

Special-Called Pickens County Council Meeting

April 15, 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 April 14, 2024.

Council Members in Attendance:

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

Staff in Attendance:

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

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Chris Bowers called the meeting of April 15, 2024, to order and welcomed those in attendance. Vice Chairman Roy Costner led the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND SUBSEQUENT CONSTRUCTION OF AN EMERGENCY SERVICES BUILDING ON EXISTING COUNTY PROPERTY ON MCDANIEL AVENUE, PICKENS SC TO HOUSE COUNTY UNIFIED DISPATCH, EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES HEADQUARTERS, AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT LOGISTICS OPERATIONS ALONG WITH SOURCE OF FUNDS AND MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

Mr. Roper went into great discussion on Council's goals and vision regarding Emergency Services. He presented a presentation with designs and the public safety preliminary estimate of the Emergency Services Building.

Council had detailed discussion that included, but was not limited to:

- Details on the proposed building
- Conversations with the Sheriff's office
- Discussion on how spread-out dispatch and Emergency Services is now throughout the county.
- Discussion on how many bids usually come in for a project like this

Chairman Chris Bowers made a motion to consider this Resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilman Henry Wilson. After much discussion between Council, the motion carried unanimously (6-0).

EXECUTIVE SESSION: S.C. Code of Laws, Section 30-4-70 (a):

Chairman Chris Bowers called for a motion to convene into Executive Session as defined by S.C. Code of Laws, Section 30-4-70 (a). Chairman Bowers further stated that each issue would be discussed as the Law provides.

Contractual – Section 30-4-70 (a)(2)

- Receipt of Legal Advice regarding the Pickens County Library System
 - Motion was made by Vice Chairman Roy Costner, and seconded by Councilman Chris Lollis. The motion carried unanimously (6-0), to convene in executive session for the stated purposes.

ACTION AS NEEDED VIA EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS:

Chairman Chris Bowers called the Public Session back to Order and advised the following:

Contractual – Section 30-4-70 (a)(2)

- Receipt of Legal Advice regarding the Pickens County Library System – **No Action Taken**

ADJOURN:

Hearing no further Council business, Council adjourned the meeting to move to the Committee of the Whole Meeting. The motion was made by Councilman Henry Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Claiborne Linvill, and carried unanimously (6-0). Pickens County Council stood adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectively Submitted:

Approved:

Meagan Nations, Clerk to Council

Chris Bowers, Chairman of County Council