

Pickens County Council
Roads and Bridges Ad Hoc Committee Report
Monday, February 9, 2026
3:30 p.m.
Roads and Bridges Building, County Farm Road

Council Members in Attendance:

Alex Saitta
Chris Bowers
Chris Lollis

Staff in Attendance:

Ken Roper, County Administrator
Meagan Nations, Clerk to Council
Johnathan Chastain, HDR Inc.
Rodney Robinson, Public Works Director
Jamie Reynolds, Roads and Bridges Director
Renee Gray, Roads and Bridges Office Manager

Chairman Alex Saitta called the meeting to order at 3:26 pm. Vice Chairman Chris Lollis gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

SELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Chairman Alex Saitta nominated Vice Chairman Chris Lollis to serve as Chairman of the Roads and Bridges Ad Hoc Committee. Seeing no other nominations, Chairman Alex Saitta closed the floor. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

ROAD FUNDING AND PAVING PRIORITIES

The council and staff had a detailed discussion that included, but was not limited to:

- Road Funding Discussion
- Pavement Condition Index (PCI) Range to evaluate road conditions
- Pavement Condition Index Categories to evaluate road conditions
- Road Maintenance Millage
 - Set at 5 mills, generating approximately \$4.5 million in the coming fiscal year
 - Final projected figures are pending from Ralph Guarino who will provide more definitive numbers for next year
- Road Maintenance Strategy
- Discussion on Road Prioritization
- CTC Funding – approximately \$200,000 per month, totaling about \$2.4 million annually
- Discussion on pausing on new commitments around July to await this policy discussion before committing additional millions in projects

OVERVIEW ON OPERATIONS AND CAPITAL BUDGET

- Discussion on Traditional vs. Balanced Approach
- Discussion on Budget and Equipment Needs
- Future Planning and Project Forecasting

ADJOURN:

The Roads and Bridges Ad Hoc Committee stood adjourned at 4:30 p.m.