants on behalf of local governments. The administrative cost of project administration is built into the cost of the project. Approval of the contract is recommended

**Approved**

11. Consideration to appropriate additional funds to pay for a Road Shoulder Widener. County Council appropriated \$152,515 in the current year's budget to purchase a road shoulder widener. The low bid for the piece of equipment was submitted by Linder Industrial Machines in the amount of \$166,300. An additional \$13,785 is needed to purchase this equipment. It is requested that Council approve transferring \$13,785 from the capital equipment account to purchase this piece of equipment.

**Approved**

12. Executive Session:

**Approved**

a. Appointments to Boards and Commissions

- Six Mile Water District-Joe Dunn and Tom Breazeale
- Bethlehem Roanoke Water District- No action
- Cultural Commission- Margaret Collins
- Work Force Investment Board-Craig Brandon, Ray Farley, Karen Martin, Eddie Wynn, Lawrence Nichols, and Roger Powell

b. Consideration of proposed incentives for prospective new industry.

**Approved 20,000 for engineering and site planning from the Commerce Park Account.**

c. Receive information regarding a personnel matter

**Approved recommendation from the Economic Development Alliance and adjusted salaries as requested.**

13. Adjourn

**Council adjourned at 9:31**