

Special Called County Council Meeting

January 24, 2022

6:00 PM

County Council met in special session, with Chairman Chris Bowers presiding. Agendas, bearing date, time, and location of meeting were mailed to members of council and local news media on January 21, 2022.

Council Members in Attendance:

Chris Bowers, Chairman

Roy Costner, Vice Chairman

Trey Whitehurst, Vice Chairman Pro-Tem

Ensley Feemster

Alex Saitta

Henry Wilson

Staff in Attendance:

Ken Roper, County Administrator

Meagan Nations, Clerk to Council

Les Hendricks, Contract County Attorney

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Chris Bowers called the special-called meeting of January 24, 2022 to order and welcomed those in attendance. Councilman Ensley Feemster led the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

REQUEST FROM YOUTH LEADERSHIP ACADEMY REGARDING GRANT FROM THE STATE FOR SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

Mr. Roper explained that the Sheriff's office has retained grant funding for a school resource officer for the year, and there is no match required from the County. He stated they have to reapply each year.

Lt. Rackley, with the Sheriff's Office, explained that this is creating a new position and it is a state funded position. He stated the initial grant equips the vehicle fully, and pays 6 months of the salary and benefits. He stated there is no out of pocket costs for County at all. He stated the SRO has to stay at the school 100% of the time, and the vehicle must stay with the officer at all times. He stated this position will report to the Sheriff's Office.

- After some discussion, Councilman Alex Saitta made a motion to move forward and create the School Resource Officer position. Motion was seconded by Councilman Henry Wilson and carried unanimously (6-0).

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Legal – Section 30-4-70 (a) (2)

- Pickens County vs. SCDHEC and MRR
- Opioid Litigation
- Motion was made by Councilman Ensley Feemster, seconded by Councilman Henry Wilson and 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:

Legal – Section 30-4-70 (a) (2)

- Pickens County vs. SCDHEC and MRR – **No Action Taken.**
- Opioid Litigation – **Chairman Chris Bowers made a motion to adopt a Resolution accepting the South Carolina Opioid Litigation as proposed by our Attorney's. Motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Roy Costner and carried unanimously (6-0).**

ADJOURN:

Chairman Chris Bowers asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Councilman Ensley Feemster, seconded by Councilman Henry Wilson and carried unanimously (6-0). Pickens County Council stood adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Respectively Submitted:

Approved:

Meagan Nations, Clerk to Council

Chris Bowers, Chairman of County Council