

**Pickens County Council**  
**Budget Work Session Report**  
**Tuesday, April 27, 2021**  
6:00 PM  
Main Conference Room  
222 McDaniel Avenue  
Pickens, SC 29671

Pickens County Council met to hold a work session to discuss the FY 2021-2022 proposed budget. Chairman Chris Bowers presided with all members in attendance. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Council Members in Attendance:

Chris Bowers, Chairman  
Roy Costner, Vice Chairman  
Trey Whitehurst  
Ensley Feemster  
Alex Saitta  
Henry Wilson

Staff in Attendance:

Ken Roper, County Administrator  
Meagan Nations, Clerk to Council  
Les Hendricks, Contract County Attorney  
Ralph Guarino, Finance Director

- Council had detailed budgetary discussion on Fire, EMS, and Rescue that included, but was not limited to:
  - Fire Discussion
    - Fee structure for fire fees
    - Collection rate on fire fees
    - Forecast for revenue expense
    - FEMA Grant
    - Fire Fee District Structure
    - Update on Emergency Services Board
    - Self-contained breathing apparatus equipment (SCBA)
    - Fire engine equipment
  - Rescue Discussion
    - 3-unit rescue squads (Central/Six Mile, Pickens, Easley)
    - Rescue statistics (# of calls dispatched, # of calls responded to, # of calls not responded to, # of reports not completed)
    - SERT Program
    - Cost for rescue, budgetary standpoint, structure, funding
    - Council asked staff to come up with proposal to add to Emergency Management
  - EMS Discussion
    - Call volume trend (12% increase per year)
    - 2020 Disposition Data (PowerPoint)
    - Recommendations on new station in future for Easley
    - QRV's fire stations
    - PILOT program

Council started discussion on the Library and Roads issue, but would like to schedule another Budget Work Session for those topics.

**ADJOURN:**

Hearing no further Council business, Chairman Chris Bowers called for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Councilman Henry Wilson, seconded by Vice Chairman Roy Costner and carried unanimously (6-0). Pickens County Council stood adjourned at 8:26 p.m.