

PICKENS COUNTY

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PICKENS COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, July 6, 2026

6:30 PM

Council Chambers, County Administration Facility
222 McDaniel Avenue, Pickens, SC 29671

This meeting is being held to conform with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act and Council's organizational rules. The public has been notified of the date, time and place of the meeting. Public notice and the agenda was placed on the county website and the bulletin board at the county administration building at least 24 hours prior to the start of the meeting.

1. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:
INVOCATION:
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Chairman Alex Saitta
Councilor Claiborne Linvill
Pickens County Sheriff's K-9 Fund, Sheriff Tommy Blankenship
2. PUBLIC FORUM.
Comments are limited to 3 minutes per participant. Please sign up at the meeting if you wish to speak.
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
 - a) June 1, 2026 Council Meeting
 - b) June 15, 2026 Council Work Session
 - c) June 29, 2026 Council Work Session
4. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT
Updates from the County Administrator on operations, personnel, or other day-to-day matters.
5. COMMITTEE REPORTS:
 - a) Roads and Bridges Ad Hoc Committee
6. COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE
Notification of future meeting dates and/or changes as well as community dates of interest.
7. MOTION PERIOD AND NEW BUSINESS
Matters can be added to the agenda by appropriate motion, second, and unanimous vote of council.
8. ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING AND/OR RESOLUTIONS:
 - a) First Reading In Title Only of an Ordinance No. 688 Amending Chapter Ten of the Pickens County Code Of Ordinances Regarding Noise, Traffic, Trespassing and Other Issues Related to Public Events in

Pickens County and Matters Related Thereto.

- b) First Reading in Title Only of an Ordinance No. 689 Amending Ordinance No. 674 the Unified Development Standards Ordinance, Development Areas Map Within County Council District 4 and Matters Related Thereto.

9. ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING:

- a) Second Reading of an Ordinance No. 687 Authorizing (1) the Execution and Delivery of One or More Fee In Lieu of Tax Agreements By and Between Pickens County, and a Project Known to the County at This Time as Project Brothers, Its Sponsor Affiliates, Affiliates, and Related Entities, Pursuant to which the County will Covenant to Accept Certain Negotiated Payments In Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes with Respect to Certain Facilities Within the County; (2) the Benefits of a Multi-County Industrial or Business Park to Be Made Available to the Company and the Project; and (3) Other Matters Relating Thereto.

10. ORDINANCES FOR THIRD READING AND/OR PUBLIC HEARING:

11. OTHER AGENDA ITEMS:

- a) A Presentation by Blue Ridge Electric Cooperative's President and CEO Zachary Hinton
- b) An Overview of Accomplishments in Emergency Medical Services, Chairman Alex Saitta

12. CONSENT AGENDA:

Routine matters and resolutions, as well as subject referrals to Council committees, can be accomplished by one vote via the Council's Consent Agenda.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

S.C. Code of Laws, Section 30-4-70 (A) allows that specifically delineated and qualifying matters may be discussed outside the presence of the public.

- a) Economic Development - Section 30-40-7(A)(5)
Project Farmhouse
- b) Legal - Section 30-40-7(A)(2)
Legal Advice related to Pending Litigation
- c) Personnel - Section 30-4-70 (A)(2)
County Administrator Contract and Evaluation Form

14. ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS (as needed)

While the SC Freedom of Information Act allows for certain matters to be discussed outside the presence of the public, any votes on such matters can only take place once Council has returned to public session.

15. ADJOURN