

Regular Pickens County Council Meeting
September 2, 2025
6:30 PM

County Council met in regular session, in the Auditorium of the County Administration Facility, with Chairman Alex Saitta presiding. Final agendas, bearing date, time, and location of meeting were emailed to members of council and local news media on August 29, 2025. The agenda was posted in the lobby of the County Administration Building and on the County website the required length of time.

Council Members in Attendance:

Alex Saitta, Chairman
Chris Lollis, Vice Chairman
Dale Holloway, Vice Chairman Pro-Tem
C. Claiborne Linvill
Scott Lang
Chris Bowers (**virtual**)

Staff in Attendance:

Ken Roper, County Administrator
Meagan Nations, Clerk to Council
Destini Anderson Pratt, County Attorney

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Alex Saitta called the September 2, 2025, meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance. Chairman Saitta led the invocation, and Mr. Charles Hendricks led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Chairman Alex Saitta opened the Public Forum and requested the Clerk to call upon the citizens signed up to speak.

1. Jessica Varney: Ms. Varney addressed Council regarding the South Carolina State Guard National Preparedness Month and thanked Council for their support.
2. Tasha Kummer: Ms. Kummer addressed Council regarding the Greenville Pickens Speedway.
3. Bobby Brayerton: Mr. Brayerton addressed Council regarding the Greenville Pickens Speedway.
4. Brandon Langston: Mr. Langston addressed Council regarding the Greenville Pickens Speedway.
5. Josh Medlin: Mr. Medlin addressed Council regarding the Greenville Pickens Speedway.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Chairman Alex Saitta called for a motion to approve the following amended minutes as presented:

- August 11, 2025 – Council Meeting
- August 18, 2025 – Council Work Session
- Motion was made by Chairman Alex Saitta and seconded by Councilman Scott Lang to approve the minutes. Motion carried unanimously (5-0).

ADMINISTRATORS REPORT:

County Administrator Ken Roper gave updates to Council on the following items:

- Introduction of Mrs. Destini Anderson Pratt, our new County Attorney
- Update on Sustainable Routes
- Council Information Packets on Upcoming Paving Lists & Outside Entity Agreements

Council members also asked questions regarding:

- The Country Creek culvert project
- Feedback on Recycling Centers

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE

Chairman Alex Saitta announced the following:

- The council will hold a Work Session on Monday, September 15, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. in the Main Conference Room of the Administration Building.
- The next Council meeting will be on Monday, October 2025, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Administration Building.

Chairman Alex Saitta called for other council correspondence. Seeing no other correspondence, Chairman Alex Saitta announced moving to Motion Period and New Business.

MOTION PERIOD AND NEW BUSINESS:

Chairman Alex Saitta opened the floor for motion period and new business. Seeing no discussion, Chairman Saitta closed the floor.

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING AND/OR RESOLUTIONS:

- A) FIRST READING IN TITLE ONLY OF AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN AMENDMENTS TO PICKENS COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATED TO THE EFFICIENT, SAFE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE COUNTY ROAD SYSTEM AND MATTERS RELATED THERETO.
 - Chairman Alex Saitta made a motion to constitute first reading of this Ordinance. Motion was seconded by Councilor Claiborne Linnell. The motion carried unanimously (6-0).
- B) FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE FOR AMENDMENTS TO PICKENS COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATED TO UNSAFE PROPERTY CONDITIONS AND FURTHER CONSOLIDATE SAID AMENDED ORDINANCES FOR MORE EFFICIENT REFERENCE AND ENFORCEMENT AND MATTERS RELATED THERETO.
 - Chairman Alex Saitta made a motion to vote on separate items throughout the Ordinance. Motion was seconded by Councilman Chris Lollis and carried unanimously (6-0).
 - Chairman Saitta made a motion to approve Section 19-35 as presented in the Ordinance. Motion was seconded by Councilor Claiborne Linnell and carried (4-2), with Councilman Chris Bowers and Vice Chairman Chris Lollis opposed.

- Chairman Saitta made a motion to approve Section 19-36 as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilor Claiborne Linvill.
 - Councilman Chris Bowers made a substitute motion to table any discussion around abandoned vehicles until a further council meeting due to the concerns from citizens in the community. Motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Chris Lollis. The motion carried (5-1), with Chairman Alex Saitta opposed.
 - Chairman Saitta made a motion to approve Section 19-37 as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilor Claiborne Linvill.
 - Councilman Chris Bowers made a motion to add an agricultural extension to the Ordinance. Motion was seconded by Councilman Dale Holloway.
 - Councilman Chris Bowers amended his motion to add “all swimming pools shall be maintained”, instead of agricultural extension. Motion was seconded by Chairman Alex Saitta. The amended motion failed (3-3), with Vice Chairman Chris Lollis, Councilman Scott Lang and Councilman Dale Holloway opposed.
 - The original motion failed (3-3), with Vice Chairman Chris Lollis, Councilman Scott Lang and Councilman Dale Holloway opposed.
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- C) PRESENTATION REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT FOR THE REASSESSMENT ROLLBACK MILLAGE RATE TO MEET THE BUDGETARY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2026.
- Mr. Ken Roper gave an overview of the millage rates.
- Chairman Saitta gave an overview on tax revenue and reassessment years.

ORDINANCES FOR THIRD READING AND/OR PUBLIC HEARING:

- A) PUBLIC HEARING AND THIRD READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING (1) THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF ONE OR MORE FEE IN LIEU OF TAX AND INCENTIVE AGREEMENTS BY AND BETWEEN PICKENS COUNTY, AND A COMPANY KNOWN TO THE COUNTY AT THIS TIME AS PROJECT EXODUS, ACTING FOR ITSELF OR ONE OR MORE PROJECT SPONSORS, PURSUANT TO WHICH THE COUNTY WILL COVENANT TO ACCEPT CERTAIN NEGOTIATED PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAXES AND PROVIDE CERTAIN CREDITS 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.
- Chairman Alex Saitta gaveled into Public Hearing and asked if there was anyone who would like to speak on this Ordinance. After seeing no public speakers, Chairman Saitta declared the Public Hearing closed.
- Chairman Alex Saitta made a motion to constitute third reading of this Ordinance. Motion was seconded by Councilman Chris Lollis and carried unanimously (5-0).

OTHER AGENDA ITEMS:

A) PRESENTATION FROM PICKENS COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER

- Mr. Stacey Kelley gave a presentation to the Council on updates at the Animal Shelter.

CONSENT AGENDA

None

ADJOURN:

Hearing no further Council business, Chairman Alex Saitta made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilor Claiborne Linvill and carried unanimously (5-0). Pickens County Council stood adjourned at 7:37 p.m.