

Pickens County Council Work Session

February 17, 2026

6:30 p.m.

County Council met in a work session, in the Main Conference Room of the County Administration Facility, with Councilman Alex Saitta presiding. Final agendas, bearing date, time, and location of meeting were emailed to members of council and local news media on February 12, 2026.

Council Members in Attendance:

Alex Saitta, Chairman

Chris Lollis, Vice Chairman

Claiborne Linvill

Scott Lang

Chris Bowers

Dale Holloway, Vice Chairman Pro-Tem

Staff in Attendance:

Ken Roper, County Administrator

Destini Pratt, County Attorney

Meagan Nations, Clerk to Council (Absent)

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Alex Saitta called the work session of February 12, 2026, to order and welcomed those in attendance. Vice Chairman Chris Lollis led the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

COUNCIL WORK SESSION

A) PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS FORMS FOR ADMINISTRATOR, ATTORNEY AND CLERK TO COUNCIL.

- a. Council discussed creating formal performance evaluation tools for the three employees directly hired by Council, which are the County Administrator, the County Attorney and the Clerk to Council. Currently, no standardized evaluation process exists. Councilor Claiborne Linvill and Dr. Dale Holloway met to review evaluation forms from multiple counties, and draft an evaluation template tailored to Pickens County for the County Attorney and Clerk to Council. Councilor Linvill explained that the Administrator's evaluation needs to wait for an updated job description, as the current one on file is from 2016.
- b. Council and staff had detailed discussion that included, but was not limited to:
 - a) Proposed evaluations review
 - b) How the process will work
 - c) Discussion on whether staff should contribute to evaluations for the County Attorney and County Administrator
- c. After more discussion, Chairman Alex Saitta stated that the Clerk to Council will finalize and send evaluation forms to Human Resources for their department to manage collection and anonymity.

B) ALTERNATIVES FOR EMS MEDIC 1

- a. Council and staff reviewed two potential locations for the permanent Medic 1 EMS Station in Pickens. Cost details remain confidential pending negotiations.
 - a) Council and Staff had detailed discussion that included, but was not limited to:
 - i. Rebuilding at old Medic 1 Site – pros and cons
 - ii. Building at Rescue 7 location
 - iii. Operational considerations
 - iv. Procurement Code requirements
 - v. Next steps – detailed cost estimates and contract considerations will be reviewed in Executive Session. Once Council chooses between the two site alternatives, Administration will prepare additional design and cost information.

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

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

Legal: Section 30-4-70 (a)(2)

- MOU and Fire Contracts

Legal: Section 30-4-70 (a)(2)

- Alternatives for EMS Medic 1
- Motion was made by Chairman Alex Saitta and seconded by Vice Chairman Chris Lollis. The motion was carried out unanimously (6-0), to convene in executive session for the stated purposes after a ten-minute recess.

ACTION AS NEEDED VIA EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS:

Chairman Alex Saitta called the Public Session back to Order and advised the following:

Legal: Section 30-4-70 (a)(2)

- MOU and Fire Contracts – **No Action Taken.**

Legal: Section 30-4-70 (a)(2)

- Alternatives for EMS Medic 1 – **No Action Taken.**

ADJOURN:

Hearing no further Council business, Councilor Claiborne Linvill made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Scott Lang and carried unanimously (6-0). Pickens County Council stood adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

Respectively Submitted:

Approved:

Meagan Nations, Clerk to Council

Alex Saitta, Chairman of County Council