

Pickens County Council
Budget Work Session Report
Monday, March 23, 2026
6:30 PM
Main Conference Room
222 McDaniel Avenue
Pickens, SC 29671

Pickens County Council met to hold a work session to discuss the FY 2027 proposed budget. Chairman Alex Saitta presided with all members in attendance. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Council Members in Attendance:

Alex Saitta, Chairman
Chris Lollis, Vice Chairman
Claiborne Linvill
Scott Lang
Chris Bowers
Dale Holloway

Staff in Attendance:

Ken Roper, County Administrator
Meagan Nations, Clerk to Council
Destini Pratt, County Attorney
Ralph Guarino, Finance Director

BUDGET WORK SESSION

The discussion of the FY27 budgetary items included, but not limited to the following:

- Budget Committee
 - Ralph Guarino, Allison Fowler, Samantha Greer, Dirk Ishiwata
- General Fund Revenue Projection
 - Taxes
 - Licenses, Permits, Fees
 - Intergovernmental
 - Charges for Services
 - Fines & forfeitures
 - Investment Income
 - Contributions
 - Miscellaneous
- Value of a Mil
- Millage Rates
- **Administration Goals**
 - Ken
 - Staffing new dispatch center
 - Step Increase
 - COLA
 - Claiborne Linvill
 - Implement an Emergency Reserve Fund
 - Chris Lollis
 - More employees in Veteran Affairs
 - More employees in Code Enforcement

- Alex Saitta
 - Dispatch
 - Finance Department – Auditor recommendation on hiring another person
- Scott Lang
 - Text Citizens with Emergency purposes to get information out
 - Attorney help – legal secretary
- Chris Bowers
 - Dispatch
 - Step increase/COLA
- Dale Holloway
 - Recreation Funding
- **Capital Goals**
 - Ken Roper
 - Rolling Stock
 - Willow Springs Recycling Center
 - Claiborne Linvill
 - Wastewater Expansion
 - Chris Lollis
 - Willow Springs Recycling Center
 - Vehicle Maintenance
 - Alex Saitta
 - 40 Yard Blue Bins at Recycling Centers
 - Scott Lang
 - Glass pulverizer machine at Landfill
 - Chris Bowers
 - Rolling Stock
 - Vehicle Maintenance
 - Dale Holloway
 - Wastewater/Public Service Commission

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)

- Update on Pending Litigation
- Motion was made by Chairman Alex Saitta and seconded by Councilman Chris Bowers. 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)

- Update on Pending Litigation – No Action Taken

ADJOURN:

Hearing no further Council business, Chairman Alex Saitta called for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Chairman Alex Saitta, seconded by Councilman Chris Bowers and carried unanimously (6-0). Pickens County Council stood adjourned at 8:12 p.m.