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December 4, 2006
Regular Meeting
7:00 PM

County Council met in regular session, in the auditorium, County Administration Facility, with Chairman Jennifer H. Willis presiding. Agendas, bearing date, time, and location of meeting, were mailed to Council members and local news media, November 29, 2006,

Council Members in attendance:
Chairman Jennifer Willis
G. Neil Smith, Vice Chairman
James B. London, Vice Chairman Pro Tempore
C. Roy Collins
Tom Ponder
Ben L. Trotter

Staff: J. Chappell Hurst, County Administrator
Lynn Fisher, Assistant County Administrator
Ken Roper, County Attorney
Olivia Vassey, Research Analyst

Absent: Donna Owen, Clerk to Council

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Willis called the meeting of 12/04/2006 to order and welcomed those in attendance. Ben Trotter called upon Reverend Danny Pardon to give the invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

>>>Motion was made by Ben Trotter, seconded by Neil Smith to approve the November 20, 2006 minutes as presented.

PUBLIC FORUM:

1. **School Tax-Weldon Clark & Dennis Reinert** Both gentlemen came before Council and stated they were extremely opposed to the recent proposal that was presented to the School Board regarding the Building Project. While both Mr. Clark and Mr. Reinert realized the County Council cannot control the school board, but perhaps Council should consider a binding resolution opposing what the school board is doing with their proposed building project. Both citizens think many citizens will not differentiate between the School Board and County Council.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Committee of the Whole.

The Committee of the whole met in the Main Conference Room immediately following the Regular Council meeting. Councilman Roy Collins was absent; all other Council Members were in attendance.

Staff:

Chappell Hurst, Administrator
 Lynn Fisher, Assistant Administrator
 Ralph Guarino, Finance Director
 Olivia Vassey, Research Analyst
 Donna Owen, Clerk to Council

Others:

Members of the Aeronautics Commission

Item	Description	Referred	Report
4	Capital Improvement Plan	11/07/05	No action-
7	Solid Waste Study	02/21/06	No action-
9	A policy for the Road Fee Ordinance	03/20/06	Committee approves the request for an independent assessment of roads and for staff to update on an annual basis going forward. Funds for the study will be used from the road fee. >>Approved with Roy Collins in opposition
11	Airport proposal	05/15/06	Committee recommends approval of contract with WK Dickson but to amend for (120) days instead of 6 months. >>Council approved Committee recommends approval of Maintenance Hangar Lease Agreement >>Council approved

ADMINISTRATORS REPORT:

- **Animal Spay/Neuter Program**

Pickens County initiated an Animal Spay/Neuter program in conjunction with the Animal Allies of Spartanburg on November 16th. The county delivered 17 animals for surgery. The initial pick up was done at the Health Department where animals were picked up at 6:00 a.m. and transported to Spartanburg. Animals were returned to their owners by 5:00 p.m. that afternoon with no problems encountered. The owners of the pets were extremely pleased and we believe that this program will continue to grow. The next transport will occur on December 14th. Individuals who wish to participate may do so by calling 898-5774. We are currently in the process of seeking a grant for \$200,000 dollars to fund this program next year. If we are successful, then very little if any county money would go toward this program.

We have also entered into a contract with the Humane Society, which provides funding for them at approximately \$5,800 dollars per month and sets forth the hours of operation, which will include Saturdays as well as requirements for insurance and statistical data on the number of animals, which are handled through the agency. County maintenance personnel will be painting the building and installing a new sign out front to enhance the appearance of the facility. We are very pleased that we have arrived at an agreement and look forward to a long lasting relationship.

- **Road paving update**

The county has begun paving roads for the year and as of this date six roads have been paved. The contractor will be resuming work shortly in the River Bluff area and I have included a list of the roads that will be paved with an anticipated order of paving also.

- **Arial Mill Recreation**

The Arial Mill community has met several times with Dale Powell and they now have adopted bylaws and created a Recreation Committee. I anticipate several of these individuals being present at the meeting to demonstrate their support for a recreation program. We have contacted the property owner to try to get a decision on whether or not he is willing to gift the property for the ball fields to Pickens County. The owner had previously agreed to a long-term lease but due to the investment that the county will make over the next several years we are in hopes of obtaining the property outright. It is my understanding that the current by laws that have been adopted are similar to those of Six Mile Recreation Committee and meet the requirements for funding from accommodation funds and tax millage.

>>Ms. Kathy Riggins and Mr. James Rackley came before council to thank them and to request support for the Arial Mill Recreation committee. Both citizens gave history and information regarding the area and the need for recreation in this area.

REQUEST MOTION TO APPROVE ARIAL MILL RECREATION COMMITTEE AS APPROVED TO RECEIVE FUNDING FROM ACCOMMODATION FUNDS AND TAX MILLAGE.

>>Neil Smith, seconded by Ben Trotter and unanimously passed to pull this item out of committee and add to the agenda for action.

>>Neil Smith moved that the Arial Recreation Committee be organized and recognized as a formal committee in order to receive accommodation tax funding. Chairman Willis seconded and motion was unanimously passed.

- **USDA Small Business Seminar**

I am working with the USDA, formerly Farmers Home Administration, to set up programs for Pickens County that will address home ownership, repairs and maintenance to existing housing and assistance to businesses. We have scheduled a business seminar for January 23, 2007 in the Council chambers for all interested business owners. The seminar will cover how to obtain loans and grants or other types of assistance for businesses. We will be advertising this over the next several weeks and encourage all of our business owners to take advantage of the programs that are offered by this agency.

- **Economic Development Assessment**

I have been working with Ray Farley to establish an Economic Development Assessment of Pickens County that will be conducted by the Department of Commerce. The assessment will look at the current economic conditions of Pickens County and address the strengths and weaknesses of the economics of Pickens County. This assessment will give the county insight into the types of businesses that Pickens County might attract the potential locations of these businesses and the work force requirements of these businesses. The assessment would be conducted over several months and would involve an initial meeting and surveys of local business people and business leaders. Local government officials and others would have the opportunity for input into the process. Ultimately a recommendation would be forthcoming that would answer many of the questions that I have referred to above. I believe that this is the first step in putting together a successful economic development program for Pickens County, as it would establish where we are today and where we need to be headed. This information will provide you with a blue print for the establishment of business parks and where these parks need to be and the types of parks that are necessary for a successful program. The Department of Commerce is familiar with the types of businesses that are interested in coming to the upstate and can help us target this particular sector of businesses.

- **Sheriff's Substations**

We have been working with the Sheriff's Department to establish substations around the county. These substations will be at county owned facilities that have internet access. The officers will be able to access a computer to transmit information that is required for police reports to the proper agencies. They will also have space allocated to complete reports and make phone calls. This will be a no cost program to the county but will utilize current equipment that is readily available. We anticipate this to begin within the next 30 days. This should prevent deputies from having to leave their areas in order to complete reports at the Sheriff's office and free up additional patrol time and save hundreds of dollars in gasoline and maintenance repairs on vehicles.

- **Funding for 800 MHZ Radios**

Several years ago the County received a Federal Grant for 800 MHZ Radio equipment to enhance interoperable communications within the state and the county. These radios have not been utilized; however, we have conducted a test to determine if these radios are superior to the current radio system currently in use in Pickens County. It appears there is no additional coverage provided by these radios for interagency communications; however, they do allow the Sheriff's department to have contact with school buses and the school district's frequency. The Sheriff's Department has indicated that they would like to have these radios activated to maintain this point of contact. The Sheriff's office also uses these radios to remain in contact with its narcotics division and EMS as well as state agencies. A repeater system is in the process of being installed, which will generate \$800 per month rental income. The current repeater that was installed approximately 2 years ago already generates \$800 per month but these funds were put into the general fund and therefore are already appropriated. My recommendation is to utilize the \$800 per month revenue from the repeater that will go on line in approximately two months to pay for an operating cost of \$19 per month for these radios. This would allow 41 radios to be activated in Pickens County to achieve interoperability. The County received more radios than this would allow us to pay for; however, my experience from other counties that have used this system have found it very expensive to maintain and thus I believe that we only need an absolute minimum of this radio equipment to remain in contact with other agencies and avoid all additional cost associated with this project. Greenville County approached the Sheriff's office about joining them in an 800 MHZ grant project. Sheriff declined based on the facts that I have already stated.

Therefore, I am requesting that you make a motion to allow the County to fund 41 radios from the \$800 per month in recurring revenues for fees associated with the operation of these radios.

>>Neil Smith moved to allow funding for 41 radios from the \$800.00 per month in revenues for fees associated with the operation. Motion was seconded by Ben Trotter and unanimously passed.

MOTION PERIOD AND NEW BUSINESS:

Announcements:

1. Chairman Willis announced that the December 18th meeting would be canceled, due to the busy holiday season.
2. Chairman Willis announced this was Councilman Roy Collins last meeting and expressed appreciation to him for his service to Council and District 2. Mr. Collins was elected to Council in November of 2002, and served from January 2003-December 2006.

Mr. Collins spoke briefly regarding the accomplishments of such things as fire stations, new Library and museum expansion.

Comments:

- Ben Trotter stated he would like council to honor outstanding students and be aware of any activity that should warrant council recognition.
- Ben Trotter stated he had recently discussed with his constituents the ideal of raising millage for infrastructure; however he would now go on record as stating that he would not be in favor of that at this time.
- Mr. Trotter asked for an update regarding Council's discussion of the November meeting which dealt with the Tri-County Landfill.

>>Mr. Hurst updated Council and stated that since the meeting in which Council had discussed the Tri-County Property; that is has been discovered that in January of 2005 this issue was settled. Also Mr. Hurst noted he has been seeking conversations with Anderson County, and due to the holidays it appears meetings will take place after Christmas. Mr. Hurst stated we now needed to move forward and he would keep Council apprised.

Motions:

>>Ben Trotter moved to write a letter to the Delegation regarding the Homestead exemption going from \$50,000 to \$75,000. Motion was seconded by Tom Ponder and carried with a unanimous vote.

>>Ben Trotter moved to send to committee the Road User Fee Ordinance for the purpose of studying an amendment due to Department of Transportation now picking up on State Roads. Neil Smith gave the second. Motion passed for committee only with a unanimous vote. Mr. Hurst will find out if an amendment is necessary.

>>Roy Collins moved to add to the agenda an appointment for the Library Board. Mr. Trotter stated he had asked that Council not make any appointments until January because of the incoming Council Member. Mr. Collins expressed a concern, and stated he was the current council member and he would like to make the appointment.

Chairman Willis, James London, Roy Collins and Tom Ponder approved, Neil Smith and Ben Trotter opposed. Motion failed for addition as it would need to be a unanimous vote.

COMMITTEE LOGS FOR 2006

Council Rules provide that during the last meeting in December all items on committee logs will be deleted. Only a unanimous consent of Council can retain items.

- Administration/Finance

Item	Description	Referred	Report	Action
1	Request from the Pickens County Aeronautics Commission to reduce personal property tax on aircraft in Pickens County Referred back to committee 1/17/06	02/02/04	03/01/04	No action committee request further study.
2	Consideration to renew agreement between Pickens County and the Foothills Humane Society for animal care and adoption services <u>Referred back to committee 1/17/06</u>	06/06/05	08/01/05	Committee request staff to develop agreement and bring back to committee
5	Research Festival for Pickens County <u>Referred back to committee 1/17/06</u>	09/19/05	11/07/05	Chairman Willis appointed Neil Smith to chair a sub-committee to gather information and planning concepts
6	Form a committee regarding road projects/issues in Pickens County. <u>Referred back to committee 1/17/06</u>	11/21/05	12/05/05 02/02/06 07/17/06	No action. No action, staff will gather the information regarding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Existing committees regarding transportation issues • How those committees are formed (specifics) • What are the by-laws of said committees Committee informed staff to request C-Fund History, and to also request minutes from all transportation committees.
10	Report by the Aeronautics Commission Retained 12/2006	02/06/06		

18	Request regarding a special tax district for the homeowners of Mountain View Estates	05/15/06	07/17/06	No action.
19	Request - City of Liberty's Tiff District. Retained 12/2006	06/05/06	07/17/06	No action, committee requested further information.
20	Study all fee related departments Retained 12/2006	06/05/06		
21	Study the County Benefit Package Retained 12/2006	06/05/06		
22	Consider hours of operation regarding the Recycling Centers Retained 12/2006	06/05/06	07/17/06 08/21/06	No action, committee did not have time for this item. No action, committee did not have time for this item.
26	Study municipalities utilizing the tax bills for collection of liens.	09/05/06		
27	County Employee options for using other/all credit unions in Pickens County Retained 12/2006	09/18/06		
28	Study the structure of fees/millage within all fire districts. Specifically stated was to look at uniformity. Retained 12/2006 Millage ordinance no. 381. First read 6/5/06 Second read 8/21/06 Third read	09/18/06		

29	Request from the Pumpkintown Fire District related to property acquisition.	10/16/06		
30	Issue of Library being separate from county operations	11/06/06		
31	Policy for waiving fees for non-profit organizations Retained 12/2006	11/06/06		

- Education Recreation and County Planning:

	Description	Referred	Report	Action
1	Extending the Cable Franchise Agreement between Pickens County and Intermedia Retain on log 1/8/01 1/3/05 <u>referred back to committee</u> <u>01/17/06</u>	7/24/00	08/21/00 02/21/05 04/17/06 10/02/06 10/02/06	Committee recommends that staff work to develop a new franchise agreement. >>Committee recommends first reading of an ordinance in title only for a new Franchise Agreement between Pickens County and Charter Communications. No actions, committee heard updates and also were notified about pending legislation which may affect agreements. Discussion only: Staff provided committee with new information as it relates to the State and its handling of all franchise permits >>Council requested via motion from Neil Smith and seconded by Ben Trotter; if current franchise agreements are going with the State, then the County will no longer extend agreements. Motion included a 60 day notice.
2	Development of Warpath Landing <u>referred back to committee</u> <u>01/17/06</u> <u>Retained 12/04/2006</u>	01/18/05	02/21/05 08/15/05 04/17/06	No action, committee heard from Staff issues regarding negotiations between Duke Power and Warpath. No action, committee heard from Duke Power representatives and developers. Committee will submit the draft lease to the Attorney. No action, committee heard updates from Mr. Grant, and committee was informed that FERK is looking

			10/02/06	<p>into the agreement that was previously approved in concept.</p> <p>Committee request staff to have Duke Energy to come back with plans so Council can provide input.</p> <p>During discussion James London stated the Council has yet to approve a final plan. Neil Smith stated the leverage with this development is with FERK and Mr. Smith stated Duke Energy needs to provide input as he has not heard anything that prevents the county from negotiation regarding access and plan input</p>
3	<p>Study policy for dealing with abandoned/unsightly mobile homes</p> <p><u>referred back to committee 01/17/06</u></p> <p><u>Retained 12/04/2006</u></p>	01/18/05	<p>02/21/05</p> <p>04/17/06</p> <p>10/02/06</p>	<p>No action, staff will gather further information.</p> <p>No action, committee requested to meet with Solid Waste and Recycling and check any information that may have been provided by previous administrator.</p> <p>Discussion only: Staff will continue looking at options and ideas for disposing of abandoned mobile homes.</p> <p>**Council agreed on 11/06/06 to a policy for removing dilapidated mobile homes.</p>
4	<p>Amend Ordinance no. 304, the Development Standards Ordinance dated March 4, 2002, as it relates to section 8.4.1 – permanent freestanding business identification (on-premise) signs.</p> <p>First reading 03/07/05</p> <p><u>referred back to committee 01/17/06</u></p>	03/07/05	<p>04/17/06</p> <p>05/15/06</p> <p>10/02/06</p>	<p>Committee recommends Second Reading and request height to state 25ft except on major 4 lane roads which would be 35ft. However staff is looking into the possibility of receiving informational signs for Highway 123 from the Department of Transportation.</p> <p>On third reading 5/15/06 council sent back to planning commission for further input.</p> <p>Committee recommends amendment based on staff and planning commission recommendation; #1. <u>See attached.</u></p> <p>During discussion regarding planning issues and issues with the Development Standards Ordinance Council moved to pull this item from this log and move to the Committee of the Whole</p>
7	<p>Waterlines within developments regarding fire hydrates</p> <p><u>Referred back to committee 01/17/06</u></p>	11/07/05	<p>04/17/06</p> <p>10/02/06</p>	<p>No action, committee requested that GIS work with Appalachian Council of Governments to determine the current Mapping in order to obtain waterline information.</p> <p>Discussion only: Staff updated the committee regarding that GIS has</p>

				<p>mapped the hydrants and determined flows; DHEC requires 6in water-main for a hydrant but not lines that branch out.</p> <p>Staff will continue to monitor and improve this situation.</p>
8	<p>Planning Commission proposal regarding Road Projects in Pickens County</p> <p><u>Referred back to committee 01/17/06</u></p>	11/21/05	<p>04/17/06</p> <p>10/02/06</p>	<p>No action, committee requested that the Planning Commission be involved with Transportation issues.</p> <p>Committee discussed all the transportation boards and the different roles and representation. Staff is going to work with the committees and also determine specific projects that council wants to pursue.</p>
9	Issues regarding Highway 123	02/21/06		
13	Issue of Lake Front building height restrictions.	05/15/06		
14	Proposed Changes to the DSO as it relates to Building Set back requirements	06/05/06	10/02/06	<p>Committee heard from the new Community Development Director who requested that he be allowed to take this issue to the planning commission in order for him to make some recommendations to them.</p> <p>Committee concurred and requested this issue be sent to the Planning Commission. Committee requested this be sent back to Council for the second meeting in October.</p> <p>>Council requested this be moved to a Committee of the Whole, James London opposed. Item was removed for further study of the DSO.</p>
15	Proposed study of the DSO as it relates to noise.	07/17/06		
16	<p>Study issues with the Stormwater ordinance</p> <p><u>Retained 12/04/2006</u></p>	07/17/06	10/02/06	No action, staff will continue to review methods and follow DHEC guidelines.
17	<p>Proposed issues with the DSO as it relates to industrial building in residential areas.</p> <p>Example: the mulch yard in crosswell and the concrete plant in Six-Mile</p>	08/21/06		

18	Arial Mill Receptions Plans	10/16/06		
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- Public Service

Item	Description	Referred	Report	Action
4	Recycling station in the Daniel Area <u>Retained 12/04/2006</u>	01/17/06	02/06/06	Committee recommends actively looking for sites in the Daniel area and the Crosswell area.
7	Sewer Issues at Quail Haven <u>Retained 12/04/2006</u>	03/06/06	03/20/06	No Action Committee requested for staff to arrange a meeting with developers.
8	Assistance with Dacusville Recreation <u>Retained 12/04/2006</u>	03/06/06	03/20/06	Committee recommends for staff to provide the following: 1.) Dress up and grass the disturbed area near the recycling station road. Utilize the Hydro seeder from the landfill for this work. The area here is about an acre in size. 2.) Create a pad for the basketball court to be constructed on the left of the entrance. 3.) Using the soil from the basketball court work, create a pad for two tennis courts on the right side of the entrance. 4.) Re-grade the banks leading from the entrance to the recycling station road so this area can be mowed with the Rec-department lawn mowers.
9	Request from citizens on Mountaindale Road regarding the entrance of Mountaindale Road.	03/20/06	05/01/06	Committee recommends for staff to move forward with engineering and cost proposals.
10	Ballard Hill Road -	04/03/06	05/01/06	Staff will assess the most efficient means for Ballard Hill Road regarding bridges, and gather further information regarding water issues within the area.
13	Receive information regarding the old Central Road Bridge.	04/17/06	05/01/06	Committee recommends to move forward with securing right of ways, and authorize the consulting engineer to move forward with bids; information will be brought back to full council.
16	Consideration from the City of Pickens to use Road User Fee Funds to provide for guardrails.	05/01/06	07/17/06	No action.
18	Maple Creek Estates	06/19/06	See regular minutes of 07/18/06	Staff is working on this issue, and council has spoken with postmaster at Liberty Post office to delay moving the mailboxes.

			and 09/05/06	County Staff is working to provide minimum maintenance. 11/20/06- accepted under minimum maintenance.
19	Shooting Range Road <u>Retained 12/04/2006</u>	09/18/06		

- Justice and Public Safety

Item	Description	Referred	Report	Action
3	Study issues regarding vicious animals and other matters of animal control. <u>Retained 12/04/2006</u>	03/20/06	04/03/06	Committee recommends further study, and to schedule a future meeting with the Solicitor and Chief Magistrate. Also staff was instructed to study issues and bring back to committee.
4	Fire District By-Laws Pulled from committee of the whole 05/15/06 <u>Retained 12/04/2006</u>	05/15/06	06/05/06 11/06/06	No action, committee instructed that a letter and a draft of proposed by-laws be sent out to Fire District Chairmen, and information will come back to the committee >Committee recommended some editing for the by-laws and will hold further meetings to finalize changes.
6	Plans regarding Animal Control Task Force Issues <i>Council moved the funds to contingency on 6/5/06</i>	06/05/06		
8	Study district lines for all fire districts. Petition from citizens in Six-Mile to be made part of the Central Fire District <u>Retained 12/04/2006</u>	07/18/06		
9	Legal issues regarding the Sewer Fee. 10/16/06 courtesy first reading to an ordinance to amend the sewer fee charge. *ordinance amendment not necessary.	10/16/06	11/06/06	>Committee recommends to change the name "sewer fee" to <u>State Debt Payment</u>

SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE TO DEVELOP A JOINTLY OWNED AND OPERATED INDUSTRIAL/BUSINESS PARK IN CONJUNCTION WITH PICKENS COUNTY, SUCH INDUSTRIAL/BUSINESS PARK TO BE GEOGRAPHICALLY LOCATED IN OCONEE COUNTY AND ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS FOR 1976, SECTION 4-1-170 ET SEQUITUR, AS AMENDED; TO PROVIDE FOR A WRITTEN AGREEMENT WITH PICKENS COUNTY PROVIDING FOR THE EXPENSES OF THE PARK, THE PERCENTAGE OF REVENUE APPLICATION, AND THE DISTRIBUTION OF FEES IN LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAX TO THE COUNTIES AND RELEVANT TAXING ENTITIES.

>>Neil Smith moved that this constitutes second reading of an Ordinance to develop a jointly owned and operated industrial/business park. Motion was seconded by Roy Collins.

Councilman London stated he was unclear and needed further information regarding the location of said park and also properties involved; and would prefer to have some answers before voting in the affirmative.

>>Motion carried with all voting in favor, with the exception of James London who opposed. Motion carried with a 5 to 1 vote.

RECEIVE INFORMATION REGARDING THE ROPER UPGRADE CONSTRUCTION COST:

William Nicholas came before Council to update them regarding the Roper upgrade and also to introduce the project engineer, Mr. Tom Holmark who will explain the cost increases for this project. Mr. Nicholas stated the engineering had previously been approved and was approximately 75% complete. Mr. Nicholas also stated the facilities are under DHEC consent order and construction must be completed by the Spring of 2008.

Mr. Holmark stated the original cost for the project was estimated at \$2.9 million dollars and the cost increase has come in at \$4.4 million. This cost is mainly due to price of steel, concrete, as well as additional specs such as influent pump station and larger aerobic digesters.

Mr. Holmark provided Council with a list of possible cost reducers which could reduce the project by \$400,000. and gave options to further reduce costs.

>>During discussion Mr. Smith stated he was surprised at a 50% increase over the original estimate and he had a difficult time absorbing this kind of information on such short notice.

Mr. Holmark stated the original estimate was excluding many items that are now deemed necessary as provided in the handout.

Mr. Smith stated the issue was still a 50% increase that council was asked to approve immediately.

Mr. Ponder concurred with Mr. Smith that this was asking a lot of council to make a presentation with such a significant increase and to need an immediate decision.

Wes Hulsey, with Hulsey, McCormick & Wallace approached Council and stated 25% of the increase is due to simple inflation of steel and concrete. The other costs are associated with geographic location regarding flood plain; in order to remove this obstacle this required pumps where by before the estimate was relying on gravity flow.

James London asked about the flow; Dr. Nicholas stated between the two plants there was approximately 280,000 gallons. Also Dr. London stated some projections are made regarding increase.

Mr. Trotter asked when staff knew there was going to be this significant increase. Dr. Nicholas stated the relocations regarding pump stations were discovered in August or September. However, Dr. Nicholas stated they did not know the amount of the increase until Mid November, which was about 2 weeks ago.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 06-12; COMMITMENT FOR THE ROPER UPGRADE:

>>Motion was made by James London, seconded by Roy Collins to approve Resolution No. 06-12.

Mr. Smith stated nothing has been communicated to him to clarify this and he was not comfortable voting on this issue.

Roy Collins and Tom Ponder stated their concern being the consent order from DHEC and did not realize a need to wait. Councilman Ponder did state he would have liked the information sooner.

>>Neil Smith and Ben Trotter opposed the motion; Chairman Willis, Tom Ponder, Roy Collins and James London approved. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BUDGET CALENDAR:

>>Motion was made by Neil Smith, seconded by Ben Trotter and unanimously passed to approve the budget calendar.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

1. Economic Development Issue

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

PUBLIC SESSION RECONVENED:

Chairman Willis called the public session back to order and advised no action.

ADJOURN:

With there being no further issues before council, motion to adjourn was made by Tom Ponder, seconded by James London and unanimously passed. Pickens County Council stood adjourned at 10:50 PM.

Respectively Submitted:

Approved:

Donna F. Owen, Clerk to Council

Jennifer H. Willis, Chairman