

Pickens County Council
Budget Work Session Report
Monday, April 24, 2023
6:00 PM
Main Conference Room
222 McDaniel Avenue
Pickens, SC 29671

Pickens County Council met to hold a work session to discuss the FY 2023-2024 proposed budget. Chairman Chris Bowers presided with all members in attendance. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Council Members in Attendance:

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

Staff in Attendance:

Ken Roper, County Administrator
Meagan Nations, Clerk to Council
Les Hendricks, Contract County Attorney
Ralph Guarino, Finance Director

The discussion of budgetary items included, but not limited to the following:

- Rescue Squad Budget Increase
- Fire Department Equipment
 - 2 new pumpers (Station 12 & Station 13)
- Discussion of New Positions Proposed
- Discussion of Positions Requested
- Economic Development
 - Current Alliance Pickens Budget: \$553,269
 - Proposed Alliance Pickens Budget: \$547,117
 - Expenses on Economic Development land over the past year: \$4.8 million
 - ❖ \$2.7 million Project Farmhouse A
 - ❖ \$2.1 million Project Big Dog
- Public Service Commission
 - Implicates ongoing UDSO conversation
 - Request dedicated budget work session
- Sheriff's Office/School Resource Officers
 - Existing expense: Salary and benefits \$745,949
 - Cost for 1 more: \$74,595
 - Awaiting more information from SDPC
- 911 Dispatch
 - Current // Proposed // Future
- Public Safety
 - Current Flow of Calls
 - FY 2024 Proposal
 - ❖ Six new positions costing \$335,676

- ❖ Funding from 2 municipalities at \$47,000 per year
 - ❖ Balance made up from county millage
 - ❖ Four existing dispatch positions at Liberty absorbed
 - ❖ Hire 2 new dispatchers
 - ❖ Allow us to do dispatch for Central, Pickens, Liberty
 - ❖ Build capacity for future dispatch ability
 - ❖ Pickens County Sheriff's Office in agreement with future reassignment based on capabilities
- Rollback taxes
 - Library Mileage
 - Tri-County Technical College Budget Increase

ADJOURN:

Hearing no further Council business, Chairman Chris Bowers called for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Vice Chairman Roy Costner, seconded by Councilman Chris Lollis and carried unanimously (6-0). Pickens County Council stood adjourned at 8:24 p.m.