

COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL AS A WHOLE REPORT

Council Members:

Chris Bowers, Chairman
Roy Costner, Vice Chairman
C. Claiborne Linvill
Chris Lollis
Alex Saitta
Henry Wilson

Staff in Attendance:

Ken Roper, County Administrator
Meagan Nations, Clerk to Council
Les Hendricks, Attorney

The Committee of the Whole met in the Main Conference Room, at the Pickens County Administration Facility, on Monday, January 22, 2024. All members of the committee were in attendance with Chairman Chris Bowers presiding at the beginning of the meeting. Chairman Chris Bowers led the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Chris Bowers called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order.

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County Radio System – Log No. 80

- Mr. Roper stated Emergency Services staff would like to give an update on the County Radio System. Billy Gibson, Emergency Services Director, and Matthew Littleton, with Fleettalk by Rock Communications.
 - Council and staff had detailed discussion that included, but was not limited to:
 - Contract Execution - August 21, 2023
 - Mr. Littleton gave a brief overview of what the company has done since August 2023 and what is left to do on the project.
 - Discussion on the nine total tower sites in Pickens County
 - All county entities, including municipal fire and police departments, PRISMA, will be able to receive the radio calls
 - Discussion on long-term needs

❖ **No Action taken by the Committee.**

Emergency Services – Log No. 220

- Mr. Roper gave a brief overview on Medic One in Pickens. Due to the excessive rain, sewage has been backing up into the building and is not suitable for employees to work in.
 - Council and staff had detailed discussion that included, but was not limited to:
 - Meredith Teske, EMS Director, gave an update on where ambulances are in Pickens for the time being.
 - Review of “Satisfaction” House, which cost \$104,555, will be located by the

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- amphitheater.
- Timeline and probability of getting this building.
- Councilman Alex Saitta made a motion to approve this recommendation. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Roy Costner. Discussion included:
 - Chairman Chris Bowers asked where the money will be allocated from.
 - Mr. Roper stated the fund balance, but there is also \$8 million in ARPA that must be spent by 2024.
 - Discussion between Council on using ARPA funding.
 - Discussion on what happened to the flooded medic station.
- Vice Chairman Roy Costner amended the original motion, stating he would like to allocate funding through ARPA funding. Councilman Alex Saitta seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously (6-0).
- ❖ **Councilman Alex Saitta made a motion to approve this recommendation. Vice-Chairman Roy Costner seconded the motion.**
 - **Vice Chairman Roy Costner amended the original motion, stating he would like to allocate funding through ARPA funding. Councilman Alex Saitta seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously (6-0).**

Employee Handbook – Log No. 208 and Review of County Holidays – Log No. 225

- Samantha Greer, HR Manager, and Ralph Guarino, Finance Director, gave a brief overview of Pickens County Holiday Policy and a review of the Paid Holidays Observed by Counties in the FY 2022 Wage and Salary Report from the SC Association of Counties.
 - Council and staff had detailed discussion that included, but was not limited to:
 - Discussion on the Council’s Goal, “Attract & Support Passionate People”
 - Question for the Finance Director regarding the cost of a “floating holiday”
 - Discussion on floating holiday
 - The council would like the staff to research and bring back more information.
- ❖ **No Action taken by the Committee.**

UDSO – Log No. 141

- Council and staff had detailed discussion that included, but was not limited to:
 - Discussion on Tree Protection
 - Parking Lot Canopy Standards
 - Open Space Subdivisions
 - Riparian Setbacks (Stormwater ordinance)
 - Discussion on Townhomes
 - Density
 - Discussion on the Development Areas Map
 - Discussion on Open Space
 - Discussion of Roberts Rules #27 and #28

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❖ **No Action taken by the Committee.**

ADJOURN:

Hearing no further Committee business, Chairman Chris Bowers called for a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Councilman Chris Lollis, seconded by Councilman Henry Wilson, and carried unanimously (6-0). The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.