

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

**Monday, January 3, 2005**  
**5:30 PM**

*Agenda*

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Council Members in attendance:

C. Roy Collins  
James B. London  
Tom E. Ponder  
G. Neil Smith  
Ben L. Trotter  
Jennifer H. Willis

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

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN, Ken Roper County Attorney, Presiding:

**Action: Mrs. Willis was nominated and approved**

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

**Action: Mr. Smith was nominated and approved**

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN PRO TEMPORE

**Action: Dr. London was nominated and approved**

**CONSIDERATION OF COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**

The following Committee Assignments were made by Chairman Willis:

**Administration and Finance**

Jennifer H. Willis, Chairman  
G. Neil Smith  
James B. London

**Education, Recreation, Health, Welfare, and County Planning**

James B. London, Chairman  
Jennifer H. Willis  
C. Roy Collins

**Justice and Public Safety**

Tom E. Ponder, Chairman  
G. Neil Smith  
Ben L. Trotter

**Public Service**

C. Roy Collins, Chairman  
Tom E. Ponder  
Ben L. Trotter

**REVIEW OF COMMITTEE LOGS**

Log items were either retained or deleted. See documentation in the description block.

**ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE COMMITTEE**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Referred</b>	<b>Report</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>121</b>	Crosswell Fire District is requesting approval to build and operate a fire station.  Retain on the log 1/03/05	09/02/03	10/02/03  12/01/03	Committee met with Crosswell and further meeting will be scheduled. No action.  Committee met with Easley and Crosswell but took no action
<b>130</b>	Request from the Pickens County Aeronautics Commission to reduce personal property tax on aircraft in Pickens County  Retain on the log 1/03/05	02/02/04	03/01/04	No action committee request further study.
<b>144</b>	Request from the Pickens County Fire Chiefs Association for a training facility in Pickens County  Delete 1/03/05	11/01/04	12/13/04	Committee recommends that the design study be funded by equal percentages based on population from each fire district and taken from the fire district reserve fund.  Council approved
<b>146</b>	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.  1 <sup>st</sup> reading 12/06/04  Retain on the log 1/03/05	12/06/04		

<b>147</b>	Consideration of Request by Dr. Mahanes, for a vehicle for the County Coroner office.  Delete 1/03/05	12/06/04	12/13/04	Committee recommends for staff to look at the current capitol projects fund and see if funds are available for the request of a 4x4 suburban at approximately \$30,000, if so approval is recommended.  Council approved.
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**EDUCATION, RECREATION, HEALTH, WELFARE, and PLANNING COMMITTEE**  
**AGENDA LOG**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b><u>Referred</u></b>	<b><u>Report</u></b>	<b><u>Action</u></b>
<b>6</b>	Extending the Cable Franchise Agreement between Pickens County and Intermedia  Retain on log 1/8/01 Retain on the log 1/03/05	7/24/00	08/21/00	Committee recommends that staff work to develop a new franchise agreement.
<b>38</b>	Storm Water Management Ordinance Revisions.  1 <sup>st</sup> reading 01/05/04  Retain on the log 1/03/05	12/01/03	01/05/04  04/05/04  11/01/04	Committee recommends 1 <sup>st</sup> reading and to remain in committee for further study.  >>Council unanimously approved  Committee approved the stormwater agreements with the City of Easley, City of Liberty and City of Pickens.  Committee request the ordinance be reviewed by the County Attorney before 2 <sup>nd</sup> reading  Committee recommends second reading and Public Hearing be scheduled and referred to the full Council.
<b>47</b>	Consideration of a resolution to support the designation of Highway 123 as a county scenic highway along the Easley-Clemson Corridor.  Delete 1/03/05	05/03/04		
<b>49</b>	Consideration of a request from the Pickens County Historical Society to donate the Hagood-Mauldin House and Judge's Office to Pickens County.  Retain on the log 1/03/05	12/06/04		

**JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**  
**AGENDA LOG**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b><u>Referred</u></b>	<b>Report</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>12</b>	Consideration of a request from the Vineyards Fire Protection District to enlarge the boundaries of the Fire District.  Retain on the log <i>1/03/05</i>	04/05/04		
<b>14</b>	Consideration to review the current release of real property data on the county website.  Retain on the log <i>1/03/05</i>	07/06/04	09/07/04	Committee recommends the photographs stay removed from the Tax Assessor's web-site, and to conduct further study concerning other web-site information.
<b>15</b>	Consideration to consider a request to build a sub-station for the Six Mile Fire District to serve new residential communities in the District  Retain on the log <i>1/03/05</i>	07/06/04	09/07/04	No action, the Six Mile Fire District will consult with developers in order to bring proposals back to the committee.

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMITTEE**  
**Agenda Log**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b><u>Referred</u></b>	<b>Report</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>27</b>	Saluda Ridge Sub-division  Retain on log <i>1/8/01</i> <i>1/6/03</i> Retain on the log <i>1/03/05</i>	6/19/00	08/21/00   03/05/01  06/18/01	Committee recommends that homeowners give a 50-ft right of way and for the county to absorb half of the cost for the road, with homeowners paying the other half. Homeowner to submit to the committee a signed statement agreeing to a 50 ft right of way and paying half the cost  Committee recommends the Administrator studying special tax districts and report back to Council.  Administrator reported that staff was still studying possibilities for tax districts.

41	<p>Storm water drainage problem, Silver Lake Road</p> <p>Retain on Log 1/6/03</p> <p>Retain on the log 1/03/05</p>	04/02/01	<p>05/07/01</p> <p>07/23/01</p> <p>02/03/03</p> <p>03/03/03</p> <p>12/01/03</p> <p>05/03/04</p> <p>08/02/04</p> <p>10/02/04</p> <p>12/06/04</p>	<p>Committee recommends obtaining more details regarding costs and agreements. Also seeking legal advise</p> <p>Committee recommends further study with regard to seeking funds from other sources such as Soil and Water Conservation, and also study effects of enlarging the retention pond.</p> <p>No action. Staff to continue study</p> <p>Delay for more study</p> <p>No action, staff will proceed with obtaining easements.</p> <p>Committee recommends for staff and Committee members to schedule a field trip to the site on Silver lake Road, so the committee can view the drainage problems.</p> <p>Committee recommends to proceed with the bid process for the expansion of the existing retention pond.</p> <p>Committee recommends rejecting the current bid and instructed staff to re-bid the repair of the retention pond. Bids will come back to committee.</p> <p>Appalachian grading submitted the low bid in the amount of \$26,402.00. The county engineer has reviewed the bid and recommends approval. Council approved.</p>
59	<p>Study and review of the Sewer Intergovernmental Agreement</p> <p>Retain on the log 1/03/05</p>		<p>06/02/03</p> <p>02/02/04</p>	<p>No action, council was informed of on going discussions</p> <p>Committee will send new agreement for legal review and then back to committee.</p>
111	<p>Consideration of proposed extension of sewer service to serve new industry in the Pickens County Commerce Park.</p> <p>Delete 1/03/05</p>	09/07/04	10/02/04	<p>Committee recommends the proposal for Water and Sewer to serve the new industries at the Commerce Park. Funding as follows: See file report</p>
113	<p>Consideration of a policy to handle roads within the City of Easley and other municipalities that were once maintained by Pickens County</p> <p>Retain on the log 1/03/05</p>	12/06/04	12/13/04	<p>Committees recommends drafting a policy for this issue and seek legal opinion.</p> <p>No action</p>
114	<p>Consideration of a request from the City of Easley to pursue improvements to Wimberly Lane.</p> <p>Retain on the log 1/03/05</p>	12/0/04	12/13/04	<p>Committee recommends further study regarding cost estimates for right of ways and surveys.</p> <p>No action</p>

**ADJOURN:**

Organization Meeting was Adjourned at 6:22PM, with the announcement of the regular meeting beginning at 7:00 PM.

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January 3, 2005  
Regular Meeting  
7:00 PM

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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

**MOTION PERIOD AND NEW BUSINESS**

The following items were brought up during Motion Period and New Business:

1. To add to the agenda to reconsider the vehicle for the Pickens County Coroner's Office.

**Not Approved for adding to the 1/3/05 agenda.**

**Approved for sending to the Administration and Finance Committee.**

2. To Add to the agenda, consideration of the Animal Control Task Force giving their report to Council.

**Withdrew from adding to current agenda, and requested this issue to be placed on the next agenda for discussion and referral to appropriate Committee.**

**Approved.**

3. To add to the agenda consideration of (2) Council Meetings per month.

**Approved.**

Consideration to have Council Meetings scheduled the First and Third Monday of every month.

**Approved.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

For the purpose of discussing Appointments.

**Approved.**

Public Session Reconvened:

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

- Annual Fire District Appointments. **Approved as follows**

**Central** requests the **re-appointment** of George Reid.

George Reid  
906 Maw Bridge Road  
Central, SC 29630

**Approved**

2. **Dacusville** requests the **re-appointment** of Don Holloway and Peggy James.

Don Holloway 521 Holloway Rd. Marietta, SC 29661	Peggy James 123 Windy Hill Lane Easley, SC 29640
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**Approved**

3. **Easley** requests the **re-appointment** of Billy Grant and the **new appointment** of Darrell Grindstaff . ( Darrell Grindstaff will take the place of Howard Allen)

Billy Grant 118 Mark Ave. Easley, SC 29640	Darrell Grindstaff 713 Jamison Rd. Easley, SC 29640
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**Approved**

4. **Holly Springs** requests the **re-appointment** of Mitchell Cassell and Austin Cater.

Mitchell Cassell 6687 Highway 11 Sunset, SC 29685	Austin Cater 221 Phoenix Rd. Pickens, SC 29671
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**Approved**

5. **Rocky Bottom** requests the **re-appointment** of Dave Fishburne, and Bobby Camp; also the **new appointment** of John Sarpy. (John Sarpy will replace Jimmy Masters)

Dave Fishburne 313 Rocky Bottom Rd. Sunset, SC 29685	Bobby Camp 123 Hancock Rd. Sunset, SC 29685	John Sarpy 304 Moorefield Memorial. Hwy Sunset, SC 29685
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**Approved**

6. **Six Mile** requests the **re-appointment** of Joseph Christ.

Joseph Christ  
3615 Walhalla Highway  
Six Mile, SC 29682

**Approved**

7. **Vineyards** requests the **new appointments** of Jim Barr and Jim Miller. (Jim Barr and Jim Miller will replace Tom Braniff and Gordon Lancaster)

Jim Barr  
Keowee Vineyards Marina # 105B  
Sunset, SC 29685

Jim Miller  
124 Silver Bell Lane  
Sunset, SC 29685

**Approved**

- Appalachian Council of Government: **Referred to later agenda**
- Tri-County Technical College. **Approved,** Valerie Ramsey

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA:

**Approved** with Council Members Smith, Trotter, and Ponder abstaining from the vote.

Approved Via Consent.

Approval of Minutes:  
December 06, 2004  
December 13, 2004  
December 23, 2004

Adjourn:

Council Stood Adjourned at 7:55 PM