

May 18, 2009
Regular Council Meeting
6:30 PM

County Council met in regular session, in the Auditorium, County Administration Facility, with Chairman G. Neil Smith presiding. Agendas, bearing date, time, and location of meeting were mailed to Council members and local news media, May 12, 2009.

Council Members in attendance:

G. Neil Smith, Chairman
James B. London, Vice Chairman Pro-Tempore
Randy Crenshaw
Tom Ponder

Donna Owen, Clerk to Council

Absent:

Jennifer H. Willis, Vice Chairman
Sam Wyche

Staff: J. Chappell Hurst, County Administrator
Ken Roper, County Attorney

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Smith called the meeting of 05/18/2009 to order and welcomed those in attendance. Tom Ponder was called upon for the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Motion was made by Randy Crenshaw, seconded by James London and unanimously passed to approve the minutes of May 4, 2009.

Committee Reports:

Administration and Finance- Chairman Smith gave the following report.

The Administration and Finance Committee met in the Main Conference Room on Friday, May 15, 2009 with Chairman Smith presiding. Jennifer Willis and Sam Wyche were in attendance.

Chap Hurst, Administrator
Ralph Guarino, Finance Director
Dale Powell, Park Director
Skeets Cooper, Airport Director

| Item | Description | |
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| 6 | Approval of grants/ Sheriff's Office | >>Committee approves applying for the no match grants. |
| 8 | Accommodation Tax | >>Committee approved the recommendations as |

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| | recommendations | presented. |
| 9 | Airport financing | >>No action, Administrator will elaborate during administrative report |
| 10 | Liberty Fire building financing | >>Committee approves loaning fire districts Liberty and Crosswell money at 4%. |
| 11 | Workers compensation issues | No action- staff will provide further information. |
| 12 | State Issued Certificate of Franchise Authority | >>Committee stated no objection to the State issuing franchise agreement. |

Administrator's Report:

- 1) Request regarding the Hester Store Property going to consent agenda.
- 2) Request regarding the grant for propane conversions for county vehicles going to committee. Mr. Hurst gave information about new Federal Laws as it relates to vehicles being able to obtain a status of miles per hour per each gallon of gasoline. This grant would be a 100% with no match.
- 3) Simms School interchange study was approved with minimal intrusion to the public- study has been forwarded to the Department of Transportation.
- 4) Airport taxiway project- Mr. Hurst stated that what was discussed in the Committee was the fact that the taxiway will need to be moved due to the box hangars being too close to the existing taxiway. FAA requirements certain spacing as it relates to the larger hangars. Thus FAA and the State will give 60% in order to shift the taxiway. Chairman Smith stated council committed \$1 million for the hangars and \$600,000 is still in tact. The moving of the taxi way and the project of filling in and building that area up should be completed with existing funds. However, Mr. Hurst said it would be extremely close. Chairman Smith stated this requires no action, he simply requested that Mr. Hurst comment on the issue for the interest of the public.
- 5) Mr. Hurst announced that PRT would host a breakfast at 7:30 AM on June 24, 2009 at the Madren Center in Clemson for introduction of tourism plans/discussions and specifically for Pickens County.

MOTION PERIOD AND NEW BUSINESS:

- Tom Ponder moved to add to the consent agenda- Grant application approval for the conversion of vehicles to propane. Motion was seconded by Randy Crenshaw and unanimously passed.
- Motion was made by Tom Ponder, seconded by Randy Crenshaw and unanimously passed to add to the consent agenda- Hester Store property issue.
- Motion was made by James London, seconded by Tom Ponder and unanimously passed to place on the consent agenda-discussion regarding Twelve Mile River.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion was made by Tom Ponder, seconded by Randy Crenshaw and unanimously passed to approve the consent agenda as amended. (Items were placed on consent during motion period)

1. Refer to Administration and Finance- Approval of Grants for car propane conversions.
2. Refer to Administration and Finance – Hester Store issue
3. Refer to the Education and Recreation, Health, Welfare, and County Planning Committee- Twelve Mile River issue.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- Motion was made by Randy Crenshaw, seconded by Tom Ponder and unanimously passed to convene in executive session for the stated purposes.
Contractual Issue
Personnel Issue
Boards and Commissions
Behavioral Health Services
(other boards nominations as needed)

PUBLIC SESSION RECONVENED:

Chairman Smith called the meeting back to order and allowed the following motion.

Behavioral Health Board:

- Motion was made by Tom Ponder, seconded by Randy Crenshaw and unanimously passed to re-appoint Ernie Dandeneau. Motion also included new appointments of Cheryl Warner and Cliff Collie.

ADJOURN:

Hearing no further business, Chairman Smith called for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Tom Ponder, seconded by James London and unanimously passed. Pickens County Council stood adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Respectively Submitted:

Approved:

Donna F. Owen, Clerk to Council

G. Neil Smith, Chairman
Pickens County Council