

Regular Pickens County Council Meeting

August 16, 2021

6:30 PM

County Council met in regular session, in the Auditorium of the County Administration Facility, with Chairman Chris Bowers presiding. Agendas, bearing date, time, and location of meeting were mailed to members of council and local news media on August 10, 2021.

Council Members in Attendance:

Chris Bowers, Chairman

Roy Costner, Vice Chairman

Trey Whitehurst, Vice Chairman Pro-Tem

Alex Saitta

Ensley Feemster

Henry Wilson

Staff in Attendance:

Ken Roper, County Administrator

Meagan Nations, Clerk to Council

Les Hendricks, Contract Attorney

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Chris Bowers called the meeting of August 16, 2021 to order and welcomed those in attendance. Councilman Alex Saitta led the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Chairman Chris Bowers opened the Public Forum and requested the Clerk to call upon the citizens signed up to speak, and who left a voicemail through the County phone in Council Chambers.

1. Johnnelle Raines: Ms. Raines addressed Council regarding an event to take place at the Hampton Memorial Library this week. She stated the library is scheduled to show a movie titled "Wrath of Man," which is Rated R. Ms. Raines went into discussion on how violent the movie is and how it has no educational value. She stated advertising and enticing citizens to come view this filthy movie inside the library is against their mission and against the purpose of their taxpayer educational funding.
2. Maggie Erickson: Ms. Erickson addressed Council regarding the Code Enforcement Issue on Six Mile Highway. She stated she is there for an update on this issue, which she understands is forthcoming from Mr. Roper, and also to publicly express their concern over the Seneca Journal's Article that was published last Friday. She went into discussion on the society of professional journalist ethics considerations. She asked Council to please continue pursuing every lawful remedy regarding the Six Mile Highway home.
3. Wayne Turner: Mr. Turner addressed Council regarding the use of alcohol on County Property for events.
4. Richard McWay: Mr. McWay addressed Council regarding the resolution on this evening's agenda designating August as Immunization Awareness Month. He went into detailed discussion

on last month's agenda item regarding COVID-19 Vaccination Resolution and his opinion on the Covid-19 Vaccination.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Chairman Chris Bowers called for a motion to approve the following minutes as presented:

- July 12, 2021 Regular-Called Council Meeting
- July 26, 2021 Special-Called Meeting

- Motion was made by Councilman Ensley Feemster, and seconded by Vice Chairman Roy Costner. Chairman Bowers asked if there was any discussion.
 - Councilman Alex Saitta amended the motion, stating on page 5 of the regular-called meeting minutes on July 12, 2021, the motion needs to state that Councilman Costner, Councilman Saitta and Councilman Whitehurst opposed to the motion. Councilman Roy Costner seconded the amended motion and it carried unanimously (6-0).
 - Councilman Trey Whitehurst stated he will abstain from voting, as he was not present at the July 26, 2021 Special-Called Meeting.
- Seeing no other discussion, the motion carried unanimously (5-0), with Councilman Trey Whitehurst abstaining.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

COVID-19 Response Briefing

Mr. Roper updated Council on COVID-19 cases in Pickens County. Mr. Roper stated there are currently 836 active cases reported in Pickens County, within the last 14 days. He stated there have been three hundred seventeen (317) deaths in Pickens County due to COVID-19. He advised a total of 20,691 confirmed cases of COVID-19 have been reported in Pickens County since March 20th, 2020.

Mr. Roper gave Council information on the DHEC Vaccine Statistics. He stated 40,442, or approximately 37.2%, of Pickens County residents have completed vaccinations.

He stated the Pickens County Vaccination Clinic has moved locations, and is now being held at the Pickens County Museum of Art and History at 307 Johnson St. in Pickens, SC. He stated the clinic is on Tuesday from and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. All appointments can be made through DHEC's Vaxlocator website and walk-ins are welcome.

Pickens County Capital Improvement Plan Update

Mr. Roper gave Council more information on the implementation of the Capital Improvement Plan and the status of items that have been approved by Council. He went into detailed information on a spreadsheet for the 5-year plan for capital purchases. He stated he will be updating Council monthly on these capital purchases and their status.

SCAC Awards Presentation

Mr. Roper stated Pickens County was recognized by SCAC for our three entries in the Annual Awards Competition: Covid-19 Response and Resiliency Showcase, J. Mitchell Graham Award "Pickens County Collaborative Repair Program" and the Barrett Lawrimore Regional Cooperation Award "Pickens County Broadband Initiative."

Office Space for EMS Director for DHEC

Mr. Roper stated the EMS inspector for DHEC needs a temporary office while Greenville County renovates County Square. He stated Pickens County EMS staff has a spare office at EMS's offices on Walhalla Highway to offer as needed.

Solid Waste Update

Mr. Roper gave a brief update on the new shredder located at Solid Waste. He presented some photos of the shredder in operation. He stated the shredder has been running for a little over one month now. Mr. Roper gave some statistics over a three-week period on how the shredder has helped out. He stated it is more than doubling our efficiency.

Code Enforcement Issue on Six Mile Highway

Mr. Roper gave an update on the Code Enforcement Issue on Six Mile Highway.

Environmental Enforcement

Mr. Roper stated Council has two documents in their packet this evening – Report and Recommendation on Environmental Enforcement from the Community Development Director and the International Property Maintenance Code Document.

New Job Postings on Website

Mr. Roper advised to Council that the Litter Control Officer Positions and the Alliance Pickens Position has been posted on the County Website on the Human Resources page.

Mr. Roper asked if Council had any questions for him.

Council had questions for Staff that included:

- New Plan for Recycling Plastics – educating the public
- Rules when a County accepts a road into County Maintenance System
- Spike in COVID-19; what has the County done and how are we accommodating

COMMITTEE REPORT:

The Committee of the Whole met in Main Conference Room, at the Pickens County Administration Facility, on Monday, July 19, 2021. All members of the committee were in attendance, with Chairman Chris Bowers presiding. Councilman Trey Whitehurst led the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Chris Bowers called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:

2021 Accommodations Tax Funding Requests – Log No. 167

- Ms. Allison Fowler, PRT Director, stated the ATAX money that Council will be discussing this evening is the 60% money that we are required to hand out to outside organizations or accommodations tax.
- Council & Staff had detailed discussion on these Accommodations Tax Applications that included:
 - Definition of what Accommodations Tax funding can be spent on
 - ATAX Application Format
 - Clemson Spring Rowing Project – Clemson Area Chamber of Commerce
 - Pickens County Marketing & Promotion with Lake Hartwell Country
 - Glamping – Hagood Mill Foundation
 - Veteran's Appreciation Show at Pickens County Performing Arts Center
 - Rensing Artist Program – The Rensing Center
- After much more discussion between Council, Council made motions on the following:

Minutes for August 16, 2021 Pickens County Council Meeting

- Vice Chairman Roy Costner made a motion to amend the Committee’s recommendation and fund the Veterans Appreciation Show, at the PCPAC, for \$8,650.00. Motion was seconded by Councilman Trey Whitehurst and carried unanimously (6-0).
- Chairman Chris Bowers made a motion to amend the Committee’s recommendation and fund the Mountainview Americana Art Show, with Foothills Art Foundation Inc., for \$5,000.00. Motion was seconded by Councilman Henry Wilson and carried unanimously (6-0).
- Chairman Chris Bowers made a motion to amend the Committee’s recommendation and fund the Dacusville Farm Show, with Dacusville Heritage Association, for \$2,000.00. Motion was seconded by Councilman Henry Wilson and carried unanimously (6-0).
- Chairman Chris Bowers made a motion to pull out the SC Entertainment Hall of Fame Transition to Pickens, with the SC Entertainment Hall of Fame, for further discussion and to find out more information. Motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Roy Costner and carried unanimously (6-0).
- Councilman Henry Wilson made a motion to pull out the Rensing Artist Program, with The Rensing Center, for further discussion and to find out more information. Motion was seconded by Councilman Trey Whitehurst and carried unanimously (6-0).
- Councilman Trey Whitehurst made a motion to approve the following as amended. Motion was seconded by Chairman Chris Bowers and carried unanimously (6-0).

Ref No.	Name of Organization	Name of Project	Recommended Amount	Comments
1	Upstate Heritage Quilt Trail	Promotion of Pickens County through the Upstate Heritage Quilt Trail	\$ 4,675.00	
2	Six Mile Issaqueena Festival	Six Mile Issaqueena Festival	\$ 5,000.00	
3	Clemson Area Chamber of Commerce	New Website for Visit Clemson	\$ 4,500.00	
4	Clemson Area Chamber of Commerce	Clemson Spring Rowing	\$ 8,500.00	
5	Lake Hartwell Country	Pickens County Marketing & Promotion	\$ 10,000.00	
6	Palmetto Conservation Fund	Palmetto Trail – Pickens County partnership	\$ 5,000.00	
7	Pickens Rotary Club	Ride to the Rock	\$ 600.00	
8	Dacusville Heritage Association	Dacusville Farm Show	\$ 2,000.00	
9	The Rensing Center	Rensing Artists Program	\$ 0.00	<i>Would like more information and to have further discussion.</i>
10	Town of Central/Friends of the Green Crescent Trail	Green Crescent Trail Connector	\$ 30,000.00	
11	Hagood Mill Foundation	Glamping	\$ 25,000.00	
12	Pickens Azalea Festival, Inc.	Pickens Azalea Festival	\$ 12,000.00	
13	Pickens County Performing Arts Center	Veterans Appreciation Show	\$ 8,650.00	
14	SC Entertainment Hall of Fame	SC Entertainment Hall of Fame Transition to Pickens	\$ 0.00	<i>Would like more information and to have further discussion.</i>
15	Foothills Art Foundation, Inc.	Mountainview Americana Art Show	\$ 5,000.00	
16	Clemson Aquatic Team	Clemson Aquatic Team Meets	\$ 14,490.00	
17	Town of Central	HUK Disc Golf Tournament	\$ 4,000.00	
18	City of Clemson	Twelve Mile Recreation Area	\$ 18,500.00	
TOTAL			\$ 157,915.00	

- **Council Action on Log No. 177** – Councilman Trey Whitehurst made a motion to approve the following as amended. Motion was seconded by Chairman Chris Bowers and carried unanimously (6-0).

Chairman Bowers stated no second is required as this comes as a recommendation from the Committee. He asked for all those in favor to please signify by raising their hands. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).

Discussion of County Road User Fee – Log No. 139

- Mr. Hendricks stated on June 30, 2021, our Supreme Court issued an opinion in the Burns vs. Greenville County, which changed the previous attest that was used by the courts to determine what was a tax, and what was a fee. He stated our Road User Fee that we passed in 2001 falls clearly to being illegal. Mr. Hendricks gave more detailed information on the Supreme Court’s opinion and how they met their conclusion. He stated he has had conversations with the Pickens County Treasurer and Pickens County Auditor to make sure they were aware of the case and knew what was going on. He stated our road user fee is no longer valid, and once we knew it was illegal, we cannot collect that fee anymore. He stated they have not sent out any bills in August with the road user fee on it. Mr. Hendricks stated one of the issues is we pay a portion of our road maintenance fee to the municipalities. He stated we collect \$2.2 million, and 75% goes to the County; the remainder goes to the municipalities.
- Council & staff had detailed discussion that included, but was not limited to:
 - Municipalities
 - Mr. Hendricks referenced to Council Justice Kittredge’s concurring opinion
 - Millage caps
 - Council would like more information from staff on:
 - Total amount collected by Road Use Fee in FY21
 - Total amount paid to the County from this fee
 - Total amount paid to each City from this fee
 - Revenue lost per Supreme Court decision
 - Anticipated Fee to be collected for August-December
 - Estimated loss by October 1st
 - Tax Bills go out in October

❖ **Vice Chairman Roy Costner made a motion to move forward with 1st Reading in Title Only at the next Council Meeting, to keep things the same with the municipalities and do the \$2.2 million, and eliminate the road user fee. Chairman Chris Bowers seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).**

- **Council Action on Log No. 139** – Vice Chairman Roy Costner made a motion to move forward with 1st Reading in Title Only at the next Council Meeting, to keep things the same with the municipalities and do the \$2.2 million, and eliminate the road user fee. Chairman Chris Bowers seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).

CONSIDERATION OF A PLAN FROM STAFF FOR FY2022 COMPENSATION ADJUSTMENTS WITHIN EXISTING COMPENSATION PLAN UTILIZING FUNDS (1%) PREVIOUSLY ALLOCATED BY COUNCIL – Log No. 179

- Mr. Roper recognized Lisa Bryant, Director of Human Resources. Ms. Bryant presented Council with a Memorandum regarding compensation adjustments utilizing 1% allocated by Council. She stated in 2016 a compensation study was requested and conducted, and in July 2016, Council approved to send the received compensation plan to committee for review. She stated staff is attempting to extend the life of that compensation plan as much as possible by specifically targeting those positions within the county that, because of market changes we are having trouble filling, or because the duties of a position have changed during these past five years and therefore the compensation for the position needs to be adjusted accordingly.
- Mrs. Bryant shared the following information to Council to note when reviewing this information:
 1. *All job positions within the county are slotted in pay grade, and each pay grade has a minimum, mid-point and maximum pay range.*
 2. *In calculating the overall cost to implement these changes, we must also include the additional costs as a result of making these changes such as the increase in payroll costs (ex: FICA, etc.) as well as the resulting increase in the employer contribution to the South Carolina Retirement System. Therefore, you will note that the total cost to implement is less than the total 1% (\$255,000) allocated.*

3. *And finally, sometimes with compensation changes the individual increase amount might seem small, but the overall impact to gross income for the employee is much more significant. Such is the case for our EMS employees, as their regular schedule involves built-in over-time. Additionally, there is often over-time involved as a result of helping covering shifts for reasons such as vacations, illness/injuries, leaves of absence, and/or vacant positions.*
- Council had detailed discussion that included but was not limited to:
 - Were incentives, signing bonuses, etc. included a part of the plan?
 - Differences between MEO I, MEO II and MEO III (Driver)
 - Recommendation from Staff on positions in EMS, Solid Waste/Roads & Bridges, Airport, Register of Deeds, Voter Registration & Probate Court
 - Public Education Campaign of requirements for recycling attendants
 - Discussion on competitiveness pay for drivers; an extra \$20,000 is needed to fix the pay for the drivers and to retain employees
 - Council would like for staff to bring back information on annual salaries at the next meeting
- ❖ **No Action Taken by the Committee.**
- **Council Action on Log No. 179 – No Action Taken by the Committee.**

ADJOURN:

Hearing no further Committee 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). Meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

The Committee of the Whole met in Main Conference Room, at the Pickens County Administration Facility, on Monday, July 26, 2021. All members of the committee were in attendance, with Chairman Chris Bowers presiding, with the exception of Councilman Trey Whitehurst.

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Chris Bowers called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:

CONSIDERATION OF A PLAN FROM STAFF FOR FY2022 COMPENSATION ADJUSTMENTS WITHIN EXISTING COMPENSATION PLAN UTILIZING FUNDS (1%) PREVIOUSLY ALLOCATED BY COUNCIL – Log No. 179

- Chairman Chris Bowers stated this is a follow up conversation from our previous conversation last Monday evening. He stated we asked Staff for more detailed information to bring back to Council. He stated some of this information is sensitive based on personnel, and to be careful when discussing.
 - Mrs. Bryant stated staff has identified the areas where we feel we need to concentrate on, which is Roads and Bridges/Solid Waste EMS, Recycling, and Misc. Mrs. Bryant presented Council with four options, and went into discussion with each option explaining the increase, annual increase and the cost to the County.
- Council and Staff had detailed discussion that included but was not limited to:
 - Mrs. Bryant presented Council with a chart that included:
 - Information on positions
 - # of employees in each position
 - Action
 - Current minimum
 - New minimum
 - Increase amount for current EE's
 - Annual Increase Range LOW

- Annual Increase Range HIGH
 - Current Annual Comp (AVG)
 - Avg. Annual Increase
 - New Annual Comp (AVG)
 - Cost
 - Discussion on CDL licenses
 - EMS Discussion and requirements for paramedic and EMT's
 - EMT built in overtime
- ❖ **Councilman Alex Saitta made a motion to accept the proposal from staff as recommended. Motion was seconded by Councilman Henry Wilson and carried unanimously (5-0).**
- **Council Action on Log No. 179** – Councilman Alex Saitta made a motion to accept the proposal from staff as recommended. Motion was seconded by Councilman Henry Wilson and carried unanimously (5-0).

Chairman Bowers stated no second is required as this comes as a recommendation from the Committee. He asked for all those in favor to please signify by raising their hands. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).

Discussion of County Road User Fee – Log No. 139

- Chairman Bowers stated that Council has in front of them questions and answers that were asked at the COW Meeting on 7/19/21. This included:
 - Total amount collected by Road User Fee
 - Total amount paid to the County from this fee
 - Total amount paid to each City from the fee
 - Revenue lost per Supreme Court decision
 - Anticipated Fee collections August – December
 - Council & staff had detailed discussion that included, but was not limited to:
 - Draft Language for Ordinance
 - Municipalities
 - Discussion on amount of money needed to have sustainable plan on fixing roads
 - CTC (County Transportation Committee) money
 - Administration Fees between Counties
 - Map of County Roads
 - Additional ideas to raise funding for roads
 - Census Discussion on population growth
- ❖ **No Action Taken by the Committee.**
- **Council Action on Log No. 139** – No Action Taken by the Committee.

ADJOURN:

Hearing no further Committee business, Chairman Chris Bowers called for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Councilman Ensley Feemster, seconded by Councilman Henry Wilson and carried unanimously (5-0). Meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE:

Chairman Chris Bowers announced the following:

- The next Committee of the Whole meeting will be on Monday, August 30, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the Main Conference Room of the Administration Building.
- The next Council Meeting will be held on Monday, September 13, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers of the Administration Building.
- Non-Essential County Offices will be closed on Monday, September 6, 2021 in observance of the Labor Day Holiday.
- An informational table is set up in the Lobby this evening with more information about current vacancies and upcoming openings on Pickens County Board and Commissions. If you are interested in serving on a board, please stop by the table or please see the Clerk to Council, Meagan Nations, for more information. The next After Hours Opportunity Fair will take place on Monday, August 16th, 2021 from 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm, which is before our next Council Meeting. Please make plans to attend, come network, and learn more about Pickens County Boards and Commissions. If you have any questions, please see the Clerk after this meeting.

Chairman Bowers called for other council correspondence.

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

MOTION PERIOD AND NEW BUSINESS:

Chairman Chris Bowers opened the floor for motion period and new business.

- Councilman Trey Whitehurst made a motion to add Discussion about the Library Matinee Meetings on Wednesdays. Motion was seconded by Councilman Ensley Feemster and carried unanimously (6-0).
- Councilman Alex Saitta stated he would like to add legal matters regarding Hagood Mill Memorandum of Understanding to Executive Session on this evenings agenda. Motion was seconded by Councilman Trey Whitehurst and carried unanimously (6-0).
- Chairman Chris Bowers made a motion to add 1st Reading in Title Only of an Ordinance to this evening’s agenda to call for a referendum regarding Sunday Alcohol Sales in Pickens County and to be added to the Committee Log as well. Motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Roy Costner and carried (5-1), with Councilman Alex Saitta opposed.

Seeing no other discussion, Chairman Bowers closed the floor.

CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION 2021-19 RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER 2021 AS NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH IN PICKENS COUNTY.

Chairman Bowers asked for a motion to consider Resolution 2021-19.

- Motion was made by Vice Chairman Roy Costner, and seconded by Councilman Ensley Feemster. Seeing no discussion, the motion carried unanimously (6-0).

CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION 2021-20 REQUESTING THAT THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA ASSUME MAINTENANCE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL ROADS FOR WHICH THEY WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR BRINGING INTO THE ROAD SYSTEM.

Chairman Bowers asked for a motion to consider Resolution 2021-20.

- Motion was made by Vice Chairman Roy Costner, and seconded by Councilman Trey Whitehurst. Chairman Bowers read the Resolution as presented. Seeing no discussion, the motion carried unanimously (6-0).

KEEP PICKENS COUNTY BEAUTIFUL AFFILIATE CERTIFICATION PRESENTATION

Mr. Roper stated staff was notified on Friday that due to the increase of COVID numbers, Keep Pickens County Beautiful would not be traveling to the meeting this evening, and they will look to do that in a future meeting of Council. He stated staff has completed the Keep Pickens County Beautiful Certification process, which will open us up to grant possibilities and also educational possibilities.

UNITED WAY OF PICKENS COUNTY VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Mr. Roper stated we anticipated having Lindy Shonhar, Campaign Manager for United Way, here with us this evening but she has sent in a written statement in lieu of appearing this evening with a similar COVID concern. Mr. Roper read the written statement from Ms. Shonhar:

“Each year, United Way of Pickens County selects one individual to receive the Volunteer of the Year Award. It is awarded to someone who goes above and beyond to serve our community through volunteerism. This year, as we contemplated who that recipient might be, it wasn’t a single individual that came to mind...but Pickens County Administration as a whole. It is our honor and privilege, at United Way of Pickens County, to present the Volunteer of the Year Award to each individual at Pickens County, who committed their time, talents, and resources to our community during such challenging and unprecedented times.

When the pandemic first hit, United Way hosted several community-wide virtual calls with non-profits and government representatives. Anytime an agency expressed a need they had, the Pickens County Administration would volunteer to fill that need. Pickens County became an extension of the United Way of Pickens County and non-profit network all across the county. Pickens County volunteers took great initiative in identifying ways they could help, going above and beyond the call of duty. They eagerly offered their time and expertise, as well as resources such as vehicles and equipment, to make sure the most vulnerable in our community continued to receive the services they needed. Everything was closed except for essential services. Pickens County was truly ne of the only resources we had to fill immediate needs during the early days of COVID. Employees responded to the crisis and stepped outside their normal scope of duties and their comfort zones to do whatever was needed. Their willingness allowed us to work as one unit collaboratively. There was nothing they wouldn’t do. Anything we asked of them, they did it. They kept people safe and fed, and we are incredibly grateful for each and every Pickens County employee. We can think of no one more deserving of the 2021 Volunteer of the Year Award.

The award will be formally (and virtually) presented at United Way’s Annual Meeting. This free, virtual event will take place on August 26th from 10-11am.”

CONSIDERATION OF STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO ALLOCATE FUNDING FOR LOW BID ON SEWER LINE EXTENSION IN THE PICKENS COUNTY COMMERCE PARK (PROJECT JERICHO).

Mr. Roper stated this may be assumed to already be approved on Council’s behalf because of a couple of factors, but he thought it was best to keep Council informed and give you the opportunity to weigh in. He stated Council approved Project Jericho with the Fee in Lieu, and our sewer line does not extend all the way to that site or to the adjacent site. He stated this funding would allow the extension of that sewer line.

He stated we are accepting the low bid here and have money in the park expense account to pay for this and then it will be replaced with the taxes that are paid from the park. He stated he did not see anywhere that Council had approved this specifically so he wanted to make sure Council had the opportunity.

Chairman Chris Bowers made a motion to approve staff's recommendation to extend the sewer line as part of Project Jericho. Motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Roy Costner. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).

UPDATE ON THE PROPOSAL OF REPURPOSING OLD JAIL

Chairman Bowers stated that Reverend Moss has been working with Administration on coming up with ideas to utilize the old stockade to rehabilitate individuals coming out of jail. Chairman Bowers stated he would like to hear an updated from Rev. Moss on where they stand.

Reverend Moss gave Council a detailed update on what they have been doing to prepare.

Chairman Bowers asked if there is anything he needs from Council or Administration moving forward.

Rev. Moss stated he would like for Council & Administration to present to them what they can do regarding the building, maintenance, insurance, etc.

After much more discussion, Chairman Bowers asked Mr. Roper where the County currently stands on this project.

Mr. Roper stated this was a project that was being handled by the previous Risk Manager and he gave Reverend Moss the list of things that the previous Risk Manager gave him. He stated the next steps would be for staff to sit down and discuss what he proposes, as well as see what still remains on the concerns list that needs to be addressed.

SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE NO. 602 REPEALING ORDINANCE #s 295, 332, 365, AND 373 (THE ROAD USER FEE ORDINANCES) AND AMENDING ORDINANCE No. 599 (THE FY 22 BUDGET ORDINANCE) SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A LEVY OF TAXES TO OFFSET THE LOSS OF REVENUE FROM THE REPEAL OF SAID ROAD USER FEE ORDINANCES, AND MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

Chairman Bowers asked for a motion to constitute second reading of Ordinance No. 602.

- Motion was made by Vice Chairman Costner and seconded by Councilman Ensley Feemster. Chairman Bowers asked if there was any discussion.

Council had detailed discussion with Staff that included, but was not limited to:

- Discussion on ordinance passed where Council gave roads inside the cities to the cities, but the roads were not deeded over, and roads that extend outside the city into the county
- Intergovernmental Agreement between the County and Municipalities
- Discussion on how roads were handled in cities before the county allocated money
- Discussion on what this amended ordinance will actually do
- CTC Funding/Responsibility
- Maintenance Responsibility
- Total County and Total City miles
- Supreme Court Ruling Discussion

- Councilman Alex Saitta made a substitute motion to eliminate Ordinance #s 295, 332, 365 and 373, and amend Ordinance 599, but not determine the amount of money raised, as it will be determined in the future. Also, to remove the word “offset.” Motion was seconded Councilman Henry Wilson. The motion failed (2-4), with Councilman Ensley Feemster, Vice Chairman Roy Costner, Chairman Chris Bowers and Councilman Trey Whitehurst opposed.
- Seeing no other discussion, the original motion to constitute second reading of Ordinance 602 passed (5-1), with Councilman Alex Saitta opposed.

THIRD READING OF AN ORDINANCE NO. 601 AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND ACCEPTANCE OF A LEASE FOR LONG SHOALS ROADSIDE PARK.

Attorney Hendricks stated he sent a copy of the lease that he has provided to the forest service and they have not accepted that lease. Councilman Hendricks asked that Council table this ordinance reading to the next Council meeting.

Vice Chairman Roy Costner made a motion to table to the next meeting. Councilman Henry Wilson seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously (6-0).

DISCUSSION ON LIBRARY MATINEE MEETINGS *(added during Motion Period and New Business)*

Councilman Trey Whitehurst asked if Council has any authority over this, and he would like for the Library Director to explain to Council why their showing R-rated movies in the Library.

Mr. Roper stated he has a meeting with the Library Director tomorrow and he will be asking about the R-Rated Movies. He stated we do not have an answer for Council right tonight because we do not govern day-to-day decisions made at the Library. He stated Council appoints the Library Board, who is over the Director of the Library, and Council also has budgetary authority.

Councilman Ensley Feemster stated his concern is that is the time of day where kids are at the Library.

Councilman Henry Wilson went into discussion on the Library Board.

After much more discussion between Council, Mr. Roper stated he will send out a report to Council as soon as he hears something.

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

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

- Motion was made by Councilman Ensley Feemster, seconded by Councilman Trey Whitehurst 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)

- Substitute Clerk to Council

Contractual – Section 30-4-70 (a) (2)

- Hagood Mill Legal Matters (*as added during Motion Period and New Business*)

ACTION AS NEEDED VIA EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS:

Chairman Chris Bowers called the Public Session back to Order and advised the following:

Personnel – Section 30-4-70 (a) (1)

- Substitute Clerk to Council – **Chairman Chris Bowers made a motion to appoint Miranda Craig as Deputy Clerk to Council to serve when Mrs. Nations is not available. Councilman Ensley Feemster seconded the motion and carried unanimously (6-0).**

Contractual – Section 30-4-70 (a) (2)

- Hagood Mill Legal Matters (*as added during Motion Period and New Business*) – **No Action Taken.**

ADJOURN:

Hearing no further Council business, Chairman Chris Bowers called for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Councilman Henry Wilson, seconded by Councilman Ensley Feemster and carried unanimously (6-0). Pickens County Council stood adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Respectively Submitted:

Approved:

Meagan Nations, Clerk to Council

Chris Bowers, Chairman of County Council