

**Pickens County Council Meeting**  
**Regular Meeting**  
Items Before the Pickens County Council on

**Monday, December 6, 2004**  
**7:00 PM**

**Agenda**

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County Council met in regular session in the auditorium, County Administration Facility, with Chairman Ronald Harrison presiding. Agendas, bearing date, time and location of meeting, were mailed to Council members and local news media December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2004.

Council Members in attendance:

Ronald D. Harrison, Chairman  
Norman D. Langston, Vice Chairman  
James H. Patten, III  
C. Roy Collins  
Jennifer H. Willis

Absent: James London, Vice Chairman Pro-tempore

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

Motion Period and New Business

1. Mr. Langston requested that Skeet Cooper be added to the consideration of appointments for Aeronautics Commission.
2. Mr. Patton requested that a Study of Highway 11 regarding future development be referred to the Planning Commission. This study is to ensure that development on Highway 11 is done in a manner suited to the existing development.

**Approved**

Presentation by Jane Soesebee, Regional Director for BellSouth  
**Ms. Soesebee presented Pickens County with a check from Bellsouth for \$25,051.00 for future infrastructure in the Commerce Park.**

Presentation of the Audit Report for Fiscal Year 2003/2004.  
**Audit was presented, and the Auditors informed Council this was a clean audit and Council was given detailed financial statements.**

Consideration of Request by Dr. Mahanes, County Coroner.  
The Pickens County Coroner requested a vehicle for the coroner.  
**Referred to Administration and Finance Committee**

First Reading of an Ordinance to establish the Economic Development Alliance of Pickens County as a nonprofit corporation. Alliance Pickens is requesting approval to be established as a Section 501 ©(3) corporation. Approval of first reading is recommended with referral to the Administration and Finance Committee.  
**Approved**

Public Hearing and Second Reading of Ordinance No. 351 to Provide for the Issuance and Sale of a Not Exceeding Eight Hundred Thousand Dollar (\$800,000) Pickens County, South Carolina, General Obligation Bond (Shady Grove Area Fire Protection District Project), Series 2005; to Prescribe the Purposes for which The Proceeds Shall be Expended; to Provide for the Payment Thereof; and Other Matters Relating Thereto.  
**Approved**

Public Hearing and Second Reading of Ordinance No. 352 authorizing the Execution of an Equipment Lease/Purchase Agreement in an Amount Not Exceeding \$286,000 Relating to the Purchase Of Certain Equipment by Pickens County for the Dacusville Rural Area Fire Protection District, Authorizing The Execution of other Necessary Documents and Papers, and Other Matters Relating Thereto.  
**Approved**

Public Hearing and Second Reading of Ordinance No. 353 authorizing the conveyance of certain real property of Pickens County, South Carolina to New Horizons Electric Cooperative, Inc. for Economic Development Purposes. Blue Ridge Electric has been selected by Reliable Automatic Sprinkler Company and Key Mark to be the supplier of electricity for their facilities. To meet the projected start-up demand and future service demands Blue Ridge Electric needs to build a sub-station on approximately five acres of land in the Pickens County Commerce Park.  
**Approved**

Public Hearing and Second Reading Ordinance No. 354 Project Wood  
**Approved**

Consideration to approve a proposed agreement between Pickens County and the Pumpkintown Rural Fire Protection District for the purpose of loaning the District \$60,000 to make repairs to the fire department building and a fire truck. The District needs to make repairs to the fire department building and repair a fire truck. The need for the repairs was not known at the time that the District's current years budget was prepared. There is an immediate need for the repairs and the District does not have adequate funds in reserve to pay for the cost of the repairs. As a result the District has

requested to borrow \$60,000 from the county for the above purpose. The proposed agreement provides for the repayment of the loan over a period of five years at an interest rate of three percent. The proposed annual payment is \$13,101.27. Approval of the proposed agreement is recommended.

**Approved**

Third Reading Ordinance No.347, FY 04/05 Budget Amendment

**Approved**

Third Reading of Ordinance No. 348, to Amend Ordinance No. 298 as it relates to Building codes

**Approved**

Third Reading of Ordinance No. 349, to authorize the conveyance of approximately 1 acre of land to Keymark, Inc. at the Pickens County Commerce Park. The Pickens County Commerce Park Architectural Review Committee has been working with Keymark officials to approve their site and building plans. The amount of property previously granted to Keymark by Pickens County does not allow them to fully develop the property in accordance with their master plan due to site restrictions as outlined in the park covenants. An additional acre of land +- at the rear of their property will grant them the ability to build to their master plan and to meet the requirements of the Park Covenants.

**Approved**

Third Reading of Ordinance No.350, Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of an Amendment to a lease Purchase Agreement Between Pickens County and Milliken & Company, So as to Extend the Initial Investment Period to ten years for Investments in Excess of the Initial Commitment.

**Approved**

Approval of Resolution No. 04-09, to officially name the New Easley Library in honor of Captain Kimberly Nicole Hampton.

**Approved**

Approval of Resolution No. 04-10, to recognize outstanding efforts of the Registration and Elections Department and Information Systems Department.

**Approved**

Approval of Resolution No. 04-11, to recognize outstanding efforts of the Roads and Bridges Department.

**Approved**

Consideration of a request by Council Member Langston to make changes to the vacation leave policy for county employees. A request has been made to allow previous governmental service of an employee to count towards the annual accrual of vacation pay. Currently the amount of vacation leave accrued by an employee is based on their continuous service with the county. The proposed change would allow an employee to accrue vacation leave based on years of service with other governmental entities.

**Not Approved**

Consideration to approve bids submitted by Easley-Central Water District for the extension of water lines to Keymark and St. Jude Medical in the Commerce Park. The cost to extend water service to the Keymark site is \$36,047.00 and the cost to extend service to the St. Jude Medical site is \$68,196.15. The original estimates for this work that was provided by Easley-Central Water District was \$25,051.00 and \$65,877.50, respectively. BellSouth has contributed \$25,051.00 to the extension of the water line for Keymark and the remainder of the funds for both projects is available in the Commerce Park account. Approval of the bids is recommended.

**Approved**

Consideration to approve bid for the reconstruction of a storm water detention pond in the Hallmark Subdivision. The Public Service Committee conceptually agreed to accept ownership of this detention pond and to make improvements. When this project was first bid the county only received one bid. At that time, Council requested for the project to be re-bid. Bids were opened in mid-November for this project from three bidders. Appalachian Grading submitted the low bid in the amount of \$26,402.00. The County Engineer has reviewed the bid and recommends approval. Since this project was not budgeted funds will need to be appropriated from Contingency. Approval of this project is recommended.

**Approved**

Appointments to Boards and Commissions:

Aeronautics Commission. Council Approved Bobby Price and Skeet Cooper to the Aeronautics Commission.

Tri-County Tech. No Action

Approval of the Consent agenda

**Approved**

Approval of Minutes:

November 1, 2004 and November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2004

Consideration of a request from the City of Easley to pursue improvements to Wimberly Lane. It is requested that this matter be referred to the Public Service Committee.

Consideration of a policy to handle roads within the City of Easley and other municipalities that were once maintained by Pickens County. There are certain roads within the City of Easley that use to be in the unincorporated area of Pickens County. A portion of the roads in question have been deeded to the City of Easley, a portion of the roads are deeded to the County and a portion of the roads in question have never been deeded to the county or to the city. Currently, the County has been maintaining the roads within the City of Easley that have been deeded to the County and the City has been maintaining the roads that have been deeded to the City. However, the roads that have not been deeded to either entity have been in dispute. The County has not performed maintenance since the roads are not deeded to the county and reside within the municipal boundaries and the City has not maintained the roads since the roads used to be in the unincorporated area. Unfortunately, members of the public who reside on the roads in question have suffered due to the lack of maintenance being performed. This issue needs to be resolved so members of the public can receive road maintenance

that they are due. It is requested that this matter be referred to the Public Service Committee.

Consideration of a request from the Pickens County Historical Society to donate the Hagood-Mauldin House and Judge's Office to Pickens County. It is requested that this matter be referred to the Education, Recreation, Health, Welfare and County Planning Committee.

#### Executive Session

Receive information regarding the sale of county property  
Legal briefing regarding current litigation  
Personnel matter

Adjourn

Council adjourned at 9:42 with no further action after Executive Session.