

Special-Called Pickens County Council Meeting

March 18, 2024

6:00 PM

County Council met in special-called session, in the Main Conference Room of the County Administration Facility, with Chairman Chris Bowers presiding. Final agendas, bearing date, time, and location of meeting were mailed to members of council and local news media on March 15, 2024.

Council Members in Attendance:

Chris Bowers, Chairman
Roy Costner, Vice Chairman
Alex Saitta, Vice Chairman Pro-Tem
Chris Lollis
Henry Wilson
C. Claiborne Linvill

Staff in Attendance:

Ken Roper, County Administrator
Les Hendricks, Contract Attorney
Meagan Nations, Clerk to Council
Ralph Guarino, Finance Director

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Chris Bowers called the meeting of March 18, 2024 to order and welcomed those in attendance. Councilman Alex Saitta led the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

BUDGET DISCUSSION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025

Ralph Guarino gave an overview of the General Fund Budget and went into detail on the following:

- **Total Revenues, which include:**
 - Taxes
 - Licenses, permits, fees
 - Intergovernmental
 - Charges for services
 - Fines and forfeitures
 - Investment Income
 - Contributions and Donations
 - Miscellaneous
- **Expenditures**
 - Personnel services
 - Operations
 - Capital
 - Transfers In/out

EMERGENCY RECREATION FUNDING REQUEST

Vice Chairman Roy Costner brought forward a Recreation Funding Request application from the School District of Pickens County, which is requesting \$5,000 (\$1,000 per middle school), to help the Middle School students in our county receive special education services in our area to attend the Special Olympics for 2024. This would give each of the middle schools in Pickens County, that serve students with disabilities, the option to attend the Special Olympics.

After some discussion between the Council, Vice Chairman Roy Costner made a motion to fund \$1,000 from District 3, and the remainder of the cost would be split between District 4 and District 5 funding. Councilman Alex Saitta seconded the motion.

- Councilman Henry Wilson amended the motion, stating to split the funding six ways, which is \$1,000 from each district. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Roy Costner and carried unanimously (6-0).
- Seeing no other discussion, the motion carried (6-0).

ADJOURN:

Hearing no further Council business, Council adjourned the meeting to move to the Committee of the Whole meeting. Vice Chairman Roy Costner made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Chris Lollis and carried unanimously (6-0). Pickens County Council stood adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

Respectively Submitted:

Approved:

Meagan Nations, Clerk to Council

Chris Bowers, Chairman of County Council