

February 6, 2006
Regular Meeting
7:00 PM

County Council met in regular session, in the auditorium, County Administration Facility, with Chairman Jennifer H. Willis presiding. Agendas, bearing date, time, and location of meeting, were mailed to Council members and local news media, January 31, 2006.

Council Members in attendance:

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Approved

Announcement:

Chairman Willis announced new meeting times for County Council: The second meeting of the month will begin at 6:00 PM, and council will have their regular business agenda. Council will then convene to a work session if needed. All agendas and meetings will be available to the public.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION TO LINDA ELLIOTT:

Approved

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Administration and Finance. Chairman Willis gave the following report.

The committee of Administration and Finance met in the Main Conference Room, Tuesday, January 24, 2006 at 9:30 AM with all committee members in attendance.

Other council:
C. Roy Collins
Ben Trotter

Item	Description		Committee Action
3	Develop a policy regarding funding outside agencies. <u>Referred back to committee 1/17/06</u>	08/01/05	Committee recommends the policy as submitted by the County Administrator >>unanimously approved
4	Request of \$3600 for the Hagood Mauldin House <u>Referred back to committee 1/17/06</u>	08/15/05	Committee recommends funding \$2,500 from the general fund for short term needs. Committee also recommends for the Board Members to apply for the Accommodations funding. >>unanimously approved
6	Form a committee regarding road projects/issues in Pickens County. <u>Referred back to committee 1/17/06</u>	11/21/05	No action, staff will gather the information regarding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Existing committees regarding transportation issues • How those committees are formed • What are the by-laws of said committees
7	Policy of all Department Heads living within the County.	01/03/06	Committee recommends that Pickens County will have a residency requirement that provides for all department heads to establish primary residency in Pickens County. If a new hire is not living in Pickens County, a time period of (6) months will be offered for relocation. In the event relocation does not happen within the (6) month time period, the employee will be considered terminated at (6) months and (1) day. Committee recommends for all existing department heads that do not meet the residency requirement, be offered (24) months to comply with the policy. In the event the employee moves within (12) months the employee will be compensated up to \$3,000 for closing cost and moving expenses. In the event the employee moves after the (12) month time period and before the (24) month time period, they will be compensated up to \$2000 for closing cost and moving expenses. Any employee who has not complied after (24) months and (1) day will be considered out of compliance and employment will be terminated. Approved
8	Education and Information regarding tax exemptions for the disabled.	01/03/06	No action, Staff will move forward with ideas such as bulletin boards and posters in order for citizens to know how to make application with the State.
9	Programs for Pickens County Small Businesses	01/17/06	No action, committee will work with Economic Development and other venues for better communications and assistance with small business owners.

2. Public Service. Committee Chairman Collins gave the following report.

The Public Service Committee met on Thursday, February 2, 2006 at 5:00 PM with Committee Chairman Roy Collins presiding. All committee members were present.

Item	Description	Committee action
1	Consideration of a request to review the type of vehicles used by County departments. <u>Referred back to committee 01/17/06</u>	No action, staff will gather more information. Committee requests to examine the vehicle inventory by department and look at the best use of the types of vehicles for department needs.
2	Consideration of a request from the Director of Roads and Bridges to accept Weatherstone Drive into the County road maintenance system.	Committee recommends acceptance into the county road system. Approved
3	Consideration of a request from the Town of Central for funding to resurface streets in the Town of Central in the current fiscal year.	Committee recommends approval. Approved
4	Recycling station in the Daniel Area	Committee recommends actively looking for sites in the Daniel area and the Crosswell area. Approved

MOTION PERIOD AND NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Executive Session.** Motion was made by Tom Ponder, seconded by Ben Trotter and unanimously passed to add personnel issues to the executive session.

Approved

2. **Family Readiness Group.** Motion was made by Roy Collins, seconded by Ben Trotter and unanimously passed to add to the agenda an issue regarding funding the Family Readiness Group, which provides family assistance to military families.

Approved

RECEIVE INFORMATION FROM THE PICKENS COUNTY AERONAUTICS COMMISSION REGARDING THE FUTURE OPERATION OF THE AIRPORT:

Administration and Finance Committee.

Approved

THIRD READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 371 TO AMEND THE 2005/2006 BUDGET ORDINANCE:

Approved

FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE TO ALLOW PAYMENT OF PROPERTY TAXES IN QUARTERLY PAYMENTS:

Approved and sent to Administration and Finance Committee

CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FROM THE DIRECTOR OF ROADS AND BRIDGES TO ACCEPT MONTAGUE LAKES, PHASE II, SECTION II INTO THE COUNTY ROAD MAINTENANCE SYSTEM.

Approved

FAMILY READINESS GROUP:

\$1,000 to the 263rd division of the family readiness group for assistance with military families.

Approved

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Approved

- a. Sale of property
- b. Personnel issues

PUBLIC SESSION RECONVENED:

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

Resignation Acceptance.

Effective February 6, 2006, Pickens County Council would accept the resignation of County Administrator Alan Ours, this is a mutual decision made in order to best serve the citizens of Pickens County, and further Council appreciates the service that Mr. Ours has provided, and wishes him well in all future endeavors. Motion includes six months severance and benefits.

Approved

ADJOURN:

Adjourned at 11:50 PM