

November 1, 2010  
Regular Council Meeting  
6:30 PM

County Council met in regular session, in the Auditorium, County Administration Facility, with Chairman Neil Smith presiding. Agendas, bearing date, time, and location of meeting were mailed to Council members and local news media, October 28, 2010.

Council Members in attendance:

G. Neil Smith, Chairman  
Tom Ponder  
Randy Crenshaw  
Sam Wyche

Absent: Jennifer H. Willis, Vice Chairman  
James London

Staff: J. Chappell Hurst, County Administrator  
Ken Roper, County Attorney  
Donna Owen, Clerk to Council

**WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Smith called the meeting of November 1, 2010, to order and welcomed those in attendance. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Ponder.

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

Chairman Smith called upon the Clerk to Council for a list of Public Forum participants.

- 1) Mike Caston – Mr. Caston explained to Council that his assessed value of his home was incorrect due to a recent re-finance and not because of actual value. Mr. Caston explained that his taxes were up 50%. Mr. Caston stated he had a good understanding of reassessment but requested an extension on appeal, and also stated the maximum should be no more than 15%.  
>>Mr. Hurst stated that Mr. Caston should come by the office because it appears that due to refinancing and name changes that his taxes have been viewed as him not being the legal resident.
- 2) Alice Hoak- Mrs. Hoak stated she lived on Loving Care Road. She requested Council to view photos of her neighbor's house. The photos depicted tires and animal horns hanging from trees and sign posts. Mrs. Hoak requested that Council look into the fact that there may be illegal dumping and other junkyard violations.  
>>Staff took the request and stated they would look at the property. However, it was noted this area is not within a subdivision with restrictions.
- 3) Junius Smith and Johnnell Raines- Mr. Smith and Ms. Raines both came to Council with issues about the comprehensive plan. Mr. Smith stated he did appreciate the dialogue that was allowed during the process of writing the comprehensive plan. However, he did not approve of the final draft, and stated the plan was still socialistic in nature. Ms. Raines agreed and was concerned about the survey that was originally provided. Ms. Raines gave Council a 25 question survey that she would like to see used for better public input.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES :**

- Motion was made by Tom Ponder, seconded by Sam Wyche and unanimously passed to approve the minutes as presented.

**ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:**

Mr. Hurst gave the following information to Council.

- o Council was informed of receiving \$62,520 in grant money for the sheriff’s office. Mr. Hurst stated this was used in investigations.
- o \$16,892 in grant money for illegal alien investigation.
- o \$25,000 from County Transportation Committee for paving parking lot at the Hagood Mill site. Also CTC granted \$16,000 for guardrails on unsafe roads.
- o Currently in the process of obtaining a grant to pay cost that increased on the Simms School interchange project.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Justice and Public Safety –Councilman Crenshaw gave the following report in the absence of Committee Chairman London.

The Committee of Justice and Public Safety met on Wednesday, October 13, 2010 with Committee Chairman London presiding. All members of the committee were present. Other members of council in attendance were Neil Smith and Jennifer Willis.

Staff: Chappell Hurst, County Administrator  
Donna Owen, Clerk to Council

**AGENDA ITEM 2- Security in the Administration building during public meetings.**

>>Committee recommends the following amendment to council rules:

Section - II

Rules of Conduct

7. The Chairman has the right to ask an individual (s) to leave the council chambers if an individual is disruptive. Other council members may request the Chair to remove a disruptive individual and to include members of council. If the Chair fails to act, other council members may call for a vote to remove disruptive parties. The Chair or other presiding officers of council may suspend the meeting if the meeting becomes disruptive to the point that business cannot be conducted in an orderly manner.
8. Security at council meetings will be provided by sheriff deputies. Deputies will assist the Chair and/or council to take the necessary action to ensure an orderly and safe environment for citizens, staff, and council.
9. In order to provide best practices for safety, oversized bags, duffels, and backpacks are not allowed in the council chambers. Pocketbooks are allowed, but may be subject to inspection.

- Council unanimously approved.

Public Service –Committee Chairman Ponder gave the following report.

The Public Service Committee met on Wednesday, October 13, 2010 with Committee Chairman Tom Ponder presiding. All committee members were in attendance. Other Council members in attendance were James London and Jennifer Willis.

Staff:  
Chappell Hurst, County Administrator  
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Item	Description	Action
11	Madden Bridge Road, Sewer project	Committee recommends the request of the City of Central, and that any future expansion comes back to the County for approval. >>Council unanimously approved
6	Request from Easley Combined Utilities as it relates to Crosswell Fire Station Plat	No action, committee discussed the right of way request, and did not come to an agreement. Staff will request legal input.

12	Starlight Road – Minimum maintenance		Committee recommends Starlight Road be accepted under the minimum maintenance road ordinance. >>Council unanimously approved.

**MOTION PERIOD AND NEW BUSINESS:**

Chairman Smith asked for any new business.

- 1) Tom Ponder moved to place on the consent agenda for committee to study road easements. Motion was seconded by Randy Crenshaw. This was sent to the public service commission.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- Motion was made by Tom Ponder, seconded by Sam Wyche and unanimously passed to approve the consent agenda as presented and amended with the new addition.  
Public Service Committee: Wells Street accepted as minimum maintenance  
Administration and Finance: Rock Arts Center request

**FIRST READING AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN AMENDMENT TO AN EXISTING FEE IN LIEU OF TAX AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN PICKENS COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND PACESETTER, INC. DATED ON OR ABOUT DECEMBER 29, 2006; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO:**

- Motion was made by Randy Crenshaw, seconded by Tom Ponder and unanimously passed that this constitute a first reading of an amendment to the existing Fee in Lieu between Pickens County and Pacesetter, Inc.

**FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE AGREEMENT AUTHORIZED BY ORDINANCES NO. 384, 410, 424 AND 433 RELATING TO THE INDUSTRIAL/BUSINESS PARK OF OCONEE AND PICKENS COUNTIES SO AS TO ENLARGE THE PARK:**

- Motion was made by Sam Wyche and seconded by Tom Ponder that this constitutes a first reading to amend the park agreement between Pickens and Oconee.

**APPROVAL FOR DACUSVILLE FIRE DISTRICT TO PURCHASE A 1998 PIERCE QUANTUM PUMPER TRUCK USING FUNDS FROM EQUIPMENT RESERVE:**

- Motion was made by Tom Ponder, seconded by Randy Crenshaw and unanimously passed to approve the purchase of a truck for the Dacusville Fire District.

**REQUEST FROM B.J. SKELTON CAREER CENTER FOR DONATION OF A SURPLUS AMBULANCE:**

- Motion was made by Tom Ponder, seconded by Sam Wyche and unanimously passed to allow the donation of an out of service ambulance to the career center.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

- Motion to convene in executive session for the stated purposes was made by Tom Ponder, seconded by Randy Crenshaw, and unanimously passed.  
Legal update  
Personnel update  
Contractual Issue  
--Economic Development (2)

--Fire District  
Boards and Commissions

**PUBLIC SESSION RECONVENED:**

Chairman Smith called the public session back to order and allowed the following Motions.

- Sam Wyche moved to appoint Justin Winter and Ray Steck to the Economic Development Board. Motion was seconded by Tom Ponder and unanimously approved.
- Sam Wyche moved to appoint Dennis Reinert to fill the term of Ray Steck on the Planning Commission. Motion was seconded by Tom Ponder and unanimously approved.
- Sam Wyche moved to appoint Travis Chapman to the Public Service Commission. Motion was seconded by Tom Ponder and unanimously approved

**ADJOURN:**

Hearing no further business, Chairman Smith called for the motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Tom Ponder, seconded by Randy Crenshaw and unanimously passed. Pickens County Council stood adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Respectively Submitted:

Approved:

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Donna F. Owen Clerk to Council

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G. Neil Smith, Chairman  
Pickens County Council