

# PICKENS COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

Items before the Pickens County Council on  
**Monday, December 1, 2003**  
**7:00 PM**

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Regular County Council Meeting  
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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 November 25<sup>th</sup>, 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  
Jennifer H. Willis

Staff:

Lynn Fisher, Assistant County Administrator  
Donna F. Owen, Clerk to Council  
David Allison, Attorney

Committee Reports:

Finance and Administration:

- First Reading of an Ordinance to exempt non-motorized vehicles from the road fee.

Public Service:

- Approval of a contract with Ralph Whitehead Associates, Inc. for Old Central Road bridge work. Contract contingent upon changes regarding 10% retention, and for staff to negotiate non-salary expenses.

Motion Period and New Business:

The following were added to the agenda:

### **1. Proposed mining permit at Twelve Mile River.**

Consideration of Audit Report for Fiscal Year 2002/2003 presented by Randy Thomas representing McAbee, Talbert and Halliday & Co.

- **Council received a report from the County's Audit Firm.**

Consideration of First Reading of an Ordinance Providing for Certain Amendments to an Indenture Dated as of June 1, 1999 between Pickens County and Bank of America, N.A. in Respect of Pickens County, South Carolina Special Source Revenue Bonds, Series 1999A and 1999B (Industrial Park Project); and Other Matters Relating Thereto. This ordinance needs to be amended to clear up inconsistent language. The amendment does not change the main intent of the ordinance or the level of original funding. **First reading of the ordinance is recommended. It is also recommended that this item be referred to the Administration and Finance Committee.**

- **Approved First Reading.**

Consideration of First Reading of an Ordinance to provide for the issuance and sale of not exceeding one million one hundred thousand dollars (\$1,100,000) Pickens County, South Carolina, general obligation bonds (Vineyards Fire Protection District project), series 2004; to prescribe the purposes for which the proceeds shall be expended; to provide for the payment thereof; and other matters relating thereto.

- **Approved First Reading.**

Consideration of a Resolution to recognize the achievements and contributions of Ms. Marguerite Keenan to the Pickens County Library System.

- **Approved.**

Consideration of a Resolution to congratulate Pickens County Deputy Matthew McCoy for his outstanding academic achievement at the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy.

- **Approved.**

Receive Report from Sheriff David Stone regarding the Accreditation of the Pickens County Sheriff's Office.

- **Sheriff's Office Received Accreditation Award**

Consideration to provide authorization for Pickens County to participate with the City of Pickens on an application grant for a hiking and walking trail. The City of Pickens recently completed the Town Creek Walking Trail. The City's goal is to extend the trail from Pickens to the Jocassee's Gorge along the old rail bed. The City is requesting Pickens County to consider submitting a joint application to the State for \$100,000 to continue the trail with the goal of completion in five years. The trail project would be a benefit for tourism, health fitness and provide for the protection of open space. A 20% match is required for a total of \$20,000, which equates to \$10,000 from both the City of Pickens and Pickens County.

- **Approved.**

Consideration to approve cost of 2003 citizen survey of \$6,711.63. Council approval is needed to appropriate funds from Contingency to pay for the expense of the 2003 citizen survey.

- **Approved.**

Consideration to approve bids for the construction of the Vineyards Fire Station. Bids were received and opened on November 20, 2003 for the construction of the Vineyards Fire Station. A total of six bids were received with the low bid being submitted by Robinson Construction Company of Easley, South Carolina in the amount of \$529,500.00. An amount of \$400,000 was originally estimated for the cost of construction. Approval of an amount of \$550,000, which includes a contingency of \$20,500.00 is requested. The first loan payment will not be due until next fiscal year.

- **Approved.**

Appointments to Boards & Commissions:

- a. Planning Commission – **Hub Smith was reappointed for another term.**
- b. Aeronautics Commission – **Jim Brady was appointed.**

c. Workforce Investment Board- **Anne Holiday and Don Garrison**

Approval of Consent Agenda

- **Approved as presented**

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Consideration of proposals for Classification and Compensation study for Pickens County Employees. A total of fifteen proposals were received from consultants to provide a revised classification and compensation study for county employees. A short list of three firms has been developed for submittal to County Council for review. **It is requested that this matter be referred to the Administration and Finance Committee.**

Consideration of Storm Water Management Ordinance revisions. Under the direction of Environmental Services the Storm Water Manager has been working to strengthen the existing Storm Water Management Ordinance to include requirements imposed by SCDHEC. The revised ordinance is now ready for Council's review. **It is requested that this matter be referred to the Education, Recreation, Health, Welfare and County Planning Committee.**

**Addition to consent:**

- **Proposed Mine Permit on Twelve Mile River, to the Education/Recreation and County Planning Committee.**

**Public Session after Executive Session:**

- **Approved First Reading of an Ordinance to amend Ordinance NO. 273 as it relates to Solid waste. Referred to the Public Service Committee.**
- **Approved for County offices to be closed Friday, December 26, 2003.**