

Pickens County Council
Budget Work Session Report
Monday, June 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 6:06 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, County Attorney

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

- Overview of Total Budget for All Funds
- New positions proposed include:
 - Engineering Technician
 - Code Enforcement
 - Operation Manager
 - Fire Training Officer
 - Emergency Vehicle Mechanic
 - Dispatchers (6)
- Discussion on Library Funding
- Sheriff's Office / School Resource Officer
 - Existing expense: Salary and benefits \$745,949
 - Cost for 1 more: \$80,000 + vehicle \$60,000
 - SDPC Position approved reimburse \$60,000
- Discussion on amendments for Council to consider for the FY 2023 Budget
- Discussion on UDSO Impact Fee Studies
 - Councilman Henry Wilson made a motion to move forward with the UDSO Impact Fee study for \$82,400. Motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Roy Costner and carried unanimously (6-0).
- Soil & Water Conservation District – Pickens County
- Discussion on Public Service Commission replacement of capital items at several plants
- Discussion on ARPA Funding
 - Councilman Roy Costner made a motion to allocate \$2.7 million out of ARPA funding regarding the Public Service Commission capital items. Motion was seconded by Councilman Henry Wilson. Discussion included:

- ❖ Councilman Roy Costner made an amendment to his motion to allocate \$1.3 million of ARPA funding for the Public Service Commission capital items. Motion was seconded by Councilman Alex Saitta and carried unanimously (6-0).
- TCTC Funding
- Discussion on Economic Development Infrastructure
- Discussion on Park Expense Fund

ADJOURN:

Hearing no further Council business, Chairman Chris Bowers called for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Councilman Henry Wilson, seconded by Councilman Chris Lollis and carried unanimously (6-0). Pickens County Council stood adjourned at 8:36 p.m.