

Pickens County Council
Budget Work Session Report
Monday, May 8, 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

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

- Discussion on Millage vs. General Fund Millage
- Discussion on expansion details
- Discussion on Library book purchases from 2020-2022
- Library Budget line by line items
- Fund Balance chart from last 12 months
- Plans for Library System Buildings
- A big priority of the Library Director and Board is to finish the upstairs space at the Captain Kimberly Hampton Memorial Library in Easley
- Discussion on maintenance of the Library Buildings
- Accounting communication between Finance and the Library/Library Board
- Council would like to have the Library Board come update every six months at Committee of the Whole meetings

- Councilwoman Claiborne Linvill made a motion for the Library Board to come to the Committee of the Whole meetings twice a year (every six months) to get an update from the Board. Vice Chairman Roy Costner seconded the motion. Chairman Bowers asked if there was any discussion.
 - Vice Chairman Costner asked how many times the Library Board meets throughout the year.
- Councilwoman Linvill withdrew her motion.

- After much more discussion, Councilman Henry Wilson made a motion to pull millage conversion from Library for this year only, so Council/Library Board can build operational level of trust.
 - Councilman Henry Wilson withdrew his motion. Council decided to discuss at third reading of the Budget.

- Operations of Museum/Library
- Synergy & workforce with Museum/Library collaboration

- # of Library Programs monthly
- Part-time Public Relations position needed at Library
- Running out of big spaces at the Library for big events
- County Engineer to look over renovation plans
- Discussion on Library fund balance
- Steps moving forward to finishing space

ADJOURN:

Hearing no further Council business, Chairman Chris Bowers called for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Councilman Henry Wilson, seconded by Vice Chairman Roy Costner and carried unanimously (5-0). Councilwoman Linvill left the meeting early before voting to adjourn. Pickens County Council stood adjourned at 8:18 p.m.