

Regular Pickens County Council Meeting

November 4, 2019

6:30 PM

County Council met in regular session, in the Auditorium of the County Administration Facility, with Chairman Roy Costner presiding. Agendas, bearing date, time, and location of meeting were mailed to members of council and local news media on October 28, 2019.

Council Members in Attendance:

- Roy Costner, Chairman
- Chris Bowers, Vice Chairman
- Wes Hendricks, Vice Chairman Pro-Tem
- Trey Whitehurst
- Ensley Feemster
- Carl Hudson

Staff in Attendance:

- Ken Roper, County Acting Administrator
- Meagan Bradford, Clerk to Council
- Les Hendricks, Contract County Attorney

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Roy Costner called the meeting of November 4, 2019 to order and welcomed those in attendance. Councilman Ensley Feemster led the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. Ms. Katie Cook, with Southern Wesleyan University, sang the National Anthem.

CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION 2019-25 TO CONGRATULATE SHERIFF C. DAVID STONE ON HIS INDUCTION INTO THE SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS HALL OF FAME.

Chairman Costner asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2019-25.

- o Motion was made by Councilman Carl Hudson, seconded by Councilman Wes Hendricks and carried unanimously (6-0).

Chairman Costner read the resolution as followed:

A RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE SHERIFF C. DAVID STONE ON HIS INDUCTION INTO THE SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS HALL OF FAME.

WHEREAS, Sheriff C. David Stone served as Sheriff of Pickens County for 44 years until his retirement in 2012; and

WHEREAS, our local law enforcement officers who serve with honor and integrity deserve our utmost respect for their dedication to keeping our communities safe; and

WHEREAS, during his career, Sheriff Stone served as president of both the S. C. Sheriffs Association and the S. C. Law Enforcement Officers' Association, received the SLED Distinguished Associate Commendation, the American Legion Outstanding Law Enforcement Award, the Strom Thurmond Award for Excellence in Law Enforcement, and the Order of the Palmetto, and was twice selected the Sheriff of the Year by the SCSA; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Stone was bestowed the honor of being inducted into the South Carolina Law Enforcement Officers Hall of Fame for his meritorious service in a ceremony on October 17, 2019, preserving his legacy on the statewide level and ensuring fellow law enforcement officers and citizens will be inspired by his example for years to come;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Pickens County Council recognizes and congratulates Sheriff C. David Stone on his induction into the South Carolina Law Enforcement Officers Hall of Fame.

AND IT IS SO RESOLVED IN MEETING DULY ASSEMBLED AT PICKENS, SOUTH CAROLINA, THIS 4th Day OF NOVEMBER, 2019.

Councilman Carl Hudson quoted a few remarks made about Sheriff C. David Stone at the SC Law Enforcement Officers Hall of Fame.

“Sheriff C. David Stone was inducted into the SC Law Enforcement Officers Hall of Fame on October 17th 2019. South Carolina Law Enforcement Association Officers Hall of Fame Nomination read that David Stone began his service at Pickens County Sheriff’s Office as Sheriff in 1969, and served for the next 44 years. David would lead this agency with honor, integrity, and unmatched professionalism. In 2012, Sheriff Stone retired from his position, making him the longest serving Sheriff in the state of South Carolina. During his career, Sheriff Stone served as President of both the Sheriff’s Association and the South Carolina Law Enforcement Officers Association. In addition, Sheriff Stone was on the board of the National Sheriff’s Association, and the South Carolina Law Enforcement Hall of Fame. He fulfilled a role of secretary and treasurer of the SC Sheriff’s Association for over 30 years. Sheriff Stone received the SLED Distinguished Associate Nomination, was 3x selected Sheriff of the Year for SC Sheriffs Association, and in addition, Sheriff Stone received an American Legion Outstanding Law Enforcement Award and the Strom Thurmond Award for Excellence in Law Enforcement. In 2008, Sheriff Stone was awarded the highly prestigious award of the Palmetto. C. David Stone was born in Six Mile, SC to Charles Wesley and Ethel Williams Stone. Third of Six Children, he was educated in Pickens County Schools system and graduated from the FBI National Academy in 1975. He received an Associate Arts Degree in Criminal Justice from Tri County Technical College in 1976. In 1959, he enlisted in the United States Army and left Pickens County for two years of service in West Germany. Upon his return, he lived in Pickens and became self-employed, as he owned a service station on Main Street of Pickens. His goal in life was a career in Law Enforcement. He was heavily influenced by his father, whom had been a former Deputy Sheriff & Chief Police in Pickens for many years. Sheriff Stone was successful in a bid for Pickens County City Council in 1966. Two years later, he was elected Sheriff of Pickens County in a highly contested, five man race. He was reelected ten more times, serving 44 years. The Sheriffs Association elected him Sheriff of the Year in 1975, 1981 and 2012. In addition, South Carolina American Legion voted him Sheriff of the Year in 1984. Under Stones leadership, the Pickens County Sheriff’s Office was a recipient of the Southern Bell Award of Excellence in Law Enforcement in 1986. The Pickens County Sheriff’s Office moved in 1975 to a new facility – the Pickens County Law Enforcement Center. With Sheriff Stone’s emphasis on physical fitness, the Department required equipment comparable with the best in South Carolina with private funding. When Sheriff Stone came into office, he initiated third shift for patrols, added personnel equipment, boats for the lakes, helicopter, and aircraft. He stated most of this was attained through grants and did not cost the tax payers any money. He employed clerical staff, created a communications center, and created a program for deputies and their children. Sheriff Stone was active in numerous community affairs. He served 36 years as a volunteer fireman and in 1998; he was voted Fireman of the Year. Pickens County Municipal Association named him Pickens County Firefighter of the Year in 1982 and 1999. He was a member of Pickens Baptist Church and he is a Mason, and a Shriner. Sheriff Stone and his wife, Donna, have two daughters and four wonderful grandchildren.”

Councilman Carl Hudson asked former Chief Deputy, Randall Stewart, to please step to the podium. Councilman Hudson stated he was Sheriff Stone’s Chief Deputy for many years. Mr. Stewart stated Sheriff Stone was elected in November 1968 and took office on January 1, 1969. He stated at this time, there were 14 full time deputies and 2 jailers. He stated the Sheriff’s office has grown into what it is today. Mr. Stewart stated that Sheriff Stone was an innovator, kept up with the change of times in Law Enforcement, and made certain he could hire people who could perform the task needed. He stated that is one of the things he admired most when he worked for him. Mr. Stewart stated he never had the fear of speaking your mind to him. He stated a lot of times he would say “I’ll think about it,” and sometimes he would tell you that he is going to do it his way. He advised the population in Pickens County when Sheriff Stone took office was 50,000, and now it is estimated to be around 125,000. He stated they would

work during Clemson Football games and Clemson Death Valley seated around 49,000 people at the time. He stated today, they seat over 82,000. He stated that Sheriff Stone was responsible for helping Law Enforcement grow in Pickens County and we owe him a great honor of debt for that.

County Council presented Sheriff David Stone with a framed Resolution.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Chairman Roy Costner opened the Public Forum and requested the Clerk to call upon the citizens signed up to speak. The Clerk called on the following speaker:

1. Joe Woods: Mr. Woods stated he is with Iron Peddlers, out of Fountain Inn, SC. He stated they participated in a bid from the County for a medium duty excavator. Mr. Woods stated out of five participants, they came in at the lowest. He stated they found out their bid was rejected due to specifications of the machine. He stated he reached out to Ralph Guarino, Purchasing Manager, and Mr. Guarino's biggest concern was the weight of the machine, as far as hauling. He stated the bid stated the machine could not exceed 51,500 pounds. Mr. Woods stated the machine's operating weight was 51,919 pounds. He stated the reason the weight was an issue was because of permitting. He stated his argument to this was how much the truck and trailer weighed. Mr. Woods stated that Mr. Guarino informed him to submit a protest to protest the bid. He stated when he did this; it was still rejected due to the weight. Mr. Wood advised he called Mr. Guarino this morning to ask what the weight of the trailer and truck was, so he could compare. He stated that Mr. Guarino could not tell him, and also could not tell him the make of the trailer. He stated the operating weight and the hauling transport weight are two different things. After more discussion, Mr. Woods stated after contacting engineers at their brand, the actual transport weight is 49,503 pounds, which would be compliant. He stated he wanted to bring it to the attention to Council because it was \$54,000 difference.
2. Allan Quinn: Mr. Quinn stated he is there to speak regarding Economic Development in Pickens County. Mr. Quinn stated he was recently accused of hitting the same note about Economic Development. He stated he pleads guilty and he is going to continue to do so, but somewhat louder. Mr. Quinn advised this is the most important issue in Pickens County and also the most ignored. He stated he would like to make sure he understands and agree what the process is. He stated first, manufacturing jobs come to Alliance Pickens for review. Then, if they believe it is a good deal, they present it to the County Administrator. Mr. Quinn stated after it is brought to the Administrator, then it is presented to County Council for approval. He stated Council then makes changes and send back for negotiation. Mr. Quinn stated Council then votes yes. He stated recently, most all proposals have been expansions of current businesses and very few new companies, if any. He stated he feels it is the responsibility of Alliance Pickens to bring high tech, good paying jobs to Pickens County, which is not happening. Mr. Quinn advised that Pickens County Council and the County Administrator are responsible for holding Alliance Pickens accountable for doing this important function that will affect all tax payers and their descendants. He stated his challenge to Council is they willing to change what is happening here. He stated if Council has any questions, he will be happy to answer before he sits down.

Vice Chairman Chris Bowers stated in the last SC Department of Commerce report, Secretary Hitt stated expansions are what drive the economy in South Carolina. He stated it is true we have a lot of new industry and business, but expansions are what drive the economy in South Carolina.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Chairman Roy Costner called for a motion to approve the following minutes as presented:

- October 7, 2019
 - Motion was made by Councilman Ensley Feemster, and seconded by Councilman Trey Whitehurst. Chairman Roy Costner asked if there was any discussion.
 - Councilman Wes Hendricks stated in the Committee of the Whole Report, there was a miscommunication error where it is stated he said “Muddy”, but he actually said “Money.” He asked the Clerk to please fix this error in the report.
 - Seeing no other discussion, motion carried unanimously (6-0).

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:

Acting Administrator Ken Roper stated he would like to start by addressing the comment made in public forum regarding the bid protest. He stated under the County Procurement Code, there is a bid protest that immediately goes to the Purchasing Manager. He stated this bid protest went through this process. Then, the appeal right from the Purchasing Manager is sent to the County Administrator. Mr. Roper stated he received the appeal this afternoon. He stated it would be inappropriate of him to comment on the substance of this appeal protest until he has an opportunity to review it. He stated he commits that he will give a fair review to it and look at it in terms of what is best for the tax payers and the Procurement Code.

Councilman Trey Whitehurst asked if it was a difference between the gross weight and the shipping weight.

Acting Administrator Roper stated that will be part of what he has to review, he stated that determination was made by the Purchasing Manager and he will be reviewing to see if his review is in compliance for the bid, the responses, and with the law.

November 5, 2019 – Election Day

Mr. Roper stated he would like to bring to Councils attention that we have an election in Pickens County tomorrow, November 5, 2019. He stated he wanted to reassure all six council members and the public that he has been following up repeatedly with the Elections Director, Rodney Allen. He stated in this email, he does not need anything further from the County for the Election to go successful tomorrow. Mr. Roper stated we will transport tables and voting machines to the polling locations, and when the election is done, they will bring everything back to storage. Mr. Roper stated it will be the first time we have used the new state mandated system. He stated the state mandated system has more than 1 step. He stated you will vote on screen, and it will produce a paper ballot for you, in which you will take to another machine to feed in and it will count your vote. Mr. Roper stated this is intentional and it will feel that you are voting more than once, but you are not. He stated if the lines are a little longer tomorrow, it is because there will be a couple of stations you have to stop at but they are excited to see these machines in action and they hope the election will go off without a hitch.

Councilman Trey Whitehurst asked if the Elections Director was given assistance from the State Elections Board.

Mr. Roper stated he is aware that the State Elections staff did do training on the new machines, and his procedures.

Councilman Wes Hendricks asked what the protocol will be for letting people know the outcome.

Mr. Roper stated everyone will see tomorrow that the results will come out at a different rate than they have in the past. He stated it is true that every election from now on that the compiling will occur, a block of votes will be released, and so forth. Mr. Roper stated that Mr. Allen has assured him it will go slower, and he has alerted the media that it will be slower. He stated that this is anticipated state-wide.

Vice Chairman Chris Bowers asked if they still will be tabulating and posting at the precinct.

Mr. Roper stated that is required by state law that they have to do this.

Vice Chairman Bowers stated he understands that, but he wanted to ensure that was still the plan with these new machines.

New Director of Pickens County Library System

Mr. Roper introduced Stephanie Howard, the new Director of Pickens County Library System to Council.

Madden Bridge Park

Mr. Roper stated that one of the first things he did as Acting Administrator was given notice to proceed on this project as a 120 day project. He stated we are around 120 days in to this project. Mr. Roper advised they were doing final grading on the project today, and are putting down grass this week. He stated the contractor will be demobilizing and we are going to do put some mulch and rocks down that we asked the contractor to obtain. Mr. Roper stated we should be resolved in this entire project in the next week to ten days. He stated he will bring back to Council some photos. Mr. Roper advised there was an issue that was identified. He presented a map of Madden Bridge Park, stating that on the right side, there is a small staircase. He stated that is meant to be a handicap accessible canoe/kayak ramp. One of the issues they noticed when inspecting it was not designed properly to really work. Mr. Roper stated they were back in touch with the Army Core and Michael Hayes (Risk Manager), Tommy Webster (Building Maintenance Superintendent), Army Core Engineers, the Stake Holders and our contracted Architect met on the site and reached a resolution that will have no further cost to the county. He stated they are installing that resolution this week to make it more useful.

Opioid Class Action Lawsuit

Mr. Roper stated he would like to give Council, and the contracted County Attorney, Les Hendricks, an update on the Opioid Class Action Lawsuit. He asked this be added to Executive Session on tonight's agenda.

Mr. Roper asked Council if they had any other questions.

Councilman Ensley Feemster stated when he looked at the new voting equipment; the equipment was stacked up everywhere. He asked if there were any provisions for storing that equipment.

Mr. Roper stated there has been some discussion. He stated instead of one voting machine handling everything, it immediately doubled. He stated you have two machines to cast that one vote. He stated in the past year, the Elections Office has been completely remodeled. Mr. Roper stated he has told the Election Officials that we don't have the flexibility of doing any further remodeling in that area. He stated he met with Rodney Allen and gave him three options on how to store the equipment. He stated that Mr. Allen chose one of the options, which resulted on an employee in that office moving to the reception area and out of a back office. He stated the back office will be used for storage. He stated they are committed to helping find extra storage for the voting equipment in the Administration Building.

Seeing no other discussion, Acting Administrator Ken Roper stated that is all for the Administrators Report.

COMMITTEE REPORT:

The Committee of the Whole met in the Main Conference Room, at the Pickens County Administration Facility, on Monday, October 21, 2019 at 6:00 PM. All members of the committee were in attendance, with the exception of Councilman Trey Whitehurst, with Chairman Roy Costner presiding.

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Roy Costner called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order. Vice Chairman Chris Bowers led the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:

Chairman Roy Costner stated we will begin with Executive Session to discuss the pending board applications.

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

Boards and Commissions – Section 30-4-70 (a) (1)

- o **Pending Board Applications**

Chairman Roy Costner called for a motion to convene into Executive Session as defined by S.C. Code of Laws, Section 30-4-70 (a).

- o Motion was made by Councilman Ensley Feemster, seconded by Councilman Carl Hudson and carried unanimously (5-0), to convene in executive session for the stated purposes.

ACTION AS NEEDED VIA EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS:

- Chairman Roy Costner called the Public Session back to Order and advised the following:
 - o Councilman Carl Hudson made a motion to recommend the following citizens to serve on Pickens County Boards and Commissions:
 - a) Bethlehem Roanoke Water District – Moved to appoint Frank Breazeale, Thomas Watson, Parker Haskett and Austin Townsend to serve on the Bethlehem Roanoke Water District.
 - b) Economic Development Alliance Board – Moved to appoint Joel Ward to serve on the Economic Development Alliance Board.
 - c) Pickens, Oconee, Anderson Mental Health – Moved to reappoint Mary Ann Hunter to serve on the Pickens, Oconee, and Anderson Mental Health Board.
 - d) Recreation Funding Advisory Board – Moved to appoint Chris Spoden & Adam Eller to serve on the Recreation Funding Advisory Board.
 - o Motion was seconded by Councilman Ensley Feemster and carried unanimously (5-0).

Council Action on Executive Session-Pending Board Applications:

- o Councilman Carl Hudson made a motion to recommend the following citizens to serve on a Pickens County Board or Commission. Motion was seconded by Councilman Ensley Feemster and carried unanimously (5-0).
 - a) Bethlehem Roanoke Water District – Moved to appoint Frank Breazeale, Thomas Watson, Parker Haskett and Austin Townsend to serve on the Bethlehem Roanoke Water District.
 - b) Economic Development Alliance Board – Moved to appoint Joel Ward to serve on the Economic Development Alliance Board.
 - c) Pickens, Oconee, Anderson Mental Health – Moved to reappoint Mary Ann Hunter to serve on the Pickens, Oconee, and Anderson Mental Health Board.
 - d) Recreation Funding Advisory Board – Moved to appoint Chris Spoden & Adam Eller to serve on the Recreation Funding Advisory Board.
- o Chairman Roy Costner stated no second is required because this comes as a recommendation from the committee. He asked for all those in favor for accepting this recommendation to please signify by raising your hands. Motion carried (6-0).

E911 – Log No. 105

- Mr. Scott Smith, Emergency Services Director, stated since the last update in April, they have been able to implement some updates to the system. He stated we have some updates still coming, but since then; they have lost two key employees. He stated they have been unable to do the grading of the 911 calls since they do not have any one currently certified. Mr. Smith stated they have been able to fill those positions. He stated they are still committed to the EMD process and they have been able to do some upgrades to the CAD system, which allowed them to activate their cradle point system. He stated this helps them identify the locations of EMS units. After more discussion, Mr. Smith stated the dispatchers have become familiar with this process and more comfortable with the questions. He stated the information is flowing a lot better and a lot smoother. He stated the handling of calls have improved in regards to the time going through the questions. He stated in December, they will be getting the new employee certified to do the grading of the calls. He stated Richard Crowe and Lisa Cassell are closely monitoring the calls, making sure the information is flowing and that we do not have any major hurdles. He stated it is still a work in progress, but he feels they have made great strides in communication flow with 911 and the dispatch center is really good. He stated we have a good team in place.
 - Mr. Ken Roper stated staff is still committed to the program, and he feels it is wise to keep this in the committee log and report back in 3 months.
 - Councilman Hudson stated he feels we should give it 3 months and bring back a detailed report to Council with any updates/results.
 - Vice Chairman Chris Bowers stated the reason for this update was to see how the flow and to give an update. He stated last time this was on the agenda, Council was presented all the data and grading, etc. He stated he is glad to see it moving forward.
 - Chairman Roy Costner stated he had something happen this past week. He stated he was driving down Hwy 183 and he sees in his rear view mirror a car speeding out the parking lot from a liquor store. He stated he called 911 and turned around to try and follow the car. He stated he couldn't catch the car, but he stayed on hold for a pretty long period of time. He asked if it was typical to take this long. He stated when he finally got to talk to someone, they sent him on to Highway Patrol and he waited a while then as well. He stated by the time he was able to talk to Highway Patrol, all he was able to tell them was his name, where he was at and what he saw. He stated the car had already got away from him.
 - Richard Crowe, 911 Technical Specialist, stated they would like to look into this and apologized it happened. They got the time and date from Chairman Costner, and stated they will be going back through the records. He stated they can check the records to see if a high impulse of calls at that time.
 - Councilman Ensley Feemster asked if they have any other carrier attached to the system. He stated some places have a primary and secondary carrier.
 - Mr. Smith stated AT&T is the only supplier for 911 Trump lines. He stated they have equipment carriers, such as telephone equipment, regular equipment, etc. that interact with each other.
 - After more discussion, Chairman Costner stated he would like to keep this on the log for further update in the future.
- ❖ **No Action Taken by the Committee.**

Council Action on Log No. 105: No Action Taken by the Committee.

Speed Bump Ordinance – Log No. 117

- Mr. Roper stated this has been in and out of this committee, and Council has had 1st and 2nd reading. He stated based off the motion made during second reading, this has been recommitted to the Committee Log for further discussion. Mr. Roper stated Clay Baldwin, County Engineer, is here and will be going through the proposed ordinance with Council. He stated Mr. Baldwin will be answering technical questions as well.
- Vice Chairman Chris Bowers stated that he knows the Chairman has spoken with Councilman Whitehurst, but he believes this is one he wanted recommitted to the committee for conversation.
- Chairman Roy Costner stated he asked Councilman Whitehurst if there was anything else on the agenda he wanted to discuss. He stated the only thing he mentioned was the recreation stuff.
- Mr. Roper stated what we could do is have Mr. Baldwin go through the proposed ordinance, and answer any questions you all may have. He stated nothing will happen tonight other than recommending it to be moved out of the committee for third reading, if Council decides that is what they would like to do.
- Mr. Baldwin stated they get 3-5 calls a week of citizens requesting speed bumps on county and state roads. He stated there is no real guidance as to what to do when those requests come in.
- Mr. Baldwin and the Committee had detailed discussion on the proposed Speed Bump Ordinance to include, but not limited to:
 - Minimum Qualifications:
 - The Road must be 800 feet long.
 - The road must have <8% grade.
 - The road must be classified as residential.
 - The road must have a posted speed limit of 25 mph or less.
 - The road must be entirely maintained by Pickens County.
 - No traffic study has been performed in the last 2 years.
 - A county certified petition approved by 75% of property owners on the affected road shall accompany any requests for speed bumps/speed humps.
 - Any request for speed bumps within a subdivision shall be submitted in writing by the Homeowner's Association or other responsible persons and be accompanied by a County certified petition approved by 75% of property owners on the affected road and 25% of the remaining property owners within the subdivision.
 - 85th percentile speed must exceed 15 mph over the posted speed limit.
- Councilman Wes Hendricks asked how he came up with this proposed ordinance.
- Mr. Baldwin stated he used a lot of different sources, including federal guidelines and other county ordinances.
- Councilman Wes Hendricks asked what if there is one road with only 2 people living on it. He asked if there should be minimum criteria for the number of residents living on the road.
- Mr. Baldwin stated it would not be a bad idea, but typically those roads that are less than 800 feet are the roads with only two home owners

on the road.

- Councilman Wes Hendricks asked if this data would be made public.
 - Mr. Baldwin stated yes, it can be.
 - Councilman Carl Hudson asked Mr. Baldwin if they anticipate on having law suits from people's vehicles being damaged on speed bumps.
 - Mr. Baldwin stated that is always a possibility, but using these guidelines, it should drastically minimize the chance of lawsuits. He stated as long as the speed bump itself is instructed the way it should be, and use these guidelines, we should not have many issues.
 - Councilman Wes Hendricks asked what the difference between speed bumps would be.
 - Mr. Baldwin stated it will be around 250-350 feet, just depending on the situation. Mr. Baldwin advised that the design criteria on the proposed ordinance are for himself and any other future engineer to have that guidance. He stated it is to keep up with the guidelines.
 - Chairman Roy Costner asked who comes up with speed limits on roads.
 - Mr. Baldwin stated it is set when a road is designed, and a road is designed based off a certain speed limit. He stated most of our roads do not have designs; they are old paths that eventually got paved.
 - Councilman Wes Hendricks asked if the speed limit is not posted, then what the speed limit is.
 - Mr. Baldwin stated in a rural highway, it is 55 mph and in an urban/city limits, it is 35 mph.
 - Councilman Wes Hendricks asked if there is a law for when the speed limit drops, it has to be in a certain range.
 - Mr. Baldwin stated he is not aware of any laws, but he is sure there is federal guidance.
 - Chairman Costner asked who changes the speed limits.
 - Mr. Baldwin stated he does, he will have to go out and do a traffic evaluation to determine. He stated a lot of the speed limits are set off the 85th percentile speed.
 - Mr. Roper stated if 85% of the people are driving the speed limit, you do not need a speed bump. He stated it is where if you have 20% speeding, you may need a speed bump then.
 - After more discussion, Councilman Wes Hendricks asked what a speed bump costs and where the funding comes from.
 - Mr. Roper stated it will come out of our Roads and Bridges Department Budget and it will be another stress on that budget.
 - Mr. Baldwin stated the speed bumps are usually around \$2500-\$3000, to put up two made of asphalt.
 - After more discussion, Mr. Baldwin stated he feels they will only put up 10-12 speed bumps a year once this gets going. He stated most of the calls received do not fit the minimum qualifications for a speed bump.
 - Councilman Wes Hendricks asked if he feels this prevents abuse.
 - Mr. Baldwin stated absolutely. He stated in the future, he would like to look into the radar signs for the roads not safe to put speed bumps and that do not qualify.
 - Councilman Wes Hendricks asked what would be the remedy regarding two property owners only living on a road.
 - Mr. Baldwin stated you could set a number, but typically when we get these calls they are in more densely populated areas. He stated that would be a rare circumstance.
 - Vice Chairman Chris Bowers asked if there was an incident like Councilman Hendricks is saying, where one property owner wanted the speed bump and one didn't, is this something that could go before an appeals board of some sort.
 - Mr. Roper stated he does not think this would qualify for Zoning and Appeals Board.
 - After more discussion, Vice Chairman Chris Bowers stated an option we do have is if we pass it and something changes where we don't like it, we can always amend the ordinance at any time.
 - Vice Chairman Chris Bowers made a motion to move the Speed Bump Ordinance out of the Committee for 3rd Reading. Motion was seconded by Councilman Ensley Feemster and carried unanimously (5-0).
- ❖ **Vice Chairman Chris Bowers made a motion to move the Speed Bump Ordinance out of the Committee for 3rd Reading. Motion was seconded by Councilman Ensley Feemster and carried unanimously (5-0).**

Council Action on Log No. 117: Vice Chairman Chris Bowers made a motion to move the Speed Bump Ordinance out of the Committee for 3rd Reading. Motion was seconded by Councilman Ensley Feemster and carried unanimously (5-0).

- Chairman Roy Costner made a motion to constitute third reading of Ordinance establishing standards for the installation and operations of speed bumps within Pickens County.
- Chairman Roy Costner stated no second is required because this comes as a recommendation from the committee. He asked for all those in favor for accepting this recommendation to please signify by raising your hands. Motion carried (6-0).

Solar Farm Ordinances – Log No. 132

- Mr. Roper stated Council had first reading on the Solar Farm Ordinances back in November 2018. He stated Chris Brink, with the Planning department, is here to talk about the ordinance itself. Mr. Roper stated he also has some feedback from members of the industry he met with, and he also believes we have citizens who are present tonight specifically for this issue.
- Chairman Costner asked if there were any changes from what was discussed at the last Committee of the Whole meeting.
- Mr. Roper stated no, this is the same ordinance that was originally presented.
- Mr. Brink stated at the last Committee meeting, he took notes from particular issues and questions that were made. He stated he has not made any changes to the ordinance. He stated the Planning Commission will have a meeting on November 11th, and there will be a public hearing on these ordinances.
- Mr. Roper stated he met with a couple of representatives from the solar farm industry, looking at sites and potential location of solar farms in Pickens County. He stated he is bringing Council the data they gave him. Mr. Roper stated they welcome the ordinance, and looking for some type of standard. He stated if you look on page 3-23 in the Solar Farm Ordinance, you will see in the residential buffers is 200ft. He stated the industry thought given the nature of our typography and our small lot sizes; they thought it should be less than 200 feet. Mr. Roper stated that Mr. Brink has seen 200 feet in other jurisdictions, so we don't

necessarily agree with them, but we would like to pass that along. Mr. Roper stated the other point he would like to bring up is Section 3-24, quoting “The Solar energy systems should not exceed 10 feet in height.” Mr. Roper stated the industry wanted 20 feet.

- Mr. Brink stated he has seen these in other jurisdictions, and 10ft is the same height required in Jasper County, which is one of the most successful ordinances in the state.
- After some discussion, Mr. Roper stated another point is in Section 3-25 of the solar farm ordinance. He stated the industry does not like that the entrance runway should include a dogleg or meander. He stated they are also concerned on section 3-26, under decommissioning, regarding anticipated timeline and manner in which the solar farm project will be decommissioned and the site restored to its condition prior to the development of the solar farm. He stated the feedback received from the industry there was if they cut down 50 year old trees, we can't put back 50 year old trees. He stated these are the concerns passed back from the industry.
- Vice Chairman Chris Bowers stated he had a question on page 3-24 regarding the height section. He asked if it mattered how high it is, as long as you have the buffer to cover it.
- Councilman Carl Hudson stated he understands Jasper County has had success with the 10ft, but asked Mr. Brink if anyone has said anything about why they went with 10ft.
- Mr. Brink stated he spoke with staff at Jasper County on several issue, but not necessarily the height. He stated he could go back and ask where that came from. He stated all of this is in here as a starting point for Pickens County for discussion and consideration. He stated something else might make better sense for us, but this is simply a starting point. He stated that he could imagine topography probably plays a role in why they chose 10ft.
- Vice Chairman Chris Bowers stated we have to remember we are talking commercial usage, not personal usage.
- Councilman Wes Hendricks stated he has met with the residents of Cannon Mountain Community and went over the proposed solar farm ordinances with them. He stated they are in favor of this ordinance. He stated solar farms are a “money making” industry, stating the people that are doing it to make money. He stated people sell it for investments. Councilman Hendricks stated the Cannon Mountain Community is overall satisfied of this ordinance. He stated they have researched, toured other solar farms, and what is proposed here is what we need to adopt. He stated our citizens are not going to benefit from this, and it could harm property value for our citizens. He stated we need to take care of our citizens rather than worry about an outsider coming in to make money. Councilman Wes Hendricks stated he feels this ordinance protects those people adjacent to that property.
- Chairman Roy Costner asked if it was his property, and he wants to do something with it, should he be able to do that.
- Councilman Hendricks stated with this ordinance, and if the property fits the criteria, then yes.
- Vice Chairman Bowers stated he had a question regarding the entrance dog leg/meander. He asked Mr. Brink to help him understand this.
- Mr. Brink stated if you are driving down the road, you cannot see directly in the infrastructure. He stated this is the same requirement for 95% of our cell towers. He stated we do not allow direct light of sight into the facility. Mr. Brink advised power companies do not like this for security reasons. He stated from a visual standpoint, if there is a dog leg in that road or entrance, you can't directly see it from the runway. He stated there will be a break in the buffer. Mr. Brink stated visually, there will always be a break in the buffer even though there is a road cutting through that buffer.
- Mr. Allan Rampey, citizen in Pickens County, stated they understood that they could come listen this evening. He stated like Councilman Hendricks spoke, they all realize that renewable energy is important. He stated the placement of this solar farm is very important too. Mr. Rampey stated they are in favor of the ordinance and the standards. He stated their fear is that there would be something built prior to ordinances being developed. He stated they are thankful that Council is listening to them.
- Chairman Costner stated what he struggles with is they go down the paths of deciding what can and cannot be built, and going into the territory of zoning. He stated he has never been a big fan of zoning, because we don't have zoning in Pickens County but we are starting to go down that road.
- Councilman Hendricks stated this ordinance is good for both sides. He stated we are not telling someone they can't do something on their property, we are just asking them to go by these standards. Councilman Hendricks asked Mr. Rampey if they would rather them go ahead and put the solar farm in, without any ordinance, or would you rather have an ordinance in place.
- Mr. Rampey stated they would like to have an ordinance in place.
- Chairman Costner stated he wants an ordinance in place too, but he wants everyone to be aware of the conversation. He stated by definition, we are creating a zoning ordinance on this.
- Vice Chairman Bowers stated for the record, that in section 315D, is what pushed us to be here and is the most important part to him. He stated he feels we all are on the exact same page. He asked everyone to envision a big field and trees all around it that are already 60ft tall. He stated you will never see what is in that field due to the 60ft tall trees around it. He stated the last thing he wants to do is pass an ordinance that states you cannot have something taller than 10 ft., when there are areas that bigger than 10 ft. would work fine. Vice Chairman Bowers asked Mr. Brink if there was anything addressing urban vs. rural areas.
- Mr. Brink stated there is not, but back to the zoning question, this is not restricted to any part of the county. He stated the only restriction that addresses location is the proximity to the infrastructure that it needs to be served. He stated that is the only locational restrictions in the ordinance.
- After more discussion, Councilman Hendricks stated they are looking at two sites right now. One is non-residential, and one is in a community. He stated it is two different scenarios they are looking at.
- Chairman Roy Costner stated he is on everyone side, but he is just trying to look at the bigger picture. He stated he is concerned about unintended consequences, and going down the road making ordinances that are restrictive of personal property rights.
- Councilman Hendricks stated his viewpoint is to take care of all residents in his district, with all fairness to all property owners. He stated he does not care what the dollar amount is; he will not sacrifice the quality of life for people in his area. He stated he wants to be sure it is not detrimental to our citizens. He stated he feels this is fair to our citizens and the companies who want to do this.
- Mr. Allan Rampey stated the one thing he thinks of the ordinances as being is just like a building code. He stated based on what he knows, it gives them standards to go by as opposed to just building something. He stated he feels that is what the ordinance gives them.

- After more discussion, Vice Chairman Chris Bowers stated he likes the ordinance; the only thing he questions is the height requirement. He stated he questions if we really want to be that restrictive on it. Vice Chairman Bowers stated the decommission section is what is so important to him. He stated he understands the concern with having the bond in place, but he can take everyone around the county now to show them things that are standing, that should not be standing because no one put anything in place when they built it. He stated this is exactly what he thinks we need.
 - Chairman Roy Costner stated he would like to keep this on the log for further discussion, and discuss after the planning commission public hearing on November 11, 2019.
 - Councilman Wes Hendricks asked if the planning commission has the authority to make any changes.
 - Mr. Brink stated they can bring recommendations back to Council. He stated what they draft and what they give council is strictly a recommendation. He stated Council will get a copy of the minutes from the meeting.
 - After more discussion, Ms. Nancy Cartee, citizen in Pickens County, wanted to let Council know that they were also there in support of the Ordinance.
- ❖ **No action taken by the Committee.**

Council Action on Log No. 132: No Action Taken by the Committee.

Boards and Commissions Communication – Log No. 130

- Mr. Roper stated he has a consideration from the School Board he would like for Council to consider. He stated when Ipsum Technologies came to Commerce Park, they located in the vacated Tri Tech USA building. He stated an organization came in and offered a piece of high tech machinery, which is a multi-access machine. He stated they offered this to the school district to allow them to use it for training at the career center. He stated the idea here is that the school district will have access to a specific type of equipment that most vocational schools do not have. Mr. Roper advised the school district agreed to cite the machine in their facility to upgrade, and after that, Mr. Singh, with DMG MORI, also agreed to donate a coordinate measuring machine. He stated the Coordinate Measuring Machine will allow Pickens County students learn quality control and zero tolerance manufacturing. He stated this is also a high end machine that would supplement the mission. Mr. Roper advised the company who has offered to donate this half a million dollar machine has asked the school district to contribute \$46,500. He stated he believes the idea here is that the company wants to see the school district committed to this program and is willing to put some money up. After more discussion, Mr. Roper stated the school district has come to the county asking if the county would be willing to partner on this. He stated the school district would contribute \$23,250, if the county would contribute \$23,250. He stated his commitment with Dr. Merck is that he would bring this to Council as information for Council to consider.
- Vice Chairman Chris Bowers stated Alliance Pickens does a fundraiser each year for the Career and Technology Center. He asked if this was not the kind of thing that those funds would go towards.
- Mr. Roper stated his understanding is those funds are committed elsewhere. He stated this would be above and beyond those funds.
- Councilman Wes Hendricks asked where those funds are committed to.
- Mr. Roper stated they are committed to pay for an employee.
- Vice Chairman Chris Bowers stated the way they described it at the fundraiser, those funds are for continued improvement of the Career and Technology Center.
- Mr. Roper stated he may be talking about a different fundraiser. He stated he feels that if that was available, then Council's action would not be needed. He stated he will inquire on this and get back with Council before October 23rd.
- Vice Chairman Bowers stated he understands the importance and he was there when the guy donated the equipment. He stated it is a school district of Pickens County building, ran by the school district of Pickens County. He stated while he appreciates the relationship Council has with the school district of Pickens County, because he does believe it is detrimental to the future of the County, he questions the level.
- Chairman Costner stated the school district takes the biggest chunk of taxes from everyone.
- Councilman Wes Hendricks stated he would like for Council to consider that spending money is tough, but to think about the extra commitment Council is making working with our schools. He stated a lot of citizens have moved to Pickens County because of how good Pickens County schools are. Councilman Hendricks stated most all business talk about the Career and Technology center, and how it is helping them relocate to Pickens County. He stated a few weeks ago, he went to the Upstate Alliance Luncheon and they had a panel of site consultants from all over the country talking about what they look for when they locate a business. He stated some of the things they talked about were commitment of education, workforce and government working with business. He stated it is painful to spend money; however, one way to look at this is we are investing in this as an extra recruiting tool to show we are partners with our school district. Councilman Hendricks stated we want these businesses to come and we are showing our willingness to accommodate these businesses so our citizens will benefit with jobs in their location.
- Vice Chairman Bowers stated he understands what Councilman Hendricks is saying, and he agrees, but that is why out of this budget, we have Mr. Farley. He stated we also pay 50% of another salary for a gentleman, which we joined with the School District of Pickens County on, to retain businesses and determine what the businesses in our community needs so that the Career and Technology Center could prepare those students. He stated Alliance Pickens hosts an event every year to raise money from the business community to support the school district. He stated we are doing these things. He stated would that not be better suited to come from that group, instead of a line out of our budget and funds. He stated the School District of Pickens County is the highest taxing body in the county. Vice Chairman Bowers stated he would feel bad taking money out of the county's budget to offset that, when we have this arm already supporting us.
- Chairman Costner asked if the only fundraising Alliance Pickens boards only host the one event. He stated this would be a question he has for the Alliance Pickens Board is if there is opportunity for Alliance Pickens not to partner with that additional money through fundraising efforts.
- Mr. Roper stated just to be clear, if Council does decide this is what they would like to do, the money would come from fund balance.
- Councilman Hudson stated Pickens County runs all services in the County, from Roads and Bridges, Sheriff's Office, etc. out of 30% of the total taxes. He stated the School District gets 65%. He stated there will come a time when they ask the School District what they are spending, because it never seems like it is enough money. He stated he is for education, but we can't go to the School District and tell them we have a road problem and ask for money. He stated every function of the county is run on 30 something percent.
- Chairman Costner stated he is proud of working with this Council because we have established a great working relationship with the schools, municipalities, etc. and he thinks it is important that we continue this relationship.

- Councilman Hudson stated in just about every area of our function, we need more funds for it. He stated there comes a time where we have to say we have to take care of our primary functions.
 - Chairman Costner stated our side of this with the schools and Career and Technology Center is figuring out what we are going to do in the future for Economic Development within the county. He stated that is going to take significant amount of money, and perhaps we should ask the School District for some of that.
 - Vice Chairman Bowers stated he thinks it is the arm of the county is working with the school district the closest, the Career and Technology center the closest, and already raising funds for the Career and Technology Center. He stated they are donating a lot of money.
 - Mr. Roper stated he strongly suspects that will not be available to us, but he will check into it.
 - Councilman Feemster stated his early career at Tri-County Tech, he taught electronics and someone donated a piece of computer equipment. He stated he didn't immediately have an opportunity to learn about that, but he had a student who messed with it every afternoon and one day he came into work, and the student called him back and stated "what is this tape coming out of this machine." He stated he figured out how to work on it. He stated he has seen people who have a chance to work on something like that become very successful.
 - Vice Chairman Bowers stated he understands the importance, and he believes the County has a role in recruiting new businesses, but he believes in sense in other things that have been done in business. He stated while it all does play together, he does have to agree with Councilman Hudson. He stated he does believe there is another avenue they can explore without it coming from our general fund.
 - Councilman Wes Hendricks asked what would happen if we do not give \$23,000.
 - Mr. Roper stated if we do not do half, he does not know if the school district will come up with the other half.
 - Vice Chairman Bowers stated he does not believe we can commit to anything contractually, but he does believe there is an avenue needed to explore before making a decision.
- ❖ **No action taken by the Committee.**

Council Action on Log No. 130: No Action Taken by the Committee.

- Vice Chairman Chris Bowers asked if he could speak on agenda item B before dismissing. He stated he is highly disappointed and staff knew prior to coming in tonight that there was an update coming with E911. He stated the sole purpose was to come in and look at the grading of EMD, and to make sure we are actually doing it. He stated we got none of that information at all and he is highly disappointed.
- Mr. Roper stated there is no one certified to do the grading right now.
- Vice Chairman Bowers stated they knew that when Mr. Campbell left.
- Mr. Roper stated when he came on board; this was an issue that was pending at that time. He stated he will go back to them with that feedback.

ADJOURN:

Hearing no further Committee business, Chairman Roy Costner called for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Vice Chairman Chris Bowers, seconded by Councilman Wes Hendricks and carried unanimously (5-0).

COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE:

Chairman Roy Costner announced the following:

- Chairman Roy Costner stated Council will have a Council Workshop next Monday, November 11, 2019 at the Pickens County Hampton Memorial Library. The meeting will begin at 6:00 pm.
- Chairman Roy Costner stated the following change to the County Council's schedule. The Committee of the Whole will not meet in November. The meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 18, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. has been cancelled. Council would like to honor all public servants throughout the county at the Pickens County Municipal Association Annual Banquet, which is scheduled that evening.
- The Pickens County Council has made a change to their meeting schedule for December: The regular called council meeting for December AND the Committee of the Whole for December will both be held on the third Monday of December. The meetings will be held as follows:
Monday, December 16, 2019
6:30 PM – Council Meeting
7:30 PM – Committee of the Whole
In the Auditorium of this Facility.

Chairman Roy Costner called for other council correspondence.

- Mr. Roper stated that Angie Farmer, Executive Director of Behavioral Health Services, was supposed to come speak this evening about the Opioid Lunch and Learn on Thursday, December 5th at 11:30 a.m. here at the County Administration Building. He stated Ms. Farmer left due to not feeling well. Mr. Roper stated this lunch and learn will be about the opioid epidemic here in Pickens County. The guest speakers attending the lunch and learn are Eric Bedingfield, Former

SC State Representative, Jennifer Woodard, Palmetto Foundation for Prevention and Recovery and Steve Grant, Chris and Kelly's HOPE Foundation.

- Chairman Costner stated the Pickens County Veteran's Parade and Veteran's Show will take place on Sunday, November 10th at the Pickens County Performing Arts Center. He stated the parade will begin at 3:00 p.m., and the show will begin at 4:00 p.m.

Seeing no other correspondence, Chairman Roy Costner announced moving to Motion Period and New Business.

MOTION PERIOD AND NEW BUSINESS:

Chairman Roy Costner opened the floor for motion period.

- Chairman Roy Costner made a motion to add Opioid Litigation to Executive Session under this evening's agenda. Motion was seconded by Councilman Trey Whitehurst and carried unanimously (6-0).

Hearing no other items for Motion Period, Chairman Roy Costner closed the floor.

Chairman Roy Costner opened the floor for new business.

Hearing no items for new business, Chairman Roy Costner closed the floor.

CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION 2019-24 IN SUPPORT OF LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT, ESTABLISHING CONDITIONS BY WHICH RETIREES MAY RETAIN THEIR SERVICE WEAPONS, AND MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

Chairman Roy Costner asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2019-24.

- Motion was made by Vice Chairman Chris Bowers, and seconded by Councilman Carl Hudson. Chairman Costner asked if there was any discussion.
 - Councilman Carl Hudson stated for many years, prior administration had given the retired officers the opportunity to retain their service weapon. He stated there was some discussion after Sheriff Clark came to office if they could continue doing that. Councilman Hudson stated the Sheriff wanted the Councils blessing in doing this. He stated there is a state law that deals with this, but this is just caution to have the blessing of County Council to do this. He stated this would allow him the opportunity when he has an officer that retires, that he can let that officer retain his service weapon.
 - Seeing no other discussion, motion carried unanimously (6-0).

FIRST READING IN TITLE ONLY OF AN ORDINANCE NO. 579 TO CERTIFY THE AMERICAN HOUSE SPINNING MILL AS A TEXTILE MILL SITE UNDER THE SOUTH CAROLINA TEXTILES COMMUNITIES REVITALIZATION ACT, AND MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

Chairman Roy Costner asked the Acting Administrator, Ken Roper, to update Council on this Ordinance.

Mr. Roper stated the Mill is in Central, SC. Mr. Roper presented to Council a map of where the Mill is located. He stated a company is in the process of buying this Mill from America Spinning and they have asked for Council to certify under the South Carolina Textile Communities Revitalization Act that this used to be a Mill, but is now no longer a Mill. He stated this would trigger their eligibility for income and/or property tax credit. He stated that he does not want Council to confuse this with the County Ordinance tax credit that we had on a similar project in Easley. He stated this is a state project that is totally separate and distinct. He stated what he committed to the folks coming to do this project is that he would bring it before Council to see if Council agrees that it is an abandoned textile mill and qualified

under the state act. Mr. Roper stated this is first reading in title only so he would anticipate depending on how council will be proceeding tonight. He stated he will bring more information during second reading or at the Committee of the Whole.

Chairman Roy Costner asked for a motion to constitute Ordinance No. 579.

- Motion was made by Councilman Ensley Feemster, and seconded by Councilman Carl Hudson. Chairman Roy Costner asked if there was any discussion.
 - Councilman Trey Whitehurst asked by state statute, when we declare a historical site, and then they get a tax credit on their property taxes, which is what we collect.
 - Mr. Roper stated they have an option where they can claim a 25% income tax credit, or a 25% property tax credit.
 - Councilman Whitehurst stated this mill has been here for a long time and if they get a tax break and they aren't going to do anything with it, then that encourages them to hang on to it. He stated he would rather sell it, and would rather have a discussion on this before doing first reading. Councilman Whitehurst stated these people have come to us and we have no time frame or what they are going to do.
 - Chairman Roy Costner asked Mr. Roper what they anticipate to do with the project.
 - Mr. Roper stated they have talked about their plans to Mr. Roper, but he is not sure how much they want that lively known at this point. He stated before we completed the process though, it would be widely known.
 - Councilman Whitehurst stated he would like to see this go to Committee of the Whole and have the company come discuss.
 - Vice Chairman Chris Bowers asked Mr. Roper how this is any different than what we do with Economic Development.
 - Mr. Roper stated this was not driven through Alliance Pickens; this is a private company who has history of doing this sort of thing. He stated the company stated they are thinking about remodeling this mill for x future use. He stated you are declaring it is a textile mill and it is now abandoned. He stated it is not really a historic destination, but more a textile mill destination. Mr. Roper stated he would like for Council to have the information they need and does not want them to feel pressure to move forward unless they would like to.
 - Councilman Trey Whitehurst moved to amend the motion, stating he would like to see this committed to the Consent Agenda to be discussed in Committee of the Whole and have the company come present. Motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Chris Bowers and carried unanimously (6-0).

CONSIDERATION OF AN INDUCEMENT RESOLUTION 2019-26 IDENTIFYING A PROJECT TO SATISFY THE REQUIREMENTS OF TITLE 12, CHAPTER 44 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE, SO AS TO ALLOW INVESTMENT EXPENDITURES INCURRED BY MILLIKEN & COMPANY, ITS AFFILIATES AND RELATED ENTITIES AND CERTAIN SPONSOR AFFILIATES TO QUALIFY AS EXPENDITURES ELIGIBLE FOR A FEE-IN-LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAXES ARRANGEMENT WITH PICKENS COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA; PROVIDING FOR ANY OTHER NECESSARY AGREEMENTS WITH THE COMPANY TO EFFECT THE INTENT OF THIS RESOLUTION; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

Chairman Costner asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2019-26.

- Motion was made by Councilman Trey Whitehurst, seconded by Vice Chairman Chris Bowers and carried unanimously (6-0).

PUBLIC HEARING AND THIRD READING OF AN ORDINANCE NO. 576 AUTHORIZING A FEE-IN-LIEU OF TAX ARRANGEMENT PURSUANT TO A FEE AGREEMENT BETWEEN PICKENS COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, AND MILLIKEN & COMPANY, A DELAWARE CORPORATION, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO THE FOREGOING.

Chairman Roy Costner opened the public hearing for comments regarding Ordinance 576. Seeing none, Chairman Costner declared the public hearing closed.

Chairman Roy Costner asked for a motion to constitute third reading of Ordinance 576.

- Motion was made by Councilman Ensley Feemster, seconded by Vice Chairman Chris Bowers and carried unanimously (6-0).

PUBLIC HEARING AND THIRD READING OF AN ORDINANCE NO. 577 AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO 2010 FILOT AGREEMENT BETWEEN PICKENS COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND MILLIKEN & COMPANY TO EXTEND THE TERM OF THE FILOT AGREEMENT FOR AN ADDITIONAL TEN YEARS.

Chairman Roy Costner opened the public hearing for comments regarding Ordinance 577. Seeing none, Chairman Costner declared the public hearing closed.

Chairman Roy Costner asked for a motion to constitute third reading of Ordinance 577.

- Motion was made by Councilman Wes Hendricks, seconded by Vice Chairman Chris Bowers and carried unanimously (6-0).

PUBLIC HEARING AND THIRD READING OF AN ORDINANCE NO. 578 AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO 1999 FILOT AGREEMENT, AS AMENDED, BETWEEN PICKENS COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND MILLIKEN & COMPANY TO EXTEND THE TERM OF THE FILOT AGREEMENT FOR AN ADDITIONAL TEN YEARS.

Chairman Roy Costner opened the public hearing for comments regarding Ordinance 578. Seeing none, Chairman Costner declared the public hearing closed.

Chairman Roy Costner asked for a motion to constitute third reading of Ordinance 578.

- Motion was made by Vice Chairman Chris Bowers, seconded by Councilman Ensley Feemster and carried unanimously (6-0).

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. DISCUSSION ON AN ORDINANCE NO. 579 TO CERTIFY THE AMERICAN HOUSE SPINNING MILL AS A TEXTILE MILL SITE UNDER THE SOUTH CAROLINA TEXTILES COMMUNITIES REVITALIZATION ACT, AND MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

- Motion was made by Councilman Trey Whitehurst, seconded by Vice Chairman Chris Bowers and carried unanimously (6-0).

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

Chairman Roy Costner called for a motion to convene into Executive Session as defined by S.C. Code of Laws, Section 30-4-70 (a). Chairman Costner further stated that each issue would be discussed as the Law provides.

- Motion was made by Councilman Ensley Feemster, seconded by Councilman Carl Hudson and carried unanimously (6-0), to convene in executive session for the stated purposes after a five minute recess.

Personnel – Section 30-4-70 (a) (1)

- Acting Administrator Monthly Report

Contractual Issues- Section 30-4-70 (a) (2)

- Pickens County Water Authority
- Opioid Class Action Law Suit

Boards and Commissions – Section 30-4-70 (a) (1)

- Board and Commission Vacancies (43):
 - e) Assessment and Appeals
 - f) Beautification Committee
 - g) Bethlehem Roanoke Water
 - h) Construction Board of Appeals
 - i) Economic Development Alliance Board
 - j) Emergency Services Advisory Board
 - k) Library Board of Directors
 - l) Pickens County Grievance Committee
 - m) Pickens, Oconee, Anderson Mental Health
 - n) Planning Commission
 - o) Public Service Commission
 - p) Recreation Funding Advisory Board
 - q) Sedgewood Tax District
 - r) Tri-County Board of Visitors
 - s) Water Authority
 - t) WORKLINK
 - u) Zoning and Appeals
 - v) *Pickens County Museum Non-Profit Corporation Board
 - w) *Pickens County Performing Arts Center Non-Profit Corporation Board

ACTION AS NEEDED VIA EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS:

Chairman Roy Costner called the Public Session back to Order and advised the following:

Personnel – Section 30-4-70 (a) (1)

- Acting Administrator Monthly Report – **No Action Taken**

Contractual Issues- Section 30-4-70 (a) (2)

- Pickens County Water Authority – **Chairman Roy Costner asked for a motion to award a grant of \$50,000 to Pickens Regional Joint Water System.**
 - **Motion was made by Councilman Ensley Feemster, seconded by Councilman Carl Hudson and carried unanimously (6-0).**
- Opioid Class Action Law Suit – **No Action Taken**

Boards and Commissions – Section 30-4-70 (a) (1)

- Board and Commission Vacancies (43):
 - **Chairman Roy Costner asked for a motion to approve the following people to these Pickens County Boards and Commissions:**
 - **Motion was made by Councilman Wes Hendricks, seconded by Councilman Ensley Feemster and carried unanimously (6-0).**
 - x) Assessment and Appeals
 - y) Beautification Committee
 - z) Bethlehem Roanoke Water

- aa) Construction Board of Appeals
- bb) Economic Development Alliance Board – **Moved to appoint Eric Smith to the Economic Development Alliance Board.**
- cc) Emergency Services Advisory Board – **Moved to appoint Paul Howland to the Emergency Services Advisory Board.**
- dd) Library Board of Directors
- ee) Pickens County Grievance Committee
- ff) Pickens, Oconee, Anderson Mental Health
- gg) Planning Commission
- hh) Public Service Commission
- ii) Recreation Funding Advisory Board
- jj) Sedgewood Tax District – **Moved to appoint Michael Beeco to the Sedgewood Tax District.**
- kk) Tri-County Board of Visitors
- ll) Water Authority
- mm) WORKLINK
- nn) Zoning and Appeals – **Moved to appoint Benjamin Weeks to District 1 seat of Zoning and Appeals, and move Kenneth Keith to District 3 seat.**
- oo) *Pickens County Museum Non-Profit Corporation Board
- pp) *Pickens County Performing Arts Center Non-Profit Corporation Board

ADJOURN:

Hearing no further Council business, Chairman Roy Costner called for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Vice Chairman Chris Bowers, seconded by Councilman Wes Hendricks and carried unanimously (6-0). Pickens County Council stood adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectively Submitted:

Approved:

Meagan Bradford, Clerk to Council

Roy Costner, Chairman of County Council