

## COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL AS A WHOLE REPORT

### **Council Members:**

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

### **Staff in Attendance:**

Ken Roper, County Administrator  
Meagan Nations, Clerk to Council

**The Committee of the Whole met in the Main Conference Room, at the Pickens County Administration Facility, on Monday, May 15, 2023. All members of the committee were in attendance with Chairman Chris Bowers presiding. 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.

### **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:**

#### **PICKENS COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY - Log No. 213**

- Tom Ponder, Pickens County Water Authority, and Troy Rosier Group, Engineers & Surveyors, presented to Council a preliminary engineering report regarding Lake Keowee water treatment plant and transmission project.
  - Council and Staff had very detailed discussion that included, but was not limited to:
    - Local Government support
    - Review of PRJWS Water Districts and Municipalities Map to be supplied by PRJWS
    - Review of Project
      - Needs for Project
      - Project description
      - Summary of Project Cost and Project Schedules for Division – WTP and Division - TMS
- ❖ No Action Taken by the Committee.

#### **COUNTY RADIO SYSTEM – Log No. 80**

- Billy Gibson (Emergency Services Director), Alex Norwood (Clemson Fire), Richard Donald, and Richard Crowe (E911 Coordinator), presented information regarding the County Radio System to Council.
- Council and staff had very detailed discussion that included, but was not limited to:
  - Review of County Radio System Study – catch up for new Council members
  - **The Issues:**
    - Antiquated technology
    - No common operating platforms
      - i. UHF

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- ii. VHF
    - iii. 800MHz
    - Coverage
      - i. Talk back capability in some areas extremely limited
  - **The Solution:**
    - A new Countywide radio system
    - Common platform
    - Overcome coverage issues
  - **Action:**
    - Countywide radio study
    - Developed RFP
    - Received proposal from 5 vendors
  - **Recommendation #1:** Kimball Communications; discussion of pros and cons
  - **Recommendation #2:** Fleet talk by Rock Communications; discussion of pros and cons
  - Total amount of ARPA funding
  - Timeline of both recommendations
  - After much more discussion, Vice Chairman Roy Costner made a motion to allocate \$10,366,737 of ARPA Funding towards the County Radio System. Motion was seconded by Councilman Alex Saitta. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).
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### **AMERICAN RESCUE ACT FUNDING – Log No. 177**

- Council and staff had very detailed discussion on State and Local Coronavirus Fiscal Recovery Fund Allocations that included, but was not limited to:
    - Pickens County is allotted \$24,645,730
    - Discussion of illustration only of allowable uses of recovery funds, per U.S. Treasury guidance
    - Mr. Roper and Council discussed the list of ARPA Funding requests for consideration from various County Departments
- ❖ **No Action Taken by the Committee.**

### **COUNCIL RULES – Log No. 215**

- Council had discussion over their Council Organizational Rules.
- Council and staff had very detailed discussion that included, but was not limited to:
  - Discussion on Council participation in meetings via electronic devices
  - Discussion of a quorum by electronic devices
  - Review of SCAC Model Rules of Parliamentary Procedure for SC Counties (Rule 4.1)
    - *“Model Rule 4.1. Alternative Attendance by a Member. A member of the body may attend any meeting by electronic means subject to the following requirements:*
      - 1. *A quorum of the body is physically present at the meeting location; and*

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*2. The electronic means used allows both the member to hear all proceedings, and those in attendance at the physical location to hear the member."*

- Councilwoman Linvill stated she would like to discuss with the County Attorney before moving forward with a motion.
- Councilman Henry Wilson made a motion to remove Section 7:2 (a)(8) in Council's Organizational Rules, which states, *"Board or commission members should resign their appointment prior to announcing or filing for candidacy for an elective office."* Councilman Alex Saitta seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously (6-0).
- ❖ **Councilman Henry Wilson made a motion to remove Section 7:2 (a)(8) in Council Organization Rules, which states, *"Board or commission members should resign their appointment prior to announcing or filing for candidacy for an elective office."* Councilman Alex Saitta seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously (6-0).**

**ADJOURN:**

Hearing no further Committee business, Vice Chairman Roy Costner called for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Councilman Henry Wilson, seconded by Vice Chairman Roy Costner and carried unanimously (6-0). Meeting was adjourned at 9:06 p.m.