

Items before the Pickens County Council on September 2, 2003

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September 2, 2003
 Regular County Council Meeting
 7:00 PM

County Council met in regular session in the auditorium, County Administration Facility, with Chairman Ronald D. Harrison presiding. Agendas, bearing date, time and location of meeting, were mailed to Council members and local news media August 28, 2003.

Council Members in attendance:

Ronald D. Harrison, Chairman
 Norman D. Langston, Vice Chairman
 Councilman James London, Vice Chairman Pro-tempore
 James H. Patten, III
 C. Roy Collins
Council District 5 is vacant

Staff: Alan M. Ours, County Administrator
 Donna F. Owen, Clerk to Council
 Eddie Welmaker, Attorney

COMMITTEE REPORTS:
 Administration and Finance.

Item	Description		Report:
30	Consideration to purchase County Flags		No action/ staff will get updated prices and Council will decide on flag design.
118	Proposed amendments to the County Employee Handbook		Committee recommends approval of the Personnel handbook as amended. Approved

119	Consideration of ADA grievance procedure		<p>Committee approved a policy outlining the grievance procedure for compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and recommends approval of Resolution No. 03-11</p> <p>Approved</p>
120	2003/2004 workers compensation insurance premium		<p>Committee approved the insurance premium and advised the Administrator to work with Sheriff Stone regarding funding or to fund from contingency.</p> <p>Approved</p>

a. Public Service

Item	Description	Referred	REPORT
95	Study Waterfall Road	06/02/03	<p>No action. Staff will contact property owners concerning easements. Also coordinate with the Department of Natural Resources and Palmetto Trail</p>
96	Request from Pickens County Prison Ministry to build a new prison chapel	06/02/03	<p>Committee recommends approval of the request to build a new prison chapel at the County prison. Funding for the new Chapel is provided through the Prison Ministry.</p> <p>Committee requested that drawings of the Chapel be provided for Council.</p> <p>Approved</p>
99	Proposed County Road Policy	08/11/03	<p>No action, the committee made several amendments to the proposed ordinance and would like to receive input from developers and the public.</p> <p>Note: Consideration of first reading of the proposed ordinance in title only</p> <p>First reading was given in title only.</p>
100	Study Up-Yonder Road	08/11/03	<p>No action. Staff to give further study.</p>

Additions to Agenda for Committee purpose

1. Denmark Road.
2. Crosswell Fire District.

Approved

THIRD READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 328 AUTHORIZING THE LEASE-PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT:

This proposed lease is for the financing of the purchase of a fire truck for the Central Fire Department, eight dump trucks for Roads and Bridges, a loader for the Solid Waste Department, a roll off truck for recycling, and field lap top units for EMS billing. The purchase of this equipment was included as a part of the budget for fiscal year 2003-2004.

Approved

CONSIDERATION TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM CONTINGENCY TO COVER SHORTFALL IN PROPERTY AND LIABILITY INSURANCE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2004:

\$302,000 was budgeted in fiscal year 2004 for property and liability insurance, which was an estimate at the time the budget was developed. The actual premium for fiscal year 2004 is \$307,270.08, which reflects an increase of \$5,270.08 above the amount that was budgeted. It is requested that Council authorize the transfer of \$5,270.08 from Contingency to cover the shortfall.

Approved

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE CONTRACT WITH MCMILLAN SMITH AND PARTNERS FOR FF&E DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE NEW EASLEY HEADQUARTERS LIBRARY:

Approval is requested to enter into a contract with McMillan Smith and Partners for design services related to furniture, fixtures and equipment for the new Easley Headquarters Library. The proposed design fee is \$20,000.00.

Approved

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE MILLAGE LEVY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2003-2004.

During the development of the budget for fiscal year 2003-2004 an estimate was developed for the required millage. Final assessed values are not received until the August timeframe for the actual millage to be established. Council action will be needed at the September 2, 2003 meeting to establish the millage. The final assessed valuations are still being prepared and will not be available until September 2, 2003.

COUNTY MILLAGE				
	Actual 2002/2003	Budget 2003/2004	Recommended 2003/2004	Difference Between Actual & Recommended
County Operation	54.7	56.0	55.7	1.0
Bonded Indebtedness	4.6	4.6	4.6	--
Library	4.4	4.4	4.4	--
Tri-County Tech	3.0	3.0	3.0	--
Special Tax District for Sewer	2.7	2.7	2.7	--
Total	69.4	70.7	70.4	1.0
Keowee Vineyards Fire District	N/A	18.8	18.8	--

The above reflects that a total millage rate of 70.4 mills is needed this fiscal year for the unincorporated area of Pickens County, which represents an increase of 1.0 mills. The millage for sewer is not charged to those properties located within a municipality. An additional millage rate of 18.8 mills is required for the Keowee Vineyards Fire District. During the budget process an estimate was used to determine the value of a mill of tax. At the time the budget was adopted a 1.3 mill increase in taxes was anticipated. However, since the actual value of a mill is higher than the estimated value a millage increase of only 1.0 is required, which reflects an increase of \$4.00 on a home valued at \$100,000. Council approval of the above millage rates for each category is recommended.

Approved

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE BIDS TO PURCHASE TWO FIRE TRUCKS FOR THE KEOWEE VINEYARDS FIRE DEPARTMENT. Bids have been received for the purchase of two fire trucks for the Keowee Vineyards Fire Department. The lowest qualified bidder was Spartan Fire and Emergency Apparatus in the amount of \$475,708.00. The estimated budget for the two fire trucks was \$414,000.00. The trucks will be financed over a period of ten years at a cost of \$64,673.00 each year, which is \$8424.00 higher than the original budget of \$56,249.00. The difference in payment amounts will not affect the current year's budget, but will have an impact on the budget for fiscal year 2004-2005. **Approval of the bid is recommended.**

Approved

CONSIDERATION TO PURCHASE NEW LAWNMOWER FOR BUILDING MAINTENANCE. BUILDING MAINTENANCE IS IN NEED OF A NEW LAWNMOWER. The mowing deck and the hydraulic lifting system on the 1998 Steiner mower has exceeded its useful life. The cost to repair the existing mower is \$3,500.00 to \$4,000.00 compared to a cost of \$7598.00 to purchase a new mower. Approval to purchase a new mower is requested with a funding allocation from Contingency.

Approved

CONSIDERATION TO PURCHASE 3.998 ACRES ADJACENT TO THE BES PAC RECYCLING CENTER. APPROVAL IS REQUESTED TO PURCHASE 3.998 ACRES

OF PROPERTY NEXT TO THE BES PAC RECYCLING CENTER. The additional property will allow the current recycling center to be expanded to the full circle design. The Bes Pac facility is the busiest recycling center in Pickens County and needs to be expanded to meet the current needs. Funding for the purchase of the property is available in the capital account that has been established for the expansion of the facility. The purchase of the property is recommended.

Approved

CONSENT AGENDA:

The following was unanimously approved via the consent agenda:

- a. Minutes of August 11, 2003
- b. Consideration of Ordinance No. 324 to amend the Road Fee Ordinance. This matter was discussed at Council's August 11, 2003 meeting. At that time Council requested information on the annual growth rate in the road fee. In the first two years of collections the road fee grew by 3.35%. In fiscal year 2002 a total of \$1,773,852 was collected, which represents a total of 88,693 vehicles. In fiscal year 2003 a total of \$1,833,191 was collected, which represents a total of 91,660 vehicles. If the annual growth rate of 3% continues an additional \$55,000 in revenue would be received each year.
Due to the fact that this ordinance did not receive third reading in May of 2003, and was not reconsidered at the next regular meeting of Council, the ordinance will need to go back to a first reading status. **It is recommended that this new information be considered by the Administration and Finance Committee.**

Appointments

- Water Authority

No approvals

- Six Mile Water District. re-appoint Ernest McAbee and Ed Watson

Approved

- Behavioral Health Services. re-appoint Ernest Dandeneau, Charlie Hagood, and Kenneth Foutz

Approved

- Planning Commission. re-appoint Smith Hendricks to the Planning Commission

Approved

