

COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL AS A WHOLE REPORT

Council Members:

Chris Bowers, Chairman
Roy Costner, Vice Chairman
C. Claiborne Linvill
Chris Lollis
Alex Saitta
Henry Wilson (absent)

Staff in Attendance:

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

The Committee of the Whole met in the Council Chambers, at the Pickens County Administration Facility, on Monday, November 11, 2024. Councilman Alex Saitta led the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:

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

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CONSIDERATION TO IMPLEMENT AN ENHANCED ANTI-FRAUD POLICY FOR COUNTY OPERATIONS – Log No. 244
Mr. Roper briefed the Council stating that he believes when this was on the Consent agenda, technically Council passed the policy by the motion and second stated. He wanted to bring it before Council to make sure they were aware and if any changes were needed.

Discussion included, but was not limited to:

- The procedure of the policy
- Policy also applies to Elected Officials
- Councilman Alex Saitta made a motion to approve the Anti-Fraud Policy for County Operations. Motion was seconded by Chairman Chris Bowers and carried unanimously (5-0).

SOUTH CAROLINA OPIOID RECOVERY FUND EXISTING PROGRAMS AND FUTURE PROCESSES – Log No. 245

Jessica Varney, Collaboration Manager for Pickens County, serves on the South Carolina Opioid Recovery Fund board. Ms. Varney presented to Council on the following:

- Guaranteed Political Subdivision sub fund
- Discretionary sub fund
- Core strategies of the Opioid Recovery Fund uses
- Approved uses of the Opioid Recovery Fund
- Different types of treatment
- Prevention measures
- Other strategies

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- Approved Pickens County projects
- GPS Project requests
- Next steps

Council and Staff Discussion included, but was not limited to:

- Political Sub fund Monies
- What neighboring counties are doing
- Chairman Chris Bowers made a motion for the Administrator/Staff to collect the applications and make recommendations to bring back to Council. Motion was seconded by Councilman Alex Saitta and carried (5-0).

COUNTY ROAD UPDATE AND ORDINANCES – Log No. 229

Rodney Robinson, Public Works Director, presented Council on a County Road update.

Council and Staff Discussion included, but was not limited to:

- Discussion of Ordinance
- Minimum maintenance of roads
- Official list of County roads
- Councilman Alex Saitta made a motion to move this Ordinance out for second reading. Motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Roy Costner and carried unanimously (5-0).

GATEWAY SIGNAGE – Log No. 227

Allison Fowler, Assistant Administrator, stated that PRT is requesting funds to install seven (7) new gateway signs around Pickens County. These funds would come from the Local Accommodations Fee fund collections. The cost per sign is \$17,700, and there is approximately \$600,000 remaining in the Local Accommodations Fee fund from previous years that can be spent on this project.

Council and Staff Discussion included, but was not limited to:

- PRT reached out to multiple companies and received quotes
- The signs are made from Styrofoam, and sand blasted
- The signs are around 6ft tall
- Councilwoman Claiborne Linvill made a motion to approve the purchase of seven new gateway signs to be put around Pickens County, using the Local Accommodations Fee Fund Collection. Chairman Chris Bowers seconded the motion and carried unanimously (5-0).

ADJOURN:

Hearing no further Committee business, Chairman Chris Bowers called for a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Councilwoman Claiborne Linvill, seconded by Councilman Chris Lollis, and carried unanimously (5-0). The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.