

Regular Pickens County Council Meeting

December 16, 2019

7:23 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 December 3, 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 December 16, 2019 to order and welcomed those in attendance. Councilman Wes Hendricks led the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. Ms. Elisabeth Gibson, with Southern Wesleyan University, sang the National Anthem.

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. Allan Quinn: Mr. Quinn stated he is there to speak regarding the lack of Economic Development in Pickens County. Mr. Quinn stated last month, he described how almost all the development in Pickens County, since most of Council was elected, is expansions of current companies here. He stated after he asked for Councils feedback, received none, took a seat and then received feedback from Councilman Chris Bowers. He stated that Councilman Bowers stated two things for the record: the most economic development in SC is driven by current business expansions and new small businesses. He stated that is a true statement. The second thing that Councilman Bowers stated was there were new companies coming to SC. He stated that is also a true statement but none of these businesses are being recruited to come to Pickens County. Mr. Quinn stated he was going to have to use his three minutes this month to explain why company expansions are bad for Pickens County. He stated if a company who pays low wages expands, what are you going to get? Mr. Quinn advised you will get low paying jobs again. He stated unemployment is very low here. He stated any jobs coming to Pickens County need to be high-tech, well-paying jobs for our citizens and their descendants. He stated he does not understand why Council gives the pushback they do to protect the leadership of Pickens Alliance at the Commerce Park over the well-being of our citizens. He stated after all, Pickens Alliance is County Employees. Mr. Quinn stated that Easley is a bedroom city to Greenville. He stated unless Council takes positive action and quits "kicking the can down the road," then during the next year when most of their terms expire, it may be too late. He stated the growth in this area is going to be so great they will need a plan to address it now or it will be forever too late. He stated it is their responsibility as County Council,

and the County Administrator, to hold Pickens Alliance accountable and raise the bar much higher for new jobs that need to be recruited here. He stated we do not have an unemployment problem here, we have an under-employment problem. Mr. Quinn stated we are surrounded by counties who are doing very well in this arena, but Pickens County is doing poorly. He stated what Council does in this arena will be their legacy to the citizens and their descendants.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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

- November 4, 2019
 - November 11, 2019 Council Workshop
- Motion was made by Councilman Ensley Feemster, seconded by Vice Chairman Chris Bowers and carried unanimously (6-0).

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Courthouse

Mr. Roper stated he would like to update Council on an incident that happened late yesterday evening at the Courthouse. He stated an HVAC Water Supply Line ruptured above the third floor of the Courthouse. He stated it soaked the office space beneath it, the floors, and the hallways down below. Mr. Roper stated it caused a significant amount of damage. He stated the Clerk of Court, Mr. Welborn, and Building Maintenance responded in the middle of the night and were able to get a lot of it minimized. He advised the Risk Manager has already contacted our insurance carrier and they have already been out to access it, so they anticipate this will result in an insurance claim. Mr. Roper stated he wanted Council to know they are addressing it and court operation were disturbed a little, but court moved forward as scheduled. He stated most of these areas were not public areas.

Operation Dragonfly

Mr. Roper stated there has been some confusion that people think Operation Dragonfly is a county endeavor. He stated we are cooperating with Operation Dragonfly, which is a private fundraising group that has gone out to secure this helicopter to honor Captain Kimberley Hampton. He stated it has successfully been placed at the Easley Library. He stated he is proud of how our Risk Manager, Roads and Bridges Crew, and our welding shop did this, when none of them had been trained to do this. He stated there wasn't a playbook for this but they were good with communicating with each other. Mr. Roper advised that Operation Dragonfly will have a more official dedication ceremony on a date that is more significant with Captain Hampton's family.

Vice Chairman Chris Bowers stated the reason it is at the Easley Library is because that is the name sake for the Easley Library. He stated the helicopter is a replica of what she was in when she was shot down.

Census 2020

Mr. Roper stated it is a Census Year, and he presented a photo of the complete Census Committee meeting that took place last week. He stated being counted for the Census is a very important thing and it impacts our ability to receive funding from the federal government. He stated it triggers certain obligations and responsibilities under state law, and also gives us an accurate count of the people we are providing services too in the county. Mr. Roper advised the issue with Pickens County is we usually do very well with our responses. He stated there are certain undercounted areas, and presented a map to Council showing the undercounted areas. He stated the complete count committee is bringing in

stakeholders and we are going try to emphasize those areas. After more discussion, Mr. Roper stated the census count day is April 1st, 2020.

Chairman Costner stated he attended an SCAC Conference earlier this month and spoke with Economic Development people there. He stated based on the projections that they believe we will be counted, although our county is growing, other counties are growing significantly more. He stated based on the number they anticipated, we will receive less money in state funding.

Council Workshop

Mr. Roper stated Council had a workshop on November 11, 2019 and set goals for 2020. He presented the 6 main goals, and stated he has shared this with all employees in the County. He advised that he encouraged all department heads and employees to save this as their desktop background. Mr. Roper stated Council set these goals, and we are going to take them seriously. He stated he will report back to Council each month with how we are doing on these six goals. He stated he wanted to talk about one of them this evening, and that is Goal #5: Develop Comprehensive Tourism Approach. He stated he has visited with the tourism department and discussed that they are going to restructure in keeping with the Councils vision. He stated we have done a good job as a county and staff as marketing our tourism destinations. He presented a slide with different tourism destinations in Pickens County. He stated he will be asking the tourism department to take on a broader vision. Mr. Roper stated we want to change our focus to try to attract tourist. After more discussion, Mr. Roper stated they have a more specific proposal coming up on tonight's agenda.

Upcoming Holidays

Mr. Roper stated the County will be closed on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, but we will have normal operating hours on December 23rd and December 26th.

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

COMMITTEE REPORT:

Council Action on Log No. 105, E911: No Action Taken by the Committee

Council Action on Log No. 137, 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:

Councilman Trey Whitehurst made a motion to recommend this item to go to full Council for first reading in title only. Motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Chris Bowers and carried unanimously (6-0).

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).

Council Action on Log No. 133, SOLID WASTE NEEDS: No Action Taken by the Committee.

COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE:

Chairman Roy Costner announced the following:

- County Offices will be closed on Tuesday, December 24th and Wednesday, December 5th for the Christmas Holiday.
- The next Council Meeting will be on Monday, January 6th at 6:30 PM in this auditorium.

- Due to Martin Luther King Holiday on Monday, January 20th, the next Committee of the Whole meeting will be on Tuesday, January 21st, 2020 at 6:00 PM in the Main Conference Room of this facility.

Chairman Roy Costner called for other council correspondence. 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 Census Discussion to the Consent Agenda. Motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Chris Bowers 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 2019-27 CONGRATULATING D. W. DANIEL HIGH SCHOOL'S MARCHING BAND AS THE WINNERS OF THE CLASS 3A SOUTH CAROLINA BAND DIRECTOR'S ASSOCIATION MARCHING CHAMPIONSHIP.

Chairman Roy Costner asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2019-27.

- Motion was made by Councilman Ensley Feemster, seconded by Councilman Carl Hudson, and carried unanimously (6-0).

Chairman Roy Costner recognized the Daniel High School Band Team, and asked them to please step to the front of the auditorium. Chairman Costner read the resolution as followed:

WHEREAS, Pickens County is the home of D. W. Daniel High School, a public secondary school offering excellent education and training to our citizens; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of Principal Shannon Sharkey, Daniel High School has established excellent fine arts programs, including a competitive marching band directed by Chaz Paxton; and

WHEREAS, at the South Carolina Band Director's Association Marching Championship at Chapin High School on Saturday, October 26, 2019, Daniel High's Marching Band placed first in the Class 3A division; and

WHEREAS, this is the second consecutive year that a Pickens County High School has claimed both first and second place in the Class 3A Championship, highlighting the dedication of the student musicians in our county; and

WHEREAS, Pickens County recognizes the hard work and exemplary performance of Daniel High School Band, and is appreciative of the fine representation they made for all of Pickens County;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that Pickens County Council, in recognition of outstanding achievement that brings honor to our county as well as D. W. Daniel High School, does hereby congratulate D. W. Daniel High School Band as the winners of the Class 3A South Carolina Band Director's Association Marching Championship.

CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION 2019-28 CONGRATULATING D. W. DANIEL HIGH SCHOOL'S GIRLS GOLF TEAM ON THEIR SECOND CONSECUTIVE CLASS AAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

Chairman Roy Costner asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2019-28.

- Motion was made by Councilman Trey Whitehurst, seconded by Councilman Wes Hendricks, and carried unanimously (6-0).

Chairman Roy Costner recognized the Daniel High School Girls Golf Team, and asked them to please step to the front of the auditorium. Chairman Costner read the resolution as followed:

WHEREAS, Pickens County is the home of D. W. Daniel High School, a public secondary school offering excellent education and training to our citizens; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of Principal Shannon Sharkey and Athletic Director Dr. Tommy Plumblee, Daniel High School has established an excellent athletic program, including a Girls Golf Team led by Coach Andy Swords; and

WHEREAS, the Daniel High Girls Golf Team has won five consecutive Class AAAA Upper State Competitions qualifying them for the Class AAAA State Championship; and

WHEREAS, at the South Carolina High School Class AAAA State Championship at Shipyard Golf Club on Hilton Head Island, on October 29, 2019, the Daniel High Girls Golf Team won by 52 strokes; and

WHEREAS, Pickens County recognizes the hard work and exemplary performance of the Daniel High Girls Golf Team and is appreciative of the fine representation the team made for all of Pickens County;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that Pickens County Council, in recognition of outstanding achievement that brings honor to our county as well as D. W. Daniel High School, does hereby congratulate D. W. Daniel High School's Girls Golf Team for their second consecutive win at the Class AAAA State Championship.

CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION 2019-29 CONGRATULATING D. W. DANIEL HIGH SCHOOL'S MARI CAGLE LOCKART AS INDIVIDUAL GIRL'S CHAMPION FOR AAAA CROSS COUNTRY.

Chairman Roy Costner asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2019-29.

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

Chairman Roy Costner recognized Mari Cagle Lockart, and asked her to please step to the front of the auditorium. Chairman Costner read the resolution as followed:

WHEREAS, Pickens County is the home of D. W. Daniel High School, a public secondary school offering excellent education and training to our citizens; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of Principal Shannon Sharkey and Athletic Director Dr. Tommy Plumblee, Daniel High School has established an excellent athletic program, including a cross country program led by Coach Ashley Perry; and

WHEREAS, at the South Carolina High School Cross Country State Championships Competition in Camden on Tuesday, November 19, 2019, Daniel High Cross Country Team member Mari Cagle Lockart placed first in the Girl's Area All-State race with a time of 18:16.94; and

WHEREAS, Pickens County recognizes the hard work and exemplary performance of Mari Cagle Lockart, and is appreciative of the fine representation she and the entire Daniel High School team made for all of Pickens County;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that Pickens County Council, in recognition of outstanding achievement that brings honor to our county as well as D. W. Daniel High School, does hereby congratulate Mari Cagle Lockart for placing first in the 2019 AAAA Cross Country Championship.

CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION 2019-30 CONGRATULATING LIBERTY HIGH SCHOOL'S ALEXANDRA STANCELL AS THE UNLIMITED DIVISION STATE CHAMPION IN THE SECOND SC HIGH SCHOOL STRENGTH COACHES ASSOCIATION STATE CHAMPIONSHIP STRENGTH MEET.

Chairman Roy Costner asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2019-30.

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

Chairman Roy Costner recognized Mari Cagle Lockart, and asked her to please step to the front of the auditorium. Chairman Costner read the resolution as followed:

WHEREAS, Pickens County is the home of Liberty High School, a public secondary school offering excellent education and training to our citizens; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of Principal Josh Oxendine and Athletic Director Kyle Stewart, Liberty High School has established an excellent athletic program; and

WHEREAS, at the Second SC High School Strength Coaches Association State Championship Strength Meet at Dorman High School in Spartanburg, on November 16, 2019, Alexandria Stancell participated for Liberty High School in the three events, the bench press, the squat, and the standing broad jump; and

WHEREAS, Pickens County recognizes the hard work and exemplary performance of Alexandria Stancell and is appreciative of the fine representation she and the other competitors from Liberty High made for all of Pickens County;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that Pickens County Council, in recognition of outstanding achievement that brings honor to our county as well as Liberty High School, does hereby congratulate Liberty High School's Alexandria Stancell for her win at the Second SC High School Strength Coaches Association State Championship Strength Meet.

RECEIPT OF 2019 AUDIT AND CAFR AWARD

Mr. Aaron Parris and Ms. Lacey Grimm stated his partner, Allan Robinson, was unable to attend tonight. He stated there are two documents that Council has in their packets that represent the audit; one is the CAFR Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, and the other is letter to Council. He stated on the financial statement, there are three different reports/opinions. Mr. Parris stated the audit is published with a clean or unmodified audit opinion. He stated the audit is concluded and presented as a final document. Mr. Parris advised there is a National Certificate of Excellence that is awarded by the Government Finance Officers Association. Seeing no discussion, Chairman Costner moved forward with the next item on the agenda.

CONSIDERATION OF COMPREHENSIVE TOURISM PLAN – CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE / NATIONAL HERITAGE CORRIDOR

Mr. Roper stated during the Council Workshop, Council asked him to come up with a plan that would be comprehensive in nature for the tourism endeavors to the County. He stated that some meeting back, Council designated the 30% ATAX money to be used for marketing. He stated he looked at that designation and tried to determine a recommendation he could make to Council tonight to kick off this comprehensive approach. He stated he is presenting a proposal tonight of examples of other jurisdictions who have done this marketing analysis to determine what the best way for Pickens County to attract tourist and tourist revenue. He stated he has a proposal from the South Carolina National Heritage Corridor and this is the organization that was set up under federal law that stretches from here to the coast, and is designed to figure out ways to attract tourist to our areas. Mr. Roper advised they proposed to come engage with a series of public meetings, meetings with Council, Pickens County Employees, Citizens, etc. to determine an avenue forward for branding and marketing Pickens County. He stated it sets up ways to incorporate our local municipalities in this plan and will give us a clear vision forward as we look to market tourism in Pickens County. Mr. Roper stated this plan is something we can use for years. He stated they need \$30,000 of the \$50,000 designated money to begin this process. He stated they would look at collecting another \$30,000 at the end, which would be after June when we collect our new 30% money. Mr. Roper stated for the amounts that are left over, he came up with a recommendation. He stated he has discussed this approach with some of the local chambers of commerce. He stated Council has already talked about Lake Hartwell Country and he got a specific proposal from them. The proposal included a Visitor Guide App (for IOS and Android), Pocket Hiking Guide, Scenic Road Map and Social Media Marketing. He stated they are asking for \$9,000 and he believes that matches with Council regional approach they would like to do.

Staff Proposal for a comprehensive County Tourism Plan for FY20 is as follows:

- \$30,000.00 SC Heritage Corridor to begin Marketing Study
- \$10,000.00 Lake Hartwell Country to promote Pickens County regionally
- \$10,000.00 Available for local Chambers of Commerce on a grant/application basis
- (proposals must be consistent with County Tourism Plan to qualify)

Councilman Trey Whitehurst asked at what point the 30% money has to be spent.

Mr. Roper stated they have actually already spent it, in terms of designating it for marketing.

Councilman Whitehurst asked if he has talked with some of the municipalities regarding the Heritage Corridor.

Mr. Roper stated he has spoken with the local Chamber of commerce's, and the town of Pickens.

After more discussion, Vice Chairman Chris Bowers had a question regarding Lake Hartwell Country. He stated if we were to give them \$10,000 to start the branding, and a year from now our logo may change; are they willing to work with us.

Mr. Roper stated yes, they will update everything to remain funded through the mechanism.

Chairman Roy Costner asked if the SC Heritage Corridor is an agency.

Mr. Roper stated they are a stand-alone agency.

Chairman Costner stated if they are a stand-alone agency, and we are going to spend \$60,000 with them, should we not put this out to bid.

Mr. Roper stated there is a procedure in our procurement code, which allows for a designation of someone who is uniquely situated to provide a service. He stated he has made that finding. Since they have a track record in our area of doing this same thing, we've seen the end product and he feels this is the appropriate agency to do this. He stated he feels we could find other agencies that do different types of plans, but he does not know we can hit this price point.

Councilman Whitehurst stated he is a little hesitant on the \$10,000 for municipalities because many years ago, they used to do this with recreation funds where people bid. He stated they ended up having winners and losers, and when people start bidding money it becomes political. He stated he wants to have the unique unity of everything with everyone working together.

After much more discussion between Council, Mr. Roper stated from his standpoint of having talked to the SC Heritage Corridor, the primary importance is the marketing plan. He stated the secondary importance to this would be the Lake Hartwell Country because they are putting brochures out now that perhaps do not include enough information about Pickens County as they would like. He stated they are putting them in Welcome Centers as people drive in. He stated he would love for us to go ahead and get started in that process because they can go ahead and start developing the app, and printing the brochures.

Chairman Costner stated in his opinion, he feels the money is in line because it is going to take a significant amount of work and manpower to go out and talk to these people. He stated he is not sure on the tools that will be used to get the messaging out.

Vice Chairman Chris Bowers stated it sounds to him like the \$20,000 is where the real question is. He stated do really need an APP, pocket guides, etc. He stated that is all part of implementation and figuring out our targeted audience.

Mr. Roper stated he would love to tell them up front that we are doing this process, and to come be partners with us.

Chairman Costner asked if there was another way to incentivize the chambers and municipalities, and how do we get everyone on board.

Councilman Whitehurst stated we have always worked with the municipalities on stuff such as projects, etc. He stated we have done a good job with working with them. He stated he wants to see what this company will come up with and from there; we get our proposal and figure out what needs to be done.

- After much more discussion, Councilman Trey Whitehurst made a motion to accept the \$30,000 to SC Heritage Corridor to begin the marketing study and hold off on the other \$20,000 until more information from SC Heritage Corridor. Motion was seconded by Councilman Ensley Feemster.

Chairman Roy Costner asked if there was any discussion:

- Vice Chairman Chris Bowers moved to amend the motion, stating to approve the \$30,000 and hold the other \$20,000 until more information is gathered.
- Motion carried unanimously (6-0).

HAGOOD MILL UPDATE

Mr. Billy Crawford, Director at Hagood Mill, presented a presentation on Hagood Mill and had limited discussion on the following: Chairman of Hagood Mill Foundation (Robert Sams), Director (Billy Crawford), The Art of the Community, Heritage Pavilion Events, World Class Talent, Third Saturday Events, such as the Native American Festival, SC State Fiddling Championship, Celebrating the Traditions of South Carolina, Field Trip for Kids, Historic Cabins, Life-Long Learning in the Arts, ATAX Events; such as the Storytelling Festival and Native American Festival, Musical Performers, and Talented Vendors.

Mr. Robert Sams, Chairman of Hagood Mill Foundation, stated Council received the handouts with the income and expenses at Hagood Mill. He stated they appreciate the support. He stated it cost a quarter of a million to operate Hagood Mill, and the county gives them \$134,000 for this first year. He stated they have had to spend around \$10,000 on stage, office equipment, tables and chairs, and the petroglyph site for monitored security. Mr. Sams stated they set up an account with Edward Jones so they can accept stocks and other funds. He stated they are putting their capital funds in with Edward Jones, so it does a little bit of interests. He stated they also have an account with TD Bank with \$1000. Mr. Sams stated he provided bank statements, and their goal is to be as transparent as possible. He stated their bookkeeper resigned last week.

Councilman Trey Whitehurst stated if he could get with Ralph Guarino, Finance Director, and work on putting together a proper financial statement that would be helpful. He stated he appreciates him looking at each event, and he likes the income loss on those, but a balance on everything would be helpful. He stated it is not readable as a document because there are things in here that do not make sense.

Mr. Sams stated he would like to work with the Roads and Bridges Department to see if they can help them enclose the building, instead of hiring an outside contractor.

Councilman Carl Hudson stated he thought Hagood Mill had someone who was going to completely enclose that in and fund all the materials.

Mr. Sams stated that promise is gone.

After more discussion, Mr. Sams stated this is county property we are improving and we would like some help.

Chairman Costner stated he doesn't think it will be a problem with the County helping out. He stated they have done a good job with the events, but to Councilman Whitehurst point, it is tough to figure out the expenses based off what they received. He stated it takes around \$250,000 to run, which the County is giving \$134,000 to help. He asked what the total dollar amount in grants they have received in the past 6 months.

Mr. Sams stated Davey Hiott giving the \$50,000 was the only one, other than the arts council for specific projects. He stated that one went through the roof because they were able to get an ad in the SC Co-op magazine travel guide. He stated a private donor gave \$10,000 for the fiddling contest, for prize money.

Chairman Costner stated they are just trying to understand what the total expenses are to run Hagood Mill, and where are the sources of income coming from. He stated they have great opportunities for people who are coming to visit. He stated the goal is to completely come self-sufficient eventually. He stated it is unfortunate that David Hosea did not keep his promise.

Mr. Sams stated Mr. Hosea does not know about the permitting process and he is an impatient person. He stated they could also get certified local government to help.

Mr. Roper stated certified local government is something that the department of archives does, where they say if you take this extra step, and you pass these specific ordinances, it qualifies you for another round of funding.

Councilman Hendricks asked how their fundraiser turned out where they sold tables.

Mr. Sams stated they were plus \$21,000, because they had a lot of sponsorships for that event as well. He stated it was very successful, and they plan to do it again but maybe smaller scale and less expensive.

Councilman Trey Whitehurst stated one of their tasks as Council is to look at the overall health of Hagood Mill and that is where a full balance sheet and income loss would help them in evaluating that. He stated Ralph knows exactly what he is talking about.

After more discussion, Mr. Sams stated he will get with Mr. Guarino and get the balance sheet they are looking for.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. CENSUS DISCUSSION *(AS ADDED DURING MOTION PERIOD AND NEW BUSINESS)*
 - o 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
- Retiree Benefits
- Engineering Vacancy Options

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

- Landfill

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

- Board and Commission Vacancies (43):
 - a) Assessment and Appeals
 - b) Beautification Committee
 - c) Construction Board of Appeals
 - d) Economic Development Alliance Board
 - e) Emergency Services Advisory Board
 - f) Library Board of Directors
 - g) Planning Commission
 - h) Public Service Commission
 - i) Recreation Funding Advisory Board
 - j) Sedgewood Tax District
 - k) Tri-County Board of Visitors
 - l) Water Authority
 - m) WORKLINK
 - n) Zoning and Appeals
 - o) *Pickens County Museum Non-Profit Corporation Board
 - p) *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**
- Retiree Benefits – **No Action Taken**
- Engineering Vacancy Options – **No Action Taken**

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

- Landfill – **No Action Taken**

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

- Board and Commission Vacancies (43): **Councilman Trey Whitehurst made a motion to appoint the following citizens to a Pickens County Board or Commission. Motion was seconded by Councilman Wes Hendricks and carried unanimously (6-0).**
 - a) Assessment and Appeals
 - b) Beautification Committee
 - c) Construction Board of Appeals

- d) Economic Development Alliance Board
- e) Emergency Services Advisory Board
- f) Library Board of Directors – **Moved to appoint Kathleen Campbell to District 3 seat on the Library Board of Directors, and move Chris Ducker to District 5 seat.**
- g) Planning Commission – **Moved to reappoint Terry Nation to District 3 seat on the Planning Commission.**
- h) Public Service Commission
- i) Recreation Funding Advisory Board
- j) Sedgewood Tax District
- k) Tri-County Board of Visitors
- l) Water Authority
- m) WORKLINK
- n) Zoning and Appeals
- o) *Pickens County Museum Non-Profit Corporation Board
- p) *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 10:18 p.m.

Respectively Submitted:

Approved:

Meagan Bradford, Clerk to Council

Roy Costner, Chairman of County Council