

**Pickens County Council**  
**Budget Work Session Report**  
**Monday, April 9, 2018**  
6:05 P.M.  
Main Conference Room  
222 McDaniel Avenue  
Pickens, SC 29671

Pickens County Council met to hold a work session to discuss the FY 2018-2019 proposed budget, immediately following the Special Called meeting. Chairman Roy Costner presided with all members in attendance. The meeting was called to order at 6:13 p.m.

Council Members in Attendance:

Roy Costner, Chairman  
Chris Bowers, Vice Chairman  
Wes Hendricks, Vice Chairman Pro-Tem  
Trey Whitehurst  
Ensley Feemster  
Carl Hudson

Staff in Attendance:

Gerald Wilson, County Administrator  
Ken Roper, County Attorney  
Crystal A. Alexander, Clerk to Council  
Ralph Guarino, Finance Director  
Cred Hashe, Chief Deputy

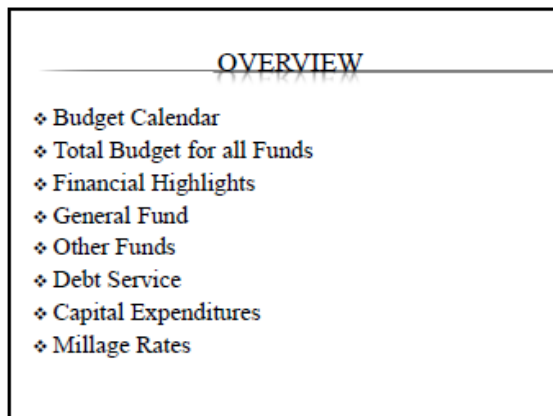
Guests:

Jason Evans

**Summary of Work Session for Proposed FY 2018-2019 Budget:**

Gerald Wilson advised that Ralph Guarino would provide an overview of the budget item requests versus what is being recommended for funding this fiscal year.

Mr. Guarino discussed the below referenced presentation:



## BUDGET CALENDAR

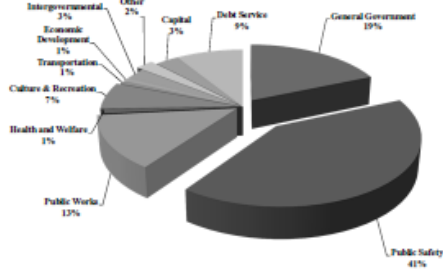
January 3 <sup>rd</sup> 2018	Distribution of budget package sent to Elected and Appointed Officials, Department Heads, Agencies and Fire Districts
January 26 <sup>th</sup>	Departments submit individual budget requests to Finance Department
February 12 <sup>th</sup>	Finance Department submits departments' requests to Administrator
February 12 <sup>th</sup> – March 9 <sup>th</sup>	Administrator reviews and meets with departments to discuss budget requests.
April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Submission of Administrator's budgetary recommendation to County Council and First Reading of Fiscal Year 2018 – 2019 budget
April - June	County Council budget work sessions with Administrator and Staff
May	Second Reading and Public hearing of budget Ordinance
June	Third Reading and adoption of Budget Ordinance
July 1 <sup>st</sup>	Begin new fiscal year with implementation of adopted budget

## TOTAL BUDGET FOR ALL FUNDS

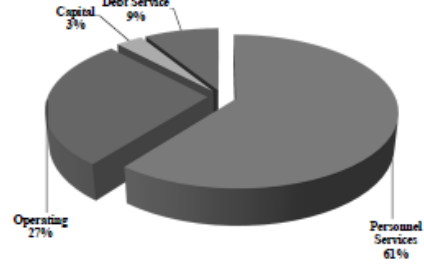
	FY 2018 Budget	FY 2019 Budget
Total	\$ 65,161,517	\$ 66,961,948
Personnel	\$ 38,233,543	\$ 40,477,953
Operating	\$ 18,653,652	\$ 18,453,729
Capital	\$ 4,334,381	\$ 2,121,073
Debt Service	\$ 3,939,941	\$ 5,909,193

Overall 2.8% Increase

## EXPENDITURES BY FUNCTION



## EXPENDITURES BY TYPE



## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- ❖ Balanced budget
- ❖ Positions
  - 46 new positions/reclassifications requested at a cost of \$2,418,889
  - 29 recommended / 5 positions eliminated
- ❖ Capital
  - \$13,146,271 of new capital requested
- ❖ Total requests short of revenues by \$18,145,270
- ❖ No recurring pay increase for employees (2<sup>nd</sup> year)
- ❖ One time pay for employees of 3%
- ❖ Fees and Millage increases/decreases
- ❖ Healthcare costs projected at a 4% increase
- ❖ First principal payment due on bond for Detention Center
- ❖ Pay out all "Bank Time" for employees vacation time

## GENERAL FUND

- ❖ Add 28 positions at the Sheriff's Department (3.3 mils)
  - Staggered over the fiscal year
- ❖ Reclassify 1 PT to FT in Assessor's Office
- ❖ Eliminate 5 positions (.2 mils)
  - Delinquent Tax Manager, Custodian, 3 Part Time Positions
- ❖ Increase fees for Solid Waste
- ❖ New Revenue from Mile Creek Park Cabins
- ❖ Increase Millage for Detention Center Operations
- ❖ Reduce Contingency to \$50,000 (.2 mils)
- ❖ Eliminate Funding for Recreation \$300,000 (.6 mils)

## GENERAL FUND

- ❖ Close Solid Waste Recycling Stations on Wednesday's and All Holidays (.2 mils)
- ❖ Requests made by Meals on Wheels, Pickens Mental Health and Samaritan Health Clinic
- ❖ New website design

## OTHER FUNDS

- ❖ Tri-County Technical College
  - Operations increase of \$37,500 and debt payment increase of \$40,000
  - Fund Balance will last through FY 2024
- ❖ Fixed Nuclear Fund
  - No change
- ❖ Library Fund
  - No Change
- ❖ Victim Services Fund
  - Revenue is decreasing
- ❖ 911 Fund
  - No Change

## OTHER FUNDS

- ❖ State Accommodation Tax Fund
  - No Change
- ❖ Tourism Fund
  - Decreasing donations and sales with increasing costs
- ❖ Local Accommodation Fee Fund
  - Upgrades to Mile Creek Park
- ❖ Prison Fund
  - ❖ No Changes
- ❖ Road Maintenance Fee Fund
  - ❖ Hagood Mill Road and Dacusville Recycling Station
- ❖ Pickens Alliance Fund
  - Added FT positions in FY 2018

## OTHER FUNDS

- ❖ Fire Districts
  - Fire Increase for Pickens and Liberty
  - Springs to make one time payment of \$400,000
  - Increase Millage rate for operations for Vineyards Fire Department
- ❖ Public Service Commission
  - No Change
- ❖ Airport Fund
  - Fee Change for existing T-Hangars and New Hangars

## DEBT SERVICE

- ❖ Payment for Detention Center Bond
  - Principal and Interest \$1,743,313 (3.6 mils)
- ❖ Capital Bond
  - Principal and Interest \$1,504,875 (3.0 mils)
  - Reduction of .2 mils
- ❖ Georges Creek Bond
  - Reduction of .1 mils

## CAPITAL

- ❖ \$13,146,271 in requests
- ❖ \$2,121,073 recommended
- ❖ Debt for Capital
  - (Sheriff's vehicles, Roads and Bridges, Solid Waste)
- ❖ Fire District capital will come from their fund balance

## MILLAGE RATES

Fund	FY 2018	FY 2019	Difference
General Fund	55.3	56.6	1.3
Debt Service	4.0	7.3	3.3
Tri-County Tech	2.6	2.6	-
Library	6.3	6.3	-
Shady Grove Fire	16.8	15.7	(1.1)
Vineyards Fire	48.2	51.4	3.2
Spring Fire	58.5	52.5	(6.0)
Sewer Fund	2.0	2.0	-

Next Step

The work session discussion included, but was not limited to the following:

- County radio system
- Recommendation of one time pay for employees (2% in July and 1% in November for employees out of their probationary period)
- Recommendation to pay out all “bank time”  
-Council requested to receive different options for “bank time”; a 3-5 year payout plan structure; and the number of service years for the impacted employees
- Request to add 28 positions to the Sheriff’s Office
- Recommendation to increase the solid waste fee
- Recommendation to eliminate recreation funding
- Recommendation to consolidate to one county website
- Three requests that were not recommended in the proposed budget for funding: Meals on Wheels; Pickens Mental Health; and Samaritan Health Clinic
- Council questioned what is required by law versus what the county is currently doing in regards to the Library
- Tri-County Technical College
- Road maintenance fee
- Fire fees
- Animal Shelter

### ADJOURN:

Hearing no further Council business, Chairman Roy Costner called for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Vice Chairman Chris Bowers, seconded by Councilman Wes Hendricks and carried unanimously. Pickens County Council stood adjourned at 8:23 p.m.