

**Pickens County Council Meeting**  
**Regular Meeting**

Items Before the Pickens County Council on

**Monday November 7, 2005**

**7:00 PM**

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County Council met in regular session, in the auditorium, County Administration Facility, with Chairman Willis presiding. Agendas, bearing date, time, and location of meeting, were mailed to Council members and local news media on October 26, 2005.

Council Members in attendance:

Jennifer H. Willis, Chairman  
G. Neil Smith, Vice Chairman  
James B. London, Vice Chairman Pro Tempore  
C. Roy Collins  
Tom Ponder  
Ben L. Trotter

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

October 3, 2005 Regular Council Meeting

**Approved**

October 24, 2005 Special Called Council Meeting

**Approved**

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

**Council heard from several citizens regarding reassessment. Please see official minutes for comments.**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS- ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE**

The Committee of Administration and Finance met in the Main Conference Room on Tuesday, October 4, 2005 at 4:30 PM. Jennifer Willis presided with all committee members in attendance.

Other Council Members:  
Ben Trotter

Staff:  
Alan Ours, County Administrator  
Donna Owen, Clerk to Council  
Ralph Guarino, Finance Director  
Jerry Floyd, Prison Director  
Troy Porter, Roads and Bridges Director

Item	Description	Referred	Action
121	Crosswell Fire District  Retain on log 01/03/05	09/02/03	No action Committee heard from the district regarding plans.
162	Consideration of a Veterans Holiday	05/02/05	Committee recommends not adding further holidays to the schedule, but requested staff to look at options for special ways to honor veterans.  <u>&gt;approved</u>
163	Pickens County Leave Policy for further study.	05/16/05	No action, delayed for future meeting.
168	Consider unfreezing tourism funds	06/20/05	No action, committee requested information regarding all funds that are tourism related and the development of a historic site inventory.
177	Consideration of creating two prison officer positions out of the vacant Assistant Prison Director position, and adding a prison officer position	08/15/05	Committee recommended approval of the revised report for adding (2) officers positions by promoting a sergeant to Assistant Director and eliminating the sergeants position (instead of the Assistant Prison Director). Report included shifting the food service to the Records specialist.  This would incur a cost of \$13,593.00, instead of the original report of a cost of \$43,308.00  <u>&gt;&gt;Recommendation Failed with Ben Trotter, Neil Smith,</u>

			<u>and Roy Collins voting in opposition.</u>
<b>181</b>	Consideration to compensate employees for the Hurricane Katrina relief efforts.	09/06/05	Committee recommends removing from the log.  <u>&gt;&gt;approved</u>
<b>182</b>	Research Festival for Pickens County	09/19/05	Chairman Willis appointed Neil Smith to chair a sub-committee to gather information and planning concepts  <u>&gt;approved</u>
<b>183</b>	Research cost associated with a County Farm	09/19/05	No action.

**MOTION PERIOD AND NEW BUSINESS:**

>>Ben Trotter moved to add to the agenda an extension to the deadline for appealing property tax assessment to a date of November 21, 2005.

Approved

Neil Smith referred to committee the issue of paying taxes in quarterly installments.

Approved for committee.

James London moved to place the waterline issue in committee in order to work with the Planning Commission and Water Authority regarding concerns over developments having adequate waterlines and hydrants.

Approved for committee.

**PRESENTATION BY MR. HAL JOHNSON REGARDING ACTIVITIES OF UPSTATE ALLIANCE:**

Mr. Johnson, President of Upstate Alliance, gave Council an overview of the different issues Alliance was continuing to perform in order to attract new industry to the Upstate.

**PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 05-12 TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSED ISSUANCE BY JEDA FOR REVENUE BONDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$298,000,000 FOR THE PALMETTO HEALTH ALLIANCE:**

Approved

**FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF AN EQUIPMENT LEASE/PURCHASE AGREEMENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT EXCEEDING \$610,000 RELATING TO THE PURCHASE OF A FIRE PUMPER (\$260,000) FOR HOLLY SPRINGS FIRE DEPARTMENT AND 911 RELATED EQUIPMENT (\$350,000)**

Approved

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 05-13 HONORING THE MEMORY OF SERGEANT EDWARD RALPH HESELTON:**

**Approved**

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 05-14 TO RECOGNIZE THE ACHIEVEMENT OF EASLEY CUSTOM PLASTICS AS THE RECIPIENT OF THE 2005 SOUTH CAROLINA MANUFACTURER OF THE YEAR AWARD:**

**Approved**

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 05-15 TO SUPPORT THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT AND APPROPRIATION REQUEST FOR CATEECHEE MILL VILLAGE WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY AND PUMP STATION UPGRADE:**

**Approved**

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 05-16 SUPPORTING PLACING THE HIGHWAY 153 EXTENSION PROJECT ON HOLD INDEFINITELY:**

**Failed**

**CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE PROPOSED BUDGET CALENDAR FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006-2007:**

**Approved**

**CONSIDERATION TO PAY OFF 1999 A&B REVENUE BONDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,320,788.94:** In 1999 Pickens County issued revenue Bonds to pay for costs associated with the construction of the Pickens County Commerce Park. The bonds are due to expire in 2009. By paying off the bonds early the County will save \$150,577 in interest costs and eliminate the annual debt service in next year's budget. If approved Council will need to appropriate \$968,767.94 from fund balance to retire the debt.

**Approved**

**CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE REQUEST FROM SHERIFF STONE TO PROVIDE FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$11,212.00 TO PURCHASE FURNITURE FOR THE DETENTION FACILITY:**

The project was planned the amount of new furnishings that would be needed was not fully understood. Now that the project is finished a detailed list of required furnishings has been developed. Since the project represented a major retrofit of the Detention Facility, staff had to wait until the project was complete to best determine the complete needs for furnishings. There is \$15,000 left in the account to construct the new building for Animal Control that could be transferred to pay for the requested furniture.

**Tabled for further information**

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**Approved**

The following items were passed via consent.

Consideration of a request from the Powdersville Water District for Pickens County Council to adopt a resolution supporting the Powdersville Water District Drought

Response Plan and Response Ordinance. It is requested that this matter be referred to the Public Service Committee.

Consideration of a request from the Director of Roads and Bridges to accept Brookstone Way, Ridgestone Drive, Creekside Circle and Steppingstone Way into the County Road System. It is requested that this matter be referred to the Public Service Committee.

Consideration of a request from the City of Pickens for funding to pay for certain road improvements. It is requested that this matter be referred to the Public Service Committee.

Consideration of a request from the Director of the Library System to contract with an outside agency to collect overdue library fines. It is requested that this matter be referred to the Administration and Finance Committee.

Consideration of a request to contract with Telecommunications Consulting Associates to conduct cable television audits and draft new franchise agreements with local cable television providers. It is requested that this matter be referred to the Administration and Finance Committee.

Consideration of a request to submit a grant application to request funding for the purchase of homes in the flood affected area of the Quail Haven Subdivision. It is requested that this matter be referred to the Administration and Finance Committee.

Consideration of a proposed Capital Improvements Plan for Pickens County. It is requested that this matter be referred to the Committee of Council as a whole.

Consideration of a request by the Homeowners Association of Mountain View Estates to create a special tax district for the purpose of road improvements. The roads within this subdivision are private roads and the Homeowners Association would like to create a special tax district to generate a revenue source for the maintenance of the roads and the bridge within the subdivision. It is requested that this matter be referred to the Administration and Finance Committee.

**EXTENDING THE DEADLINE FOR REASSESSMENT APPEALS:**

**First Reading: approved**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

>>Motion was made by Neil Smith, seconded by Roy Collins and unanimously passed to convene in executive session for the purpose stated.

- Appointment to the Planning Commission.

**Kevin Smith approved.**

**ADJOURN:**

9:55 PM.