

**Committee of Council as a Whole Report**  
**(Consist of all members of council)**

Jennifer H. Willis, Chairman  
Trey Whitehurst, Vice Chairman  
G. Neil Smith  
Tom Ponder  
Randy Crenshaw  
    Ensley Feemster (Absent)

The Committee of the Whole met in the Main Conference Room on Monday, August 29, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. All members of council were in attendance, with the exception of Councilman Ensley Feemster, with Chairman Willis presiding.

**Staff:**

Gerald Wilson, County Administrator  
Ken Roper, County Attorney  
Crystal A. Alexander, Clerk to Council  
Michael Hayes, Risk Manager  
Helen Hockwalt, Tourism & Marketing Director  
Curt Burgess, Engineer  
Tommy Webster, Director of Building Maintenance  
Barry Chappell, Delinquent Tax Manager

Item	Description	Referred	Report	Action
15	(former information regarding Pickens Gym)  Pickens County Recreation facilities.  Retained 2015 Retained 2016		08/19/2013	>>Committee recommends that effective with council action within the next 60 days, a policy will be in place that states all properties purchased with a deed will have full council approval and will come from capital funds and not recreation funds. There are (3) transactions as of this date that will be reimbursed to those recreation districts-1) Old Pickens Gym, 2) Dacusville School, 3) Liberty Middle School. Moving forward, Council will review all purchase transactions prior to them taking place, and those transactions will need council approval. Policy will also state that while all capital projects involving a deed will have council approval, that other recreational request will have courtesy approval but not a requirement.  >>Committee moved that the recreation fund be renamed to the Recreation, Tourism, and Hospitality fund to be disbursed by individual council members

				08/29/2016	<p>subject to the collective wisdom of the entire council; and reports will be submitted on a quarterly basis. This does not include capital purchases</p> <p>-Tommy Webster updated the Committee on the Old Pickens Gym</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Committee directed Staff as follows: obtain cost of asbestos removal; begin conversation with the City of Pickens regarding their possible interest in property; and to determine estimated revenue from recycling materials from site to report back to Council</li> </ul> <p>--Remains in committee</p>
<b>16</b>	Ordinance regarding EMS franchise issues Retained 2012 Retained 2013 Retained 2014 Retained 2015 Retained 2016	01/09/2012	02/06/2012	04/01/2013	<p>&gt;Committee recommends staff to address issues of fees, penalties, administration and exemptions. The ordinance will remain in committee for further clarification.</p> <p>Committee recommends first reading of the franchise ordinance. 04/01/2013</p> <p>Council had second reading on May 6, 2013 and placed the Ord. back in the committee prior to third reading.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Committee recommends removing no. 16 from the log</li> </ul>
<b>18</b>	SC Equine Board to present an economic development study Retained 2012 Retained 2013 Retained 2014 Retained 2015 Retained 2016	09/10/2012	08/29/2016		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Committee recommends removing no. 18 from the log</li> </ul>
<b>20</b>	Recreational property (Doodle Railway) relating to noise/nuisance ordinances Retained 2013 Retained 2014 Retained 2015 Retained 2016	10/13/2013	08/29/2016		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Committee recommends removing no. 20 from the log</li> </ul>
<b>22</b>	Facility Rental Policy Retained 2015 Retained 2016	2/10/2014	04/06/2015		<p>No action, staff is directed to bring the rental agreement back to the committee with fees as discussed. (was pulled from committee on 4/6/2015 for pricing for a May 3<sup>rd</sup> event.</p>

			08/29/2016	-remains in committee  -Helen Hockwalt updated Council on the policy. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Committee requested Staff to provide an update on the asbestos removal at the Health Department to Council</li> <li>▪ Committee recommended removing no. 22 from the log</li> </ul>
<b>23</b>	Ordinance No. 479 to repeal ordinances 264 284 and 380 as they relate to conducting municipal elections Ord received: 3/17 first 06/23 second (to COW) Retained 2015 Retained 2016	06/23/2014	08/29/2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Committee directed Staff to research this item and determine if it is still germane and report back --Remains in committee</li> </ul>
<b>25</b>	County Buildings/space and master plan- Retained 2015 Retained 2016	09/15/2014	04/06/2015  08/17/2015  08/29/2016	No action, staff went over properties. The Committee did ask for staff feedback on several properties.  No Committee action, staff will look at issues such as contracts and deeds as it relates to certain properties.  -Tommy Webster provided an update on the master plan. Gerald Wilson advised the Committee there may be an additional expense of \$10,000 to complete the Probate Judge renovation correctly <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Committee recommends approving the additional \$10,000 needed to complete the renovation of the Probate Judge office</li> </ul>
<b>26</b>	Request for representation for Keowee Springs Fire District Retained 2016	03/02/2015	04/16/2015  08/29/2016	No action, staff will look at the structure of the district and ordinance.  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Committee recommends removing no. 26 from the log</li> </ul>
<b>27</b>	Legal System Overview Committee Retained 2016	03/02/2015	04/16/2015	>Committee recommends giving a \$15,000 incentive/reimbursement to the City of Easley to build an exercise facility as discussed in the Jail Workshop. In addition, on July 1, 2015 there will be a uniform rate of \$65.00 as established by the rate as paid by the City of Liberty for juveniles. The \$65.00 rate is for all detainees at the Law Enforcement Center

				<p>that are coming in from municipalities and all other agencies.</p> <p>In a separate discussion of the Legal System Overview:          &gt;Committee recommends allowing the Justice and Public Safety Committee to formulate a study group. This will come back to the Committee of the Whole for next steps.</p> <p>No Committee action, Mr. Ponder wanted to clarify that he could begin meeting with a core group (as previously discussed) to discuss issues relating to the jail study. Mr. Ponder will call these meetings in the manner of an advisory board, and report items back to the Committee of the Whole.</p>
			08/17/2017	
			02/01/2016	<p>Committee recommends for Councilman Neil Smith to have a person to come to the council committee in order to advise regarding jail consultants and expectation as Council moves forward with a professional Request for Qualifications.          &gt;council approved</p>
			08/29/2016	<p>-Michael Hayes reviewed the jail plans to the Committee. It was communicated there are decisions that would require a vote by Council to include a possible consolidation of the Stockade and the Jail</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ An item will be added to the September agenda to further discuss the design, build and possible consolidation of the Jail</li> </ul>
29	<p>Fire District Review</p> <p><b>***Note # 40 Re- Pumpkintown request.</b></p> <p><b>***note 09/21/15 (buildings/portable at fire training)</b></p>	04/06/2015	05/04/2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Committee gave staff a list of GIS requests in order to obtain an idea of existing fire districts and future needs. Committee will look at all ISO ratings.</li> <li>• Committee will specifically be obtaining information about areas that are outside a 5 mile radius of fire stations.</li> <li>• Next meeting will be scheduled in accordance with staff obtaining data.</li> </ul>

	<p><b>First Reading to Amend the Uniform Fire District Ordinance regarding boundary lines. 08/17/2015</b> Retained 2016</p>		<p>08/17/15</p> <p>Committee is making the fire district lines a first priority- &gt;&gt;Committee recommends a first reading of an ordinance to amend the uniform fire district ordinance to revisit boundary lines in general, with an emphasis in areas that are outside a 5 mile radius of one district, but are within a 5 mile radius in a neighboring district.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff will look at allowance for general tax revenue rules</li> <li>• Revenue gains and losses as lines are redrawn</li> <li>• Fees and ISO ratings within districts</li> <li>• Review where stations need to be placed for maximum efficiency/Insurance rates for homeowners</li> </ul> <hr/> <p>(During other fire discussion --new Road at Shady Grove will be named - Ford Connector)</p> <hr/> <p>08/29/2016</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Committee directed Staff to look at County fire stations to ensure the County is providing adequate protection to citizens --Remains in committee</li> </ul>
30	<p>Request from Sheriff Clark regarding the jail mental health collaboration grant application. Retained 2016</p>	04/06/2015	<p>08/29/2016</p> <p>Committee reiterated this item was to ensure the procedure to obtain approval for a grant application is to request consideration to place item on the agenda in a timely manner.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Committee recommends removing no. 30 from the log</li> </ul>
31	<p>RFQ- Engineering and Architects Retained 2016</p>	05/06/2015	<p>06/15/2015</p> <p><u>Engineering Services:</u> &gt;Committee recommends Staff to negotiate contract with Hulsey McCormick &amp; Wallace for Wastewater &amp; Solid Waste.  &gt;Committee recommends Staff to negotiate contract with W.K. Dickson for the Airport.  Committee will further look at Stormwater</p>

				and Economic Development needs.  <u>Architect Services</u> : >Committee recommends for Staff go back out for R.F.Q.  Retain in the Committee >approved  <u>Engineering Services:</u>  08/17/15 >Committee recommends Staff to negotiate contract with Davis and Floyd for Alliance Pickens  08/29/2016 -Gerald Wilson advised Council bids went out and Staff reviewed four firms. The results were provided to Council along with a recommendation to proceed with DP3 Architects.  ▪ Committee recommends accepting Staff's recommendation
<b>33</b>	Management/maintenance of Equipment Retained 2016	05/06/2015	08/29/2016	-Tommy Webster briefed the Committee on the department's procedure with maintenance management -Gerald Wilson further explained a capital replacement plan is being compiled by the Building Maintenance Dept. and Council should have this information within 30-60 days  ▪ Councilman Neil Smith requested Staff to utilize a previous color code method to catalog capital replacement items by importance (red-critical, etc.)  ▪ Committee recommended removing no. 33 from the log
<b>34</b>	Follow up plan for staff-(projects and other council instruction) Retained 2016	05/06/2015	08/29/2016	No Committee action taken
<b>35</b>	Long Range Plan for Economic Development Retained 2016	05/06/2015	10/19/2015  02/01/2016	>Committee requested staff to get the data on past borings tests in the park; also to have engineers to move forward and provide bid package/quotes for overall grading for pad-ready sites.  >approved Committee recommends accepting the

			08/29/2016	<p>proposal from Davis &amp; Floyd for the grading plan of parcels for civil engineering design, permitting, and project bidding.</p> <p>-Ray Farley briefed Council on the long range plan for economic development</p> <p>-Staff plans to provide Council with bids by November 2016</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Councilman Tom Ponder requested Staff to research the property on 123 and Ruhamah Rd. and report back to Council</li> <li>▪ Councilman Neil Smith wants to ensure this project is added to the master list of projects</li> </ul> <p>--<i>Remains in committee</i></p>
36	Recreation/Parks/Tourism Retained 2016	05/06/2015	08/29/2016	No Committee action taken
38	Investigation of the Hagood Mill property Retained 2016 Note-09/21 organization of mill/museum	06/15/2015	08/29/2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ After discussion by the Committee and Staff, Chairman Willis directed to add this item, as it relates to recourse, to the September 19<sup>th</sup> agenda</li> <li>▪ Committee recommended First Reading in Title Only of an Ordinance Dissolving the Cultural Commission of Pickens County. This passed with a 4-1 vote, with Vice Chairman Trey Whitehurst opposed as he wishes to discuss all options before making a decision</li> </ul> <p>-- <i>Remains in committee</i></p>
39	Tri-County Technical College Building Retained 2016	08/17/2015	10/19/2015  08/29/2016	<p>&gt;Committee approved a letter of support with the intent that funding, final building specifications, and bond information will come back during next year's budget for approval of funds. (Mr. Feemster abstained from the vote)</p> <p>&gt;approved with Mr. Feemster abstaining. Mr. Smith did state he would approve the letter, but next year's budget will require much discussion.</p> <p>Councilman Neil Smith and Chairman Willis restated the County's position on this matter, in that; action was <u>not</u> taken by Council to approve funding</p>

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Councilman Tom Ponder requested an update from Staff on who authorized the reduced funding from the State</li> <li>-Ken Roper advised a FOIA request was submitted to TCTC and they still have a couple of days to comply with a response. Information will be provided to Council once received</li> <li>▪ Committee recommends removing no. 39 from the log</li> </ul>
<b>40</b>	Request to accept a donation of land on Highway 11 for a sub-station (Pumpkintown Fire). Retained 2016	08/17/2015	08/29/2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Committee recommends removing no. 40 from the log</li> </ul>
<b>42</b>	Comprehensive Plan Update Retained 2016	11/16/2015	03/07/2016  05/02/2016  08/29/2016	<p>Councilman Smith moved to remove the Comprehensive Plan from Committee and give it courtesy first reading on 03/07/16. Motion was seconded by Chairman Willis and unanimously passed. This will be placed on agenda after presentation of Recreation Plan.</p> <p>&gt;Approved-final reading 05/02/2016</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Committee recommends removing no. 42 from the log</li> </ul>