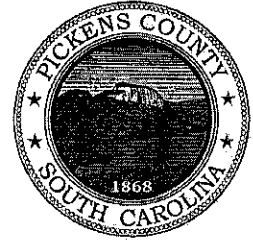


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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

Monday, April 19, 2021

6:00 PM

**Main Conference Room, County Administration Facility
222 McDaniel Avenue, Pickens SC 29671**

1. WELCOME: Chairman Chris Bowers
INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Vice Chairman Roy Costner
2. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:
 - a. **Log No. 161** – Council Rules
 - b. **Log No. 135** – Discuss Policy behind reserving County Property
 - c. **Log No. 172** -- Budget Work Session
3. ADJOURN:

No. 2(b):

**Log No. 135- Discuss Policy
behind reserving County
Property**

Meagan Nations

From: Ken Roper
Sent: Monday, April 12, 2021 10:53 AM
To: Meagan Nations
Cc: Jessica Varney; Allison Fowler; Ray Farley; Tommy Webster
Subject: Committee of the Whole Log No. 135

Meagan,

As background on **Log No. 135, Discuss policy behind reserving County Property**, this item was placed in the COW back in the fall of 2019 and was related (at least in part) to the prohibition of alcohol on county property.

County staff is faced with requests from time to time to allow consumption of alcohol at county-owned facilities. Current policy of Council is that no alcohol is allowed on county property, regardless of circumstances. This is certainly a wise policy, and one that I would not recommend we abandon, given that the family-oriented nature of our county parks - not to mention our workplace requirements - necessitate strict no-alcohol operations.

That being said, organizations like the Hagood Mill Foundation and the Dacusville Community Center do approach us from time to time about events that could be enhanced if alcohol were served in some limited way. For example, the upcoming Dacusville Art Show was originally envisioned as a wine and cheese affair, but our existing policy prohibits this type of event. Similarly, Council tasked the Hagood Mill Foundation with fundraising to offset taxpayer support, yet they are forced to turn away wedding reception revenue where alcohol might be served. While we would not want to change the nature of daily operations of our parks and our other county-owned properties, we do recognize that limited alcohol consumption in a controlled environment would be viewed as an enhancement by potential customers and many members of the public.

Accordingly, it is my recommendation that the Council consider allowing staff to develop guidelines for permitting **temporary and limited** consumption at county facilities. We would require specific hours of alcohol service, and only beer and wine. We would also require proof of insurance and verification that reasonable precautions will be followed to prohibit overindulgence. Staff would need to develop a written application, which would set parameters around timing, notice, and buffering from other events and the public. We could, as a condition of approval, require notice to law enforcement as well.

If staff could review such event applications, and formally permit occasional temporary service of beer and wine, I believe that it would have a positive impact and maximize the use of our county facilities by our partners and the public.

Thank you,

Ken