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PICKENS COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, September 7, 2004

7:00 PM

**Auditorium, County Administration Facility
222 McDaniel Avenue, Pickens S.C.**

1. Call to Order and Invocation
Councilman Roy Collins
2. Public Forum
3. Committee Reports
 - a. [Education, Recreation, Health, Welfare and County Planning](#)
 - b. [Justice and Public Safety](#)
4. Administrators Report
5. Motion Period and New Business
6. Consideration of First Reading of an Ordinance to amend the Budget Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2004/2005.

It has been normal and customary in the past few years for County Council to approve an amendment to the budget ordinance towards the end of the fiscal year. The budget amendments in the past have accounted for changes in the budget that occurred during the year that were unanticipated at the time the original budget was adopted by Council. The Finance Director is requesting for Council to consider approving budget amendments throughout the year rather than having one large budget amendment at year-end. This will provide better administration of changes to the original budget document throughout the year. First reading of the proposed ordinance is recommended. It is also requested that this matter be referred to the Administration and Finance Committee.

7. [Consideration of First Reading of an Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 298, to amend Sections 8-1 and 8-2.](#)
8. [Second Reading of Ordinance No. 344 to amend Ordinance No. 333, Section 1-17, to add the following text:](#) (d) Roadways for multiple phase subdivisions shall not be considered for acceptance into the County maintenance system until the time when no further roadway construction leading from such roads will take place.
9. [Third Reading of Ordinance No. 343, to Define and Regulate Automobile Towing Storage and Recovery Yards in the Unincorporated Areas of Pickens County, South Carolina](#)
10. [Third Reading of Ordinance No. 342, Authorizing the Assignment and Transfer to Honeywell Nylon LLC of that Certain Lease Agreement Between Pickens County, South Carolina, And Honeywell Nylon Inc. \(As Assignee And Transferee of BASF\).](#) Honeywell Nylon is changing their business form from a corporation to a limited liability company, and the attached ordinance authorizes the transfer of their existing FILOT for their Clemson plant from Honeywell Nylon Inc. to Honeywell Nylon LLC, and leaves the FILOT otherwise unchanged.
11. [Consideration to approve Intergovernmental agreement between Pickens County and the Cities of Central, Liberty and Norris for the provision of animal control services.](#) The proposed agreements have been approved by the Cities and set forth the services that will be provided by Pickens County. The County Attorney has reviewed and approved the content of the agreement. Approval of the proposed agreements is recommended.
12. [Consideration to approve millage levy for fiscal year 2004-2005.](#) During the development of the budget for fiscal year 2004-2005 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 7, 2004 meeting to establish the millage.
13. Consideration of a request from Hardaway Concrete Company for financial assistance to improve a County Road.
Hardaway Concrete Company has purchased property next to the Bes Pac Recycling Center to build a concrete plant. The plant will initially employ seven people and average \$12.50 per hour plus benefits. The road leading to their site location is a county road and serves as the access road to the recycling center. The road has been upgraded from Highway 183 to the recycling center. The road will need to be upgraded from the recycling center to the site of the concrete plant to handle the weight of the concrete trucks. The cost to upgrade the road with concrete is \$29,250.00. The company has stated that they will donate the concrete, which is valued at \$17,250.00 if the county pays the remaining cost of \$12,000.00 to upgrade the road. Road fee funds are available to upgrade the road with Council approval. The project is still subject to approval from County Planning and Building Codes.

14. Consideration to provide authorization to accept a Consent Order from the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC).
DHEC has issued a consent order for the Liberty-Roper Wastewater Treatment Facility. DHEC claims that the facility failed to comply with the effluent discharge limits for ammonia-nitrogen, total aluminum and chronic toxicity. The amount of the fine is \$29,700.00. Measures are being taken by the Public Service Commission to develop a corrective action plan in response to this consent order.
15. Consideration to approve a new agreement between the Pickens Area Fire Protection District and the City of Pickens.
The Pickens Area Fire District has negotiated a new contract agreement with the City of Pickens. The agreement provides for increases in the fire fees annually until 2008. Between 2008 and 2014 increases in fire fees are subject to review, but shall not increase by more than 5% each year. During the budget process for fiscal year 2005 County Council approved an increase in fire fees for the Pickens District. However, in accordance with the ordinance that established the Pickens Fire District County Council must approve all agreements of the district. Approval of the new agreement is recommended.
16. Consideration to declare voting equipment surplus property.
The Pickens County Registration and Election Commission voted to accept new electronic voting equipment from the State of South Carolina for the November 2, 2004 elections. South Carolina has been provided with Federal funds to purchase electronic voting equipment for counties. Pickens County will receive new state of the art voting equipment at no cost to the county, which will be used in the November 2004 General Election. The new equipment will replace voting equipment that was purchased in 1999. In an effort to pay off the debt of \$364,138 on the existing equipment, approval is requested to declare 250 voting panels and 52 printers surplus property. With Council's approval the County Purchasing Director will attempt to market the old voting equipment.
17. Consideration of a request to approve the receipt of a long term operating support grant to the Pickens County Museum of Art & History from the South Carolina Arts Commission.
The museum's application, one of 95 submitted from institutions statewide, was rated at a 95 percentile, the highest rating of all applicants for this three-year cycle. The Grant totaling \$10,556 for FY 05, and percentile amounts based on State Appropriations for FY 06 & 07 requires a 3 to 1 match. Existing operating expenses previously appropriated by council do qualify for those matching funds, requiring no additional funds from council.
18. Consideration of a grant award from the Federal Aviation Administration to rehabilitate the runway and apron at the Pickens County Airport.
Pickens County has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$1,010,800 to rehabilitate the runway and apron at the airport. Official acceptance of the grant award by Council is needed. Matching funds for the grant have been included in the 2005 fiscal year budget.

19. Consideration of a grant award from the South Carolina Department of Commerce to rehabilitate the runway and apron at the Pickens County Airport. Pickens County has been awarded a grant by the Federal Aviation Administration in the amount of \$1,010,800 to rehabilitate the runway and apron at the airport. The South Carolina Department of Commerce (SCDOC) has agreed to provide \$26,600 in matching funds for this project. Official acceptance of the SCDOC grant award is needed by County Council.
20. [Appointments to Boards and Commissions](#)
Accommodation Tax Committee
21. Approval of the Consent agenda

All Items Listed Under The Consent Agenda Are Considered Routine And Will Be Enacted By One Motion. There Will Be No Separate Discussion Of These Items Unless A Council Member So Requests; In Which Event The Item In Question Will Be Removed From The Consent Agenda.

- A. [Approval of Minutes from August 2, 2004](#)
 - B. Consideration of proposed extension of sewer service to serve new industry in the Pickens County Commerce Park. Additional sewer service is needed in the Commerce Park to serve new industry. A proposed plan is being developed that will need to be approved by County Council. It is requested that this matter be referred to the Public Service Committee.
22. Executive Session:
 - Consideration of Information Related to the Recruitment of an Industry to the Pickens County Commerce Park
 - Receive information related to the proposed sale of county property
 - Personnel Matter
 23. Adjourn