

Pickens County Organizational Council Meeting  
January 3, 2023  
6:07 PM

County Council met in special session for the purpose of the organizational meeting. The meeting was held in the Council Auditorium, at the County Administration Facility, with County Attorney Les Hendricks presiding. Agendas, bearing date, time, and location of meeting were mailed to Council members and local news media on December 27, 2022.

Council Members in Attendance:

Chris Bowers  
Roy Costner  
Alex Saitta  
C. Claiborne Linvill  
Chris Lollis  
Henry Wilson

Staff in Attendance:

Ken Roper, County Administrator  
Meagan Nations, Clerk to Council  
Les Hendricks, County Attorney

**WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:**

County Attorney, Les Hendricks, called the Organizational Meeting of January 3, 2023 to order immediately following the swearing-in ceremony for Council Members: C. Claiborne Linvill and Chris Lollis. Mr. Hendricks stated he would preside over the meeting until such time Council elects its Chairman.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Administrator, Ken Roper, led the invocation and pledge of allegiance.

**MOTION PERIOD AND NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Hendricks provided an overview of the rules for nominations. He further informed Council he would take nominations for Chairman, and would continue to take nominations until such time nominations are closed, at which time Council would vote in order of the nominations.

**ELECTION OF A CHAIRMAN:**

Acting Chairman, Les Hendricks, opened the floor for nominations of Council Chairman.

- Councilman Henry Wilson moved to nominate Councilmember Chris Bowers as Chairman.

Mr. Hendricks asked if there were any further nominations for Council Chairman. Hearing none, the motion passed unanimously (5-1), with Councilmember Alex Saitta opposed. Mr. Hendricks closed the nominations.

Mr. Hendricks turned the gavel over to Chairman Chris Bowers and congratulated his position.

**ELECTION OF A VICE CHAIRMAN:**

Chairman Chris Bowers opened the floor for nominations for Council Vice Chairman.

- Councilman Henry Wilson moved to nominate Councilmember Roy Costner as Vice Chairman.

Chairman Chris Bowers asked if there were any further nominations for Council Vice Chairman. Hearing none, the motion passed unanimously (6-0), and Chairman Chris Bowers closed the nominations.

Chairman Chris Bowers announced Roy Costner as the Vice Chairman.

**ELECTION OF A VICE CHAIR PRO TEMPORE:**

Chairman Chris Bowers opened the floor for nominations for Council Vice Chairman Pro Tempore.

- Vice Chairman Roy Costner moved to nominate Councilmember Henry Wilson as Vice Chair Pro Tempore.
  - Councilmember Henry Wilson kindly declined the nomination.
- Councilmember Alex Saitta moved to nominate himself for Council Vice Chairman Pro Tempore.

Chairman Chris Bowers asked if there were any further nominations for Council Vice Chair Pro Tempore. Hearing none, the motion passed unanimously (6-0), and Chairman Chris Bowers closed the nominations.

Chairman Chris Bowers announced Alex Saitta as the Vice Chair Pro-Tempore.

**CHAIR APPOINTMENTS:**

Chairman Chris Bowers made the following Council Appointments for the following Boards:

**GPATS**

Chairman Chris Bowers appointed Councilmember C. Claiborne Linvill and Councilmember Henry Wilson to serve on the GPATS Policy Committee.

**ACOG**

Chairman Chris Bowers appointed himself and Vice Chairman Roy Costner to serve on the ACOG Board of Directors.

**Alliance Pickens**

Chairman Chris Bowers appointed Councilmember Chris Lollis and Councilmember Alex Saitta to serve on the Alliance Pickens Economic Development Board.

**COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE/COUNCIL RETREAT:**

- a) Council Retreat: Chairman Chris Bowers stated the Council Workshop/Retreat will be on Saturday, January 14, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in the Main Conference Room of the Administration Building.
- b) Council Meeting Schedule: Chairman Chris Bowers announced that Council Meetings will be held on the first Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Committee of the Whole meetings will be held the third Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m.

**ADJOURN:**

Hearing no further Council business, Chairman Chris Bowers called for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Councilmember Henry Wilson, seconded by Vice Chairman Roy Costner and unanimously passed. Pickens County Council stood adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

Respectively Submitted:

Approved:

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Meagan Nations, Clerk to Council

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Chris Bowers, Chairman of Pickens County Council