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January 2, 2007
Organizational Meeting
5:30 PM

County Council met in special session for the purpose of its organizational meeting, in the auditorium, County Administration Facility, with County Attorney Ken Roper presiding. Agendas, bearing date, time, and location of meeting, were mailed to Council members and local news media, December 27, 2006.

Council Members in attendance:

Jennifer Willis
G. Neil Smith
James B. London
Randy Crenshaw
Tom Ponder
Ben L. Trotter

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

CALL TO ORDER:

County Attorney, Ken Roper called the Organizational Meeting of January 2, 2007 to order. Mr. Roper stated he would preside over the meeting until such time that council elects its Chairman. Mr. Roper also went over the rules for nomination and informed council he would take nominations for Chairman and would continue to take nominations until such time nominations are closed, and council would vote in the order of the nominations. Mr. Roper stated the terms of said elections would be for a two-year term.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN:

Ken Roper opened the floor for nominations for Chairman.

>>Ben Trotter placed a nomination for Neil Smith to serve as Chairman.
>>James London placed a nomination for Jennifer Willis to serve as Chairman.

Hearing no further nominations Ken Roper stated nominations closed.

Neil Smith- Ben Trotter, Randy Crenshaw, Neil Smith, and Tom Ponder voted for Neil Smith. James London and Jennifer Willis opposed.

Jennifer Willis- James London and Jennifer Willis voted in favor of Jennifer Willis. Tom Ponder, Neil Smith, Randy Crenshaw, and Ben Trotter opposed.

Ken Roper announced the Chairman of Pickens County Council was Neil Smith. Mr. Roper further passed the gavel to Chairman Smith.

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN:

Chairman Smith opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chairman.

>>Tom Ponder placed a nomination for Ben Trotter.

Hearing no further nominations, Tom Ponder, seconded by Randy Crenshaw moved to close nominations and elect Ben Trotter as Vice Chairman. All Council voted in the affirmative.

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN PRO TEMPORE:

Chairman Smith opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chairman Pro-Tempore.

>>Ben Trotter placed a nomination for Tom Ponder.

Hearing no further nominations, James London, seconded by Ben Trotter moved to close nominations and elect Tom Ponder as Vice Chairman Pro-Tem. All Council voted in the affirmative.

Chairman Smith congratulated Council and further stated the next items on the agenda regarding Meeting schedules and Committee Assignments would be discussed at a meeting that he would call for January 8, 2007 at 7:00 PM and also announced the second meeting of January would be Tuesday, January 16th, 2007.

Chairman Smith announced the meeting for January 2, 2007 at 7:00 PM would be canceled because a previous Chairman could not set the agenda for a new Chairman.

Chairman Smith further entertained a motion to adjourn.

ADJOURN:

With there being no further business, motion to adjourn was made by Ben Trotter, seconded by Tom Ponder and unanimously passed. Council stood adjourned at 5:50 PM.

Respectively Submitted:

Approved:

Donna F. Owen, Clerk to Council

G. Neil Smith, Chairman