

Special Called County Council Meeting
January 25, 2016
6:00 PM

County Council met in special session, in the Main Conference Room, County Administration Facility, with Chairman Jennifer Willis presiding. Agendas, bearing date, time, and location of meeting were mailed to Council members and local news media on Wednesday January 20, 2016.

Council Members in attendance:

Jennifer H. Willis, Chairman
Trey Whitehurst, Vice Chairman
Tom Ponder, Vice Chairman Pro-Tem
G. Neil Smith
Randy Crenshaw
Ensley Feemster

Staff:

Ralph Guarino, Interim Administrator
Ken Roper, County Attorney
Donna Owen, Clerk to Council

Guest- Jim Mercer, Mercer Group

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Willis called the special meeting to Order and welcomed those in attendance. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Willis.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: S.C. Code of Laws, Section 30-4-70 (a)

- Motion to convene into executive session for the stated purposes was made by Councilman Neil Smith, seconded by Vice Chairman Trey Whitehurst and unanimously passed.
 - Personnel- Section 30-4-70 (a) (1)
 - Interim/Administrator Search
 - Clerk to Council Candidates
 - Legal Issues-Section 30-4-70 (a) (2)
 - MRR Pickens LLC

ACTION AS NEEDED VIA EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS:

Chairman Willis called the public session back to order and advised the following as a result of the closed session.

- Personnel- Section 30-4-70 (a) (1)
 - Interim/Administrator Search –
 - met with consultant for next steps moving forward.
 - Clerk to Council Candidates –
 - update, no action
- Legal Issues-Section 30-4-70 (a) (2)

MRR Pickens LLC

- Councilman Neil Smith moved to hire Gary Poliacoff from Spartanburg S.C to represent Pickens County in the Coal Ash issue. Mr. Smith further stated for Mr. Poliacoff to review the MRR and SCDHEC matters as soon as possible in order to advise of potential lawsuits. Chairman Willis seconded the motion. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.

ADJOURN:

With no further business on the agenda, Chairman Willis called for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Councilman Tom Ponder, seconded by Vice Chairman Trey Whitehurst and unanimously passed. Pickens County Council stood adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectively Submitted:

Approved:

Donna F. Owen, Clerk to Council

Jennifer H. Willis, Chairman