

Pickens County Organizational Council Meeting  
January 7, 2025  
6:03 PM

County Council met in special session for the purpose of the organizational meeting. The meeting was held in the Council Auditorium, at the County Administration Facility, with County Attorney Les Hendricks presiding. Agendas, bearing date, time, and location of meeting were mailed to Council members and local news media on January 6, 2025.

Council Members in Attendance:

C. Claiborne Linvill  
Chris Lollis  
Alex Saitta  
Scott Lang  
Chris Bower  
Dale Holloway

Staff in Attendance:

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

**WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:**

County Attorney, Les Hendricks, called the Organizational Meeting of January 7, 2025, to order immediately following the swearing-in ceremony for Council Members: Alex Saitta, Scott Lang, Chris Bowers & Dale Holloway. Mr. Hendricks stated he would preside over the meeting until such time Council elects its Chairman.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Administrator, Ken Roper, led the invocation and pledge of allegiance.

**MOTION PERIOD AND NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Hendricks provided an overview of the rules for nominations. He further informed Council he would take nominations for Chairman and would continue to take nominations until such time nominations are closed, at which time Council would vote in order of the nominations.

**ELECTION OF A CHAIRMAN:**

Acting Chairman, Les Hendricks, opened the floor for nominations of Council Chairman.

- Councilman Chris Bowers moved to nominate Councilman Chris Lollis as Chairman.
  - Councilman Chris Lollis kindly declined the nomination.
- Councilman Chris Lollis moved to nominate Councilman Alex Saitta as Chairman.
- Councilwoman Claiborne Linvill moved to nominate Councilman Chris Bowers as Chairman.

Mr. Hendricks asked if there were any further nominations for Council Chairman. Hearing none, the motion passed unanimously (5-1) to elect Councilman Alex Saitta as Chairman, with Councilwoman Claiborne Linvill opposed. Mr. Hendricks closed the nominations.

Mr. Hendricks turned the gavel over to Chairman Alex Saitta and congratulated his position.

**ELECTION OF A VICE CHAIRMAN:**

Chairman Alex Saitta opened the floor for nominations for Council Vice Chairman.

- Chairman Alex Saitta moved to nominate Councilman Chris Lollis as Vice Chairman.

Chairman Alex Saitta asked if there were any further nominations for Council Vice Chairman. Hearing none, the motion passed unanimously (6-0) to elect Councilman Chris Lollis, and Chairman Alex Saitta closed the nominations.

Chairman Alex Saitta announced Councilman Chris Lollis as the Vice Chairman.

**ELECTION OF A VICE CHAIR PRO TEMPORE:**

Chairman Alex Saitta opened the floor for nominations for Council Vice Chairman Pro Tempore.

- Chairman Alex Saitta moved to nominate Councilmember Dale Holloway as Vice Chair Pro Tempore.
- Councilwoman Claiborne Linvill moved to nominate Councilman Chris Bowers for Council Vice Chairman Pro Tempore.
  - Councilman Chris Bowers kindly declined the nomination.
- Councilman Chris Bowers moved to nominate Councilwoman Claiborne Linvill as Vice Chair Pro Tempore.

Chairman Alex Saitta asked if there were any further nominations for Council Vice Chair Pro Tempore. Hearing none, Chairman Alex Saitta closed the nominations. The motion passed unanimously (5-1) to nominate Councilman Dale Holloway as Vice Chair Pro Tempore, with Councilwoman Claiborne Linvill opposed. Chairman Alex Saitta closed the nominations.

Chairman Alex Saitta announced Councilman Dale Holloway as the Vice Chair Pro-Tempore.

**CHAIR APPOINTMENTS:**

Chairman Alex Saitta made the following Council Appointments for the following Boards:

**GPATS**

Chairman Alex Saitta appointed himself, and Councilman Dale Holloway to serve on the GPATS Policy Committee.

**ACOG**

Chairman Alex Saitta appointed Councilman Chris Bowers and Councilwoman Claiborne Linvill to serve on the ACOG Board of Directors.

**Alliance Pickens**

Chairman Alex Saitta appointed Councilmember Chris Lollis to serve on the Alliance Pickens Economic Development Board.

**COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE/COUNCIL RETREAT:**

- a) Council Retreat: Chairman Alex Saitta stated the Council Work Session/Retreat will be on Thursday, January 16, at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers of the Administration Building.
- b) Council Meeting Schedule: Chairman Alex Saitta announced that Council Meetings will be held on the first Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Committee of the Whole Meetings/Mid-Month Work Sessions meetings will be held the third Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

**ADJOURN:**

Hearing no further Council business, Chairman Alex Saitta called for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Vice Chairman Alex Saitta, seconded by Vice Chairman Chris Lollis and unanimously passed. Pickens County Council stood adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Respectively Submitted:

Approved:

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Meagan Nations, Clerk to Council

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Alex Saitta, Chairman of Pickens County Council