

Regular Pickens County Council Meeting

April 1, 2019

6:33 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 March 25, 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:

Gerald Wilson, County Administrator

Ken Roper, County Attorney

Meagan Bradford, Clerk to Council

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Roy Costner called the meeting of April 1, 2019 to order and welcomed those in attendance. Vice Chairman Chris Bowers led the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. Southern Wesleyan University Student Colicus Jones 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. Ken Horbinski: Mr. Horbinski stated he was there to bring to Council's attention the issue of semi-trucks using engine brakes in Pickens. He stated an engine brake is a brake on the truck's engine that is used in combination with the regular brakes on the truck and trailer. It was designed to be used on mountain roads with assistance to the regular brakes to help slow down the truck and prevent the regular brakes from overheating, and this brake creates a lot of noise. Mr. Horbinski advised in recent years, he has noticed an increase of trucks traveling on our local roads, which are flat and they are using these engine brakes. He has been in town at Hardee's and other businesses, and has seen/heard trucks using the engine brakes. He stated this is unnecessary. Mr. Horbinski wanted to address the Highway 8 road, going out of town north to Highway 11. He stated there are a lot of trucks hauling a certain commodity using the road and applying their engine brakes to slow down their vehicle, which the load noise is carried across the country side and valley. He stated he has talked to many people that live in the Highway 8 area and they are also disturbed by the loud noise. He stated these trucks are traveling the road all day and late into the night/early morning hours. The noise late at night is being made with no consideration to residents of the area. He stated there is no reason why home owners and residents should have to put up with this daily disturbance just because some drivers choose to amuse themselves while driving. Mr. Horbinski stated when he called a trucking company; he was treated rudely and was hung up on. Currently, three are over 24 states that have passed laws prohibiting the use of engine brakes in residential and flat areas. Lastly, Mr. Horbinski stated he has nothing against truck drivers, as he once was one, but he never did this nonsense. He stated there is a difference

between a professional truck driver and a truck driver. He stated it is a very big disturbance and he would appreciate if Council would do something about this.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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

- March 11, 2019
- Motion was made by Councilman Ensley Feemster, seconded by Vice Chairman Chris Bowers, and the motion was carried to approve the above minutes.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

The County Administrator, Gerald Wilson, provided the following report:

Mr. Wilson stated he would like for Council to consider adding an Economic Development for Project Jack, and a Legal Update to Executive Session for this evening's agenda.

Mr. Wilson asked Ms. Denise Kwiatek, Emergency Management Director, to please step to the podium.

- Ms. Kwiatek stated she would like to brief council on the disaster exercise back on March 15th. She stated a tornado struck Dacusville Middle School and explained all exercises that happened that morning. She stated it was a long day, but all employees were methodical and showed their weaknesses/strengths. She stated the employees have a lot of strengths, and she appreciates on how well they responded to the incident. She stated there were 169 participants and 21 different agencies from across the state, and stated that she was appreciative of the Council members who were able to come.

Mr. Wilson asked Jamie Burns, Community Relations Manager, to give an update and brief council with the tourism department.

- Ms. Burns stated Mark Burns and his team will be coming to Pickens County next week. She stated on Wednesday, they will arrive into town. On Thursday and Friday, he will be in different schools in Pickens County working with different students and getting them ready for the "Electrify Your Strings" Student Orchestra Performance next Saturday, April 13th at 7:00 PM at the Liberty High School Football Stadium. She presented pictures of how the stage will be on the football field. She stated if there is rain next weekend, they will be moving to Easley High School's auditorium since it is the largest school district auditorium in Pickens County. She stated they will make the call by next Tuesday if the location will be changed.
- Ms. Burns stated the 150th days of History at the Museum will conclude next weekend as well. She stated the Museum's numbers are starting to pick up due to the programing they have going on. Last week, they had 65 visitors. She stated it is Youths Art month and artwork from the school district will be going up in the Museum this week. She stated the homeschool program is beginning to grow, and for this month, the morning session is already sold out. She stated for the first time, they will be opening an afternoon session to accommodate more students.
- Ms. Burns stated that Hagood Mill will become the official location of the Watermelon Crawl Event in July. She stated there will be a press conference with more information this Saturday, April 6. She said Zack Turner, the gentlemen who wrote the 90's hit song "Watermelon Crawl" will be attending the event as well.
- Lastly, Ms. Burns thanked Council for their support and for helping make the 150th celebration a success.

Lastly, Administrator Wilson reminded Council that Pickens County will be having their third annual Litter Blitz on Friday, April 26th and non-essential county offices will be closed. He stated staff will be picking up trash on Highway 123/Highway 153 this time.

COMMITTEE REPORT:

The Committee of the Whole met in the Main Conference Room, at the Pickens County Administration Facility, on Monday, March 18, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. All members of the committee were in attendance with the exception of Councilman Ensley Feemster; with Chairman Roy Costner presiding.

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Roy Costner called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order. Councilman Carl Hudson led the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:

Chairman Roy Costner stated we will be moving around the order of the Committee of the Whole agenda this evening and start with *Log No. 100 – Employee Engagement Survey*.

Employee Engagement Survey – Log No. 100

- Administrator Gerald Wilson stated that Lisa Bryant, Director of Human Resources, is with the committee tonight to discuss an overview and the results of the Employee Engagement Survey within Pickens County Employees.
- Lisa Bryant stated she would like to do an overview of the information gathered from the Employee Engagement Survey. She stated Council will be receiving more information regarding the survey at a later date, but she wanted to do a brief overview first. Mrs. Bryant presented a PowerPoint, stating they had a great response rate for the Employee Engagement Survey. She stated there were a total of 32 questions in the survey. She stated that Pickens County has 681 employees, and 396 of those employees completed the survey, which gives a completion rate of 58%. She shared a statistic with the committee, stating “According to SurveyAnyPlace, the 2018 benchmark for average response rate to an employee survey is 33%, with online and email surveys in particular being 29% and 30% respectively.” Mrs. Bryant stated that the Pickens County Employee Engagement Survey was online and promoted through email and Employee Self Service (ESS). She stated there was such a good response rate because this was the first employee survey done in a number of years in Pickens County, there was easy access for completion (link via email, Employee Self Service (ESS) website, and instructions on how to complete the survey), and there were numerous reminders sent out to all employees to complete the survey. She stated that all of the reminders sent out also included information about the survey being confidential and anonymous.
- Lisa Bryant did an overview of the questions that were asked in the Employee Engagement Survey. She stated some positive things she saw where that employees trust each other, employees trust management, employees feel secure in their job, employees feel they are fairly compensated, and are satisfied with their healthcare benefits. She stated that she felt this was very good results from the survey. Mrs. Bryant stated the last question on the survey gave employees a chance to provide constructive feedback to help HR make Pickens County an even better place to work. She stated the three things she saw most frequently in the feedback were:
 1. Annual Increases as opposed to one-time bonuses (employees are thankful for bonus, but it doesn’t advance salary or help with retirement).
 2. Vacation carryover (reinstitute unused vacation carryover from year to year).
 3. Review Inclement Water Policy regarding use of personal time when office is closed (possibly just need to re-educate staff on policy).
- After more discussion, Mrs. Bryant stated the next steps are for Council to review results and make any recommendations. She stated that she will also report back to Council with recommendations on best practices from an HR standpoint. She stated the worse thing we could do is do an employee survey, and not get back with the employees regarding the survey. She asked council if they had any questions.
- Councilman Trey Whitehurst stated he found it interesting that such a large percentage of employees have worked here 0-4 years. He asked Mrs. Bryant if this was typical.
- Mrs. Bryant answered no. She stated that she figured most of the employees who are closer to retirement aren’t as concerned about some of the issues that some of the newer employees are.
- Councilman Wes Hendricks asked how many employees the county has who have been here 0-4 years and

- how many employees have been here over 10 years.
 - Mrs. Bryant stated she does not have that information on hand, but she will get back with council with that information.
 - After much more discussion, Administrator Gerald Wilson stated that Mrs. Bryant will give the Clerk all of the results from the survey to share with council. He asked council to please provide feedback when we meet back in a couple of months to discuss this log item.
- ❖ No action taken by Committee.

Council Action on Log Item No. 100 – No action taken by Committee.

Review of Fire Boards and Districts (countywide) – Log No. 55

- Al Willimon, Emergency Services Advisory Board, stated the board would like for the Committee to know what they have been working on for the past few months. He stated the board has taken the approach of looking at things from a high level, and have dived in to look at how to provide tools to better facilitate Emergency Services throughout Pickens County. He advised it is not focused 100% around Fire Services, and they have discussed EMS and Rescue in a lot of the board meetings. Mr. Willimon stated they currently are working on plans to present to the Committee at a future date on how to make Emergency Services better throughout the entire county.

Mr. Willimon presented and discussed the PowerPoint - [Pickens County Emergency Services](#)

- The Committee had detailed discussion to include, but not limited to: budget/funding; millage fees; unsafe/outdated turnout gear/equipment at the fire stations; volunteers at the fire station; consolidation between the fire districts; Town of Central Fire Station contract; stations crossing district lines when a call comes in; how the box system works when a fire call comes in; questions regarding funding in EMS and Fire with the Finance Director; long term ESB Plan; Ordinance dissolving the fire boards; education citizens in the community about this proposed plan by having Town Hall Meetings and getting citizen input; special tax district questions; confirmation that the plan is to tax all property, not just homes; funding for new turn out gear at the fire stations; ESB Board and ESB Board sub-committees; Vineyards Fire Truck GO Bond, etc.
- Al Willimon, Scott Smith, Ralph Guarino, and Gerald Wilson addressed and/or responded to the Committee regarding this matter.
- After more discussion, Chairman Costner stated this is a great plan and he appreciates all the time the Emergency Services Board has put into the plan. He asked all the Fire Chiefs/Employees why this plan is a bad idea.
- Vineyards Fire Chief Phil Black stated he supports the plan and he thinks there are questions that have to be answered that council will have to answer for themselves. He stated he is behind the board consolidation, but he wants to make sure that as Fire Chiefs, they always have a voice at the table.
- Councilman Trey Whitehurst asked if he would like to see it structured differently.
- Mr. Black answered no, as long as each district has fair representation and a voice.
- Councilman Trey Whitehurst stated if the Fire Chiefs are all on board with this plan, he feels they need to go back to their districts and sell this plan to the citizens of Pickens County.
- Councilman Carl Hudson stated he feels there has not been a lot of citizen input in this plan. He feels the public needs to know all details about this plan before going through with it. He stated this system got the way it is over a long period of time, and Council wants to get it straightened out, but it takes time.
- Vice Chairman Chris Bowers stated he feels the Fire Chiefs cannot go out in their community to discuss with citizens until Council decides this is what they would like to do. He feels Council needs to start the process.
- After more discussion, Al Willimon stated the Emergency Services Board is at a dead end road and they have done all they have been asked to do. He stated that is where the Board is at. He stated tax payers have to fund the fire service somehow, and all they are asking are for enough funds to get by. He stated this is Council's plan, and until all of Council buy in, they cannot market a plan to the public.
 - After much more discussion, Vice Chairman Chris Bowers made a motion to accept proposal

submitted by the Emergency Services Board, instructing staff to implement the proposal and made a recommendation to remove this item from the log. Motion was seconded by Chairman Roy Costner and carried unanimously (5-0).

- ❖ Committee recommends removing item No. 55 from the log.

Chairman Roy Costner stated the committee will be taking a 5 minute recess before moving forward with the next item on the agenda.

Council Action on Log Item No. 55 – Vice Chairman Chris Bowers made a motion to accept the proposal submitted by the ESB, instructing staff to implement the proposal and made a recommendation to remove this item from the log. Motion was seconded by Chairman Roy Costner and carried unanimously (6-0).

Chairman Costner stated the first step in implementing this proposal is a first reading in title only of the following ordinance:

FIRST READING IN TITLE ONLY OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE UNIFORM ORDINANCE FOR FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICTS (AS PREVIOUSLY ENACTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 404, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. 405) TO ABOLISH THE GOVERNING BOARDS FOR EACH OF THE FIRE SERVICE DISTRICTS AND TO PROVIDE THAT EACH OF THE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICTS SHALL BE OPERATED AS AN ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION OF PICKENS COUNTY; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.

Chairman Costner stated since this does come as a recommendation from the Committee, no second is required. He asked for all those in favor for accepting this recommendation to please signify by raising your hand. Motion carried.

Recreation Funding Requests – Log No. 88

- Chairman Roy Costner stated the Recreation Funding Advisory Board is still working on recommendations and staff has not received any recommendations yet. The board has their final meeting on Tuesday, April 2nd. He stated this item was on the agenda this evening to discuss what the funding is to be used for. Chairman Costner stated he spoke with a member on the recreation board regarding the applications and found it somewhat disturbing as he feels that funding is not being used the way that council would like for them to use it.
- Councilman Trey Whitehurst feels the board is doing a great job keeping everything in line.
- Chairman Roy Costner stated when this council first came on board; one of the things they looked hard into was the recreation funding and wanted to put guidelines in place. He stated he would like for council to consider thinking about recreation as a whole. He stated after meeting with the school district last week, he learned that the school district had to make some fast changes because the Liberty District recreation football did not happen. He stated because Liberty did not have recreation football, 80 students left the Liberty recreation district to go play in another district. He stated because they started playing with students in another Pickens County district, they transferred to that recreation's school district. He stated recreation and their part on this may effect where students are going to school. He would like for Council to explore opportunities for recreation.
- Seeing no other discussion, Chairman Costner moved forward to the next log item on the agenda.

- ❖ No action taken from Committee.

Council Action on Log Item No. 88 – No action taken by Committee.

Memorandum of Understanding – Log No. 119

- Chairman Costner asked Attorney Ken Roper to please give Council an overview.
- Ken Roper gave a brief overview on the proposed contracts given to Council. He stated he has met with the Administrator a few times in the past month to discuss and Mr. Wilson wanted him to put together a group of proposed contracts to give to council. He stated these would be growing, working documents and is a place to start discussion on these topics. He advised to Council that since these are proposed contracts/agreements, he recommends going into Executive Session to discuss these in particular. He would

- like council to consider their expectations, and put it in writing in these contracts.
- Administrator Wilson stated some of the MOU’s have fees to charge back to the municipalities. He asked council to keep in mind the longer we wait to do this; the harder it will be for them to implement it in their budget process.
- After more discussion, Vice Chairman Chris Bowers made a motion to convene into Executive Session as defined by S.C. Code of Laws, Section 30-4-70 (a), to discuss the proposed contracts. Motion was seconded by Councilman Wes Hendricks and carried unanimously (5-0).

Chairman Costner called the Committee of the Whole meeting back to Order and stated there is no action to take on anything discussed in executive session.

- ❖ No action taken by committee.

Council Action on Log Item No. 119 – No action taken by Committee.

ADJOURN:

Hearing no further Committee business, Chairman Roy Costner called for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Vice Chairman Chris Bowers, seconded by Councilman Trey Whitehurst and carried unanimously (5-0). The Committee of the Whole stood adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE:

Chairman Roy Costner announced the following:

- Chairman Costner stated the next Committee of the Whole meeting will be on Monday, April 8th at 6:00 PM in the Main Conference Room of the Administration Facility.
- Chairman Costner stated the April Council Meeting will take place on Monday, May 6th at 6:30 PM in the Auditorium of the Administration Facility.
- Chairman Costner stated that Pickens County Council and Administration invite the public to join their anti-litter initiative by participating in our third semi-annual litter pickup. He stated it will take place the week of April 21-27. Council and staff will be removing trash from our roadways on Friday, April 26, but you can participate anytime during the week. It's a great way to celebrate Earth Day and set an example for future generations to keep our environment clean.

Chairman Roy Costner called for other council correspondence. Seeing no other correspondence, Chairman Costner announced moving to Motion Period and New Business.

MOTION PERIOD AND NEW BUSINESS:

Chairman Roy Costner opened the floor for motion period.

- Councilman Trey Whitehurst made a motion to add Project Jack to Executive Session on the agenda. Motion was seconded by Councilman Carl Hudson and carried unanimously (6-0).
- Chairman Roy Costner made a motion to add Semi-Trucks Brakes to the Consent Agenda. Motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Chris Bowers and carried (5-1), with Councilman Wes Hendricks opposed.
- Chairman Roy Costner made a motion to add Fiscal Year 2020 – Budget to the Consent Agenda. Motion was seconded by Councilman Ensley Feemster 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.

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PRESENTATION OF ANNUAL UPDATE BY THE APPALACHIAN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Steve Pelissier, the Executive Director of the SC Appalachian Council of Governments, presented Council with a copy of their 2018 Annual Report. He thanked Councilman Ensley Feemster and Chairman Roy Costner for their service on the Board of Directors of the Council of Governments, as well as Ms. Margaret Thompson as a citizen member of the board.

Mr. Pelissier provided an overview of the report to include: the many services provided to Pickens County and other local governments; a review of the return on investment that equated to \$98 to \$1 for Pickens County in 2018 that include funding from Federal Direct Grants, Workforce Development, Services to Seniors, Transit Services, Small Business and Entrepreneurial Loan Program, and Private Capital Resulting from Loans; grant administration; staff training; etc. Mr. Pelissier also discussed the services that are forthcoming in 2019.

CONSIDERATION FOR PICKENS COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE TO APPLY FOR EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) PROGRAM.

Sheriff Rick Clark went into detail explaining this grant, and stated this grant comes to every agency across the nation. He stated it is a very good program, a decent amount of paperwork, and it is to support the local sheriff’s departments and police departments across the nation.

- Chairman Roy Costner asked if there are any matching fund requirements.
 - Sheriff Rick Clark stated there are no matching fund requirements.
 - Councilman Carl Hudson stated he feels this is a good thing in regards to training.
- o Seeing no other discussion, Chairman Roy Costner asked for a motion to approve the application of this grant. Motion was made by Vice Chairman Chris Bowers, seconded by Councilman Wes Hendricks and carried unanimously (6-0).

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2019-04 DESIGNATING APRIL 2019 AS FAIR HOUSING AWARENESS MONTH IN PICKENS COUNTY.

Chairman Costner read this resolution as followed:

FAIR HOUSING RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Pickens County desires that all its citizens be afforded the opportunity to attain a decent, safe, and sound living environment; and

WHEREAS, Pickens County rejects discrimination on the basis of race, religion, color, sex, national origin, disability, and/or familial status in the sale, rental, or provision of other housing services; and

WHEREAS, the State of South Carolina enacted the South Carolina Fair Housing Law in 1989; and

WHEREAS, April is recognized nationally as Fair Housing Month;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Pickens County does hereby designate April 2019 as Fair Housing Month.

- o Vice Chairman Chris Bowers made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-04. Motion was seconded by Councilman Carl Hudson and carried unanimously (6-0).

CONSIDERATION OF PROCLAMATION NO. 2019-05 DECLARING THE WEEK OF APRIL 14-21, 2019 TO BE NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATORS WEEK IN PICKENS COUNTY.

Chairman Costner read this proclamation as followed:

PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATORS WEEK

April 14-21, 2019

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States, and the President of the United States have established the second week of April as National Telecommunicators Week; and

Whereas, when an emergency occurs the prompt response of officers, firefighters and paramedics is critical to the protection of life and preservation of property; and

Whereas, the safety of our officers, firefighters, and paramedics is dependent upon the quality and accuracy of information obtained from citizens who telephone Pickens County E911 Communications; and

Whereas, Public Safety Telecommunicators are the first and most critical contact our citizens have with emergency services; and

Whereas, Public Safety Telecommunicators are the single vital link for our police officers and firefighters by monitoring their activities by radio, providing them information and insuring their safety; and

Whereas, Public Safety Telecommunicators of Pickens County have contributed substantially to the apprehension of criminals, suppression of fires and treatment of patients;

Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Pickens County Council declare the week of April 14th through 21st, 2019 to be National Telecommunicators Week in Pickens County, in honor of the men and women whose diligence and professionalism keep our city and citizens safe.

- Chairman Costner asked for a motion to approve Proclamation 2019-05. Motion was made by Councilman Ensley Feemster, seconded by Vice Chairman Chris Bowers and carried unanimously (6-0).

FIRST READING IN TITLE ONLY OF AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR ADOPTION OF A BUDGET AMENDMENT CONTAINING ESTIMATES OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE CHANGES FOR PICKENS COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2018 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2019.

- Chairman Costner asked for a motion to constitute the first reading in title only for the following ordinance. Motion was made by Vice Chairman Chris Bowers, seconded by Councilman Carl Hudson and carried unanimously (6-0).

FIRST READING IN TITLE ONLY OF AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES IN PICKENS COUNTY FOR ORDINARY COUNTY PURPOSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2019, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2020, AND TO DIRECT EXPENDITURE THEREOF.

- Chairman Costner asked for a motion to constitute the first reading in title only for the following ordinance. Motion was made by Vice Chairman Chris Bowers, seconded by Councilman Ensley Feemster and carried unanimously (6-0).

FIRST READING IN TITLE ONLY OF AN ORDINANCE TO DEVELOP A JOINTLY OWNED AND OPERATED INDUSTRIAL/BUSINESS PARK IN CONJUNCTION WITH OCONEE COUNTY, SUCH INDUSTRIAL/BUSINESS PARK TO BE GEOGRAPHICALLY LOCATED IN OCONEE COUNTY AND ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS 1976, SECTION 4-1-170 ET SEQ., AS AMENDED; TO PROVIDE FOR A WRITTEN AGREEMENT WITH OCONEE COUNTY PROVIDING FOR THE EXPENSES OF THE PARK, THE PERCENTAGE OF REVENUE APPLICATION, AND THE DISTRIBUTION OF FEES IN LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAX; AND MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

- Chairman Costner asked for a motion to constitute the first reading in title only for the following ordinance. Motion was made by Councilman Ensley Feemster, seconded by Councilman Carl Hudson and carried unanimously (6-0).

SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE NO. 566 DECLARING CERTAIN LOTS WITHIN THE QUAIL HAVEN SUBDIVISION AS SURPLUS, PLACING THEREON RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS, AND AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF SAID LOTS, AND MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

- Chairman Costner asked for a motion to constitute the second reading for the following ordinance. Motion was made by Councilman Carl Hudson, seconded by Vice Chairman Chris Bowers and carried unanimously (6-0).

PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE NO. 567 TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF A NOT EXCEEDING THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$300,000) GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND, SERIES 2019 (VINEYARDS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT) OF PICKENS COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, TO PRESCRIBE THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH THE PROCEEDS SHALL BE EXPENDED, TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.

Chairman Costner opened the public hearing for comments regarding Ordinance 567. Hearing no comments, Chairman Roy Costner declared the public hearing closed.

- Chairman Roy Costner asked for a motion to constitute the public hearing and second reading of Ordinance 567. Motion was made by Councilman Wes Hendricks, seconded by Councilman Carl Hudson and carried unanimously (6-0).

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a) Reassessment Process – *Committee of the Whole*
- b) Fiscal Year 2020 Budget – *Committee of the Whole (as added during Motion Period and New Business)*
- c) Semi-Trucks/Brakes – *Committee of the Whole (as added during Motion Period and New Business)*

- Motion was made by Councilman Trey Whitehurst, seconded by Councilman Carl Hudson and carried (5-1) to approve the consent agenda as presented, with Councilman Wes Hendricks opposed.

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 Roy Costner further stated that each issue would be discussed as the Law provides.

- Motion was made by Vice Chairman Chris Bowers, seconded by Councilman Ensley Feemster and carried unanimously, to convene in executive session for the stated purposes after a five minute recess.

Personnel – Section 30-4-70 (a) (1)

- Personnel Update - Administration

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

- Madden Bridge

Legal Issues – Section 30-4-70 (a) (2)

- Memorandum of Understanding
- Legal Update (*as added during Motion Period and New Business*)

Economic Development – Section 30-4-70 (a) (5)

- Project Providence
- Project Jack (*as added during Motion Period and New Business*)

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

- Board and Commission Vacancies (73):
 - a) Accommodations Tax (ATAX)
 - b) Alcohol and Drug/Behavioral Health
 - c) Appalachian Council of Gov. (ACOG)
 - d) Assessment and Appeals
 - e) Beautification Committee
 - f) Bethlehem Roanoke Water
 - g) Construction Board of Appeals
 - h) Cultural Commission
 - i) Easley Central Water Board
 - j) Economic Development Alliance
 - k) Emergency Services Advisory Board
 - l) GPATS
 - m) Library Board of Directors
 - n) Pickens County Grievance Committee
 - o) Pickens, Oconee, Anderson Mental Health
 - p) Planning Commission
 - q) Public Service Commission
 - r) Sedgewood Tax District
 - s) Six Mile Rural Water
 - t) Southside Rural Water
 - u) Water Authority
 - v) Tourism Board
 - w) Worklink
 - x) Zoning and Appeals
 - y) *Hagood Mill Non-Profit Corporation Board
 - z) *Performing Arts Center Non-Profit Corporation Board
 - aa) *Pickens County Museum 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)

- Personnel Update - Administration – Chairman Roy Costner asked for a motion to constitute the first reading of the Litter Ordinance.
 - Motion was made by Vice Chairman Chris Bowers, seconded by Councilman Carl Hudson and carried unanimously (6-0).

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

- Madden Bridge – **No Action taken**

Legal Issues – Section 30-4-70 (a) (2)

- Memorandum of Understanding – **No Action Taken**
- Legal Update (as added during Motion Period and New Business) – Chairman Roy Costner asked for a motion to constitute the first reading of the following ordinance: FIRST READING IN TITLE ONLY OF AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A TRUST FUND FOR INDIGENT MEDICAL TREATMENT IN PICKENS COUNTY PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE MEDICAL INDIGENT ASSISTANCE ACT; TO FURTHER DEFINE REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES FOR DISBURSEMENT FROM THE TRUST FUND; AND MATTER RELATED THERETO.
 - Motion was made by Vice Chairman Chris Bowers, seconded by Councilman Ensley Feemster and carried unanimously (6-0) to constitute the first reading in title only.

Economic Development – Section 30-4-70 (a) (5)

- Project Providence – **No Action Taken**
- Project Jack (as added during Motion Period and New Business) – **No Action Taken**

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

- Board and Commission Vacancies (73):
 - a) Accommodations Tax (ATAX) – **Moved to appoint Jay Pitts to the Accommodations Tax Committee.**
 - b) Alcohol and Drug/Behavioral Health – **No Action**
 - c) Appalachian Council of Gov. (ACOG) – **Moved to appoint Fletcher Perry to Appalachian Council of Government.**
 - d) Assessment and Appeals – **No Action**
 - e) Beautification Committee – **Moved to appoint Lillian Boatwright to the Beautification Committee.**
 - f) Bethlehem Roanoke Water – **No Action**
 - g) Construction Board of Appeals – **No Action**
 - h) Cultural Commission – **No Action**
 - i) Easley Central Water Board – **No Action**
 - j) Economic Development Alliance – **No Action**
 - k) Emergency Services Advisory Board – **Moved to appoint Charles Smith to the Emergency Services Advisory Board.**
 - l) GPATS – **No Action**
 - m) Library Board of Directors – **No Action**
 - n) Pickens County Grievance Committee – **No Action**
 - o) Pickens, Oconee, Anderson Mental Health – **No Action**

- p) Planning Commission – **Moved to appoint Robyn Moore to the Planning Commission.**
- q) Public Service Commission – **No Action**
- r) Sedgewood Tax District – **No Action**
- s) Six Mile Rural Water – **No Action**
- t) Southside Rural Water – **No Action**
- u) Water Authority – **No Action**
- v) Tourism Board – **No Action**
- w) Worklink – **No Action**
- x) Zoning and Appeals – **No Action**
- y) *Hagood Mill Non-Profit Corporation Board – **No Action**
- z) *Performing Arts Center Non-Profit Corporation Board – **No Action**
- aa) *Pickens County Museum Non-Profit Corporation Board – **No Action**

- o Chairman Roy Costner asked for a motion to appoint the following people to these boards. Motion was made by Councilman Wes Hendricks, seconded by Councilman Ensley Feemster and carried unanimously (6-0).

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. Pickens County Council stood adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

Respectively Submitted:

Approved:

Meagan Bradford, Clerk to Council

Roy B. Costner, III, Chairman of County Council