

Regular Pickens County Council Meeting
November 3, 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 October 30, 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

Staff in Attendance:

Ken Roper, County Administrator
Meagan Nations, Clerk to Council

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Alex Saitta called the November 3, 2025, meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance. Councilman Dale Holloway led the invocation, and Mr. John Hembree, Veteran Affairs Officer, led the Pledge of Allegiance and spoke regarding Operation Green Month during November.

PUBLIC FORUM:

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

1. Bryan Owens: Mr. Owens addressed Council regarding the Greater Pickens Chamber of Commerce.
2. Josh Medlin: Mr. Medlin addressed Council regarding taxes and recycling centers.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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

- October 6, 2025 – Council Meeting
- October 20, 2025 – Special-Called Meeting
- October 29, 2025 – Special-Called Meeting
- Motion was made by Chairman Alex Saitta and seconded by Councilman Chris Bowers to approve the minutes. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).

ADMINISTRATORS REPORT:

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

- A) Invitation to visit the Andrew Pickens Interpretive Center at the Pickens County Museum
- B) Public Safety Building Update

- C) Culvert Update – Process on Rackley Lane
- D) Barrett Lawrimore Regional Cooperation Award from the SC Association of Counties

Council members also asked questions regarding:

- Recycle Center Question
- EMS Question regarding Ambulance back-up vehicles held in stations
- Auto Lifts on new EMS ambulances

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE

Chairman Alex Saitta announced the following:

- The council will hold a Council Work Session on Monday, November 17, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. in the Main Conference Room of the Administration Building.
- The next Council meeting will be on Monday, December 1, 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 CERTAIN AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLE V OF CHAPTER 2 OF THE PICKENS COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, PROCUREMENT, ALONG WITH ITEMS RELATED THERETO.
 - Chairman Alex Saitta made a motion to constitute first reading in title only. Motion was seconded by Councilman Chris Bowers. After some discussion, the motion carried unanimously (6-0).

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING AND/OR PUBLIC HEARING:

ORDINANCES FOR THIRD READING AND/OR PUBLIC HEARING:

- A) THIRD READING 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 third reading of this Ordinance. Motion was seconded by Councilor Claiborne Linvill. The motion carried unanimously (6-0).

OTHER AGENDA ITEMS:

- A) PRESENTATION FROM SC FORESTRY COMMISSION, Ms. Helen Mohr and Mr. Drake Carroll
 - Ms. Helen Mohr, and Mr. Drake Carroll, gave a brief presentation on what the SC Forestry Commission is doing to keep Pickens County residents safe with future wildfires and updates.
- B) STREAMLINING BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS, Mrs. Destini Pratt, County Attorney
 - Allison Fowler, Assistant Administrator, presented in place of Mrs. Pratt on streamlining boards and commissions. She presented a comprehensive review of County boards and commissions, noting several opportunities for Council to consider repealing, merge or reorganize groups to improve efficiency and boost volunteer involvement. The boards discussed were Board of Zoning Appeals, Workforce Development, Board of Construction Appeals, Beautification Committee, Tourism Board, Economic Development Alliance Board and Sedgewood Tax District. Staff will prepare a formal recommendation for board restricting based on Council input.

CONSENT AGENDA

None

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

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

Legal: Section 30-4-70 (a)(2)

- Legal Advice regarding request by residents of Dellwood Subdivision

Boards and Commissions: Section 30-4-70 (a)(1)

- Appointments to Boards and Commissions
- Motion was made by Chairman Alex Saitta and seconded by Councilman Chris Bowers. The motion was carried out unanimously (6-0), to convene in executive session for the stated purposes after a ten-minute recess.

ACTION AS NEEDED VIA EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS:

Chairman Alex Saitta called the Public Session back to Order and advised the following:

Legal: Section 30-4-70 (a)(2)

- **Legal Advice regarding request by residents of Dellwood Subdivision** – Councilor Claiborne Linvill made a motion to adopt a resolution supporting the boundary change of Dellwood Subdivision in the City of Clemson in Pickens County. Motion was seconded by Councilman Scott Lang and carried unanimously (6-0).

Boards and Commissions: Section 30-4-70 (a)(1)

- **Appointments to Boards and Commissions:**
 - Chairman Alex Saitta made a motion to remove Randy Soloman from the Public Service Commission due to absenteeism. Motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Chris Lollis and carried unanimously (6-0).
 - Councilman Scott Lang made a nomination to accept Talmadge Hughey to the Easley Central Water Board and accept Paige Wilson to the Easley Central Water Board. The motion carried unanimously.
 - Councilman Dale Holloway made a nomination to appoint Mr. Jim Shelton to the Emergency Services Advisory Board. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).
 - Councilor Claiborne Linvill made a nomination to appoint Bob Brookover to the District 1 Seat on the Recreation Funding Advisory Board. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).

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 (6-0). Pickens County Council stood adjourned at 7:50 p.m.