

COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL AS A WHOLE REPORT

Council Members:

Chris Bowers, Chairman
Roy Costner, Vice Chairman
Trey Whitehurst
Alex Saitta
Henry Wilson
Ensley Feemster

Staff in Attendance:

Ken Roper, County Administrator
Meagan Nations, Clerk to Council
Les Hendricks, Contract Attorney

The Committee of the Whole met in Main Conference Room, at the Pickens County Administration Facility, on Monday, March 21, 2022. All members of the committee were in attendance with Chairman Chris Bowers presiding. Councilman Alex Saitta led the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Chris Bowers called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order.

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DISCUSSION OF OLD JAIL – Log No. 142

- Mr. Roper updated Council on the letter he sent to Rev. Moss regarding the possibility of a program he is interested in starting at the Old Stockade Jail for Pickens County inmates.
- Council, Staff and Rev. Moss had detailed discussion that included, but was not limited to:
 - Costs of Construction and Repairs
 - Sheriff Office Programs or Grants to help fund the program
 - Partnership between Pickens County and the program
 - Other counties with similar types of programs
 - Logistics of how the program will be ran
 - Other locations for the program other than the stockade
 - County wants to help with location, but cannot run the program
- ❖ **Chairman Chris Bowers made a motion to allocate funding, totaling \$98,000 towards this project at the Old Stockade. Councilman Trey Whitehurst seconded the motion. The motion carried (5-1), with Councilman Alex Saitta opposed.**

2030 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN REFERRAL BY COUNCIL TO THE PICKENS COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION FOR FURTHER PUBLIC INPUT AND RECOMMENDATIONS – Log No. 192

- Mr. Roper stated that Council has a written report of the Draft Report Comprehensive Plan. Council had staff had detailed discussion that included, but was not limited to:
 - Presented Council with the Resolution from the Planning Commission recommending Adoption of the 2022 One Pickens County Comprehensive Plan by the Pickens County Council

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- Overview of the Draft Report Comprehensive Plan February 2022 Version
- Report Document Changes for the February 18, 2022 Version of Comp. Plan
- Legal requirement in state law that a county has a comprehensive plan, and that it is updated every 5 years
- Council would like to review the Comprehensive Plan before voting

❖ **No Action Taken by the Committee.**

DISCUSSION OF AN ORDINANCE NO. 572 AMENDING ARTICLE I OF CHAPTER 34 OF THE PICKENS COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES SO AS TO PROVIDE REMEDIES AND PENALTIES FOR ILLEGAL LITTER AND DUMPING IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF PICKENS COUNTY, AND MATTERS RELATED

THERETO – Log No. 123

- Council and Staff had detailed discussion that included, but was not limited to:
 - ARPA Funding towards Litter Pick-Up
 - Announcement of Pickens Proud Program on April 20
 - Explanation of the Pickens Proud Program
 - Education on Litter
 - Beautification Committee

❖ **No Action Taken by the Committee.**

BUDGET WORK SESSION – Log No. 172

- Administrator Roper and Council had detailed discussion regarding the Budget that included, but was not limited to:
 - Inmate Labor to pick up litter
 - MAU Workforce Solutions – paying around \$400,000
 - Rising cost of fuel
 - Rising price of materials
 - Supply chain issues
 - Property
 - Liability – Workers Comp
 - Health Insurance
 - 4% COLA and 1% Equity and Merit Raises
 - Library Discussion
 - Setoff Debt and Gear Program
 - EMS
 - Fire Fees

❖ **No Action Taken by the Committee.**

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ADJOURN:

Hearing no further Committee business, Chairman Chris Bowers called for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Vice Chairman Roy Costner, seconded by Councilman Ensley Feemster and carried unanimously (6-0). Meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.