



**COMMISSIONER'S MEETING  
THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 2011  
4:00 P.M. – CONFERENCE ROOM – STE. 168  
M I N U T E S**

- I. Commissioner Jones called the meeting to order.
  1. Prayer
  2. Pledge of Allegiance
  3. Amendments to Agenda - None
- II. Approved Minutes from March 24, 2011 meeting
- III. Reports from Committees and Departments

Joey Low – Director of Planning & Development – reported that one year ago when he gave a report the news was not very good concerning building permits. He said that the news this year is sort of mixed – that they are cautiously optimistic. You look at the last 12 months and Planning and Development issued a total of 27 building permits versus 30 for the 12 months prior to that; 36 mobile home permits versus 24 the 12 months before; 175 miscellaneous permits versus 173 for the year before; 3 commercial permits versus 5 the year before; and a total of 323 permits versus 321 the year before. Total revenue of \$163,812.02 last year versus \$173,409.43 the year before that. We are pretty much holding our own or gaining in some areas if you look at the permits. It is interesting if you look at the 1<sup>st</sup> qtr. of this year versus the 1<sup>st</sup> qtr. of last yr. And keep in mind that January of this year the weather was horrible and we basically did nothing the month of January so this is primarily February and March. We had a total of 5 house permits versus 5 the year before; 9 mobile home permits versus 6 from the year before; 49 miscellaneous permits versus 38 the year before; and 2 commercial permits versus 1 from the year before. That is a total of 65 for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter this year versus 50 the year before. Mr. Low reported on a couple of projects done this year. Rock Creek Manor, a 30 bed assisted living facility opened this year. Moto-Mountain Off Road Vehicle Park opened and they continue to work on it and expand. That consists of about 1200 acres and 76 miles of trails. Mr. Low spoke to C. B. Jones, the owner, and he says he is averaging about 350 visitors per weekend. That is people that come to Pickens County, ride their atvs, spend money here and then they go home. It is not a race track and is family oriented, no alcohol. There are very strict rules. He is adding lodging – a different kind of lodging – sky cabins – built up on stilts. You get a discount if you are a Pickens County resident.
- IV. Consent Agenda
  1. Signed Proclamation declaring the week of April 10 – 16, 2011 as National Crime Victims' Rights Week.
  2. Signed Proclamation declaring Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> & Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup> as Tate Depot Days throughout the County of Pickens.
  3. Signed Local Public Road Acceptance Resolution and Local State Route Acceptance Resolution which are required for GDOT Project CSSTP-0006-00(416) – re-alignment of State Route 53 West near Pickens/Gordon County Line.

4. Adopted Resolution Amending the Pickens County Land Use District Ordinance (Ordinance #67) map in regard to Parcel 036-007 composed of 226.25 acres from Rural Residential (RR) to Agricultural (AG). The application was received from Elwin Bobo, Montana Land Company, LLC and the Pickens County Planning Commission voted 6-0 to approve the change.
5. Signed a Joint Proclamation by the Sole Commissioner of Pickens County, Georgia and the Mayor of the City of Jasper, Georgia proclaiming April 23, 2011 as Health Fair Day in Pickens County and urge all members of the community to recognize and support the activity which will be held from 7 – 11:00 a.m. on April 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Education Annex of Chattahoochee Technical College.
6. Signed Proclamation declaring April 2011 as Donate Life Month in Pickens County, Georgia to honor all those who made the decision to give the gift of life, to focus attention on the extreme need for organ, eye and tissue donation, to encourage all residents to take action and sign up on Georgia's Donor Registry at [www.donatelifegeorgia.org](http://www.donatelifegeorgia.org), to discuss the miracle of transplantation as a family, and to make a family commitment to organ, eye, and tissue donation.
7. Closed account at Jasper Banking Company – Excess Tax Escrow Account

V. Old Business

None

VI. New Business

None

VII. Guests/Comments

Angela Reinhardt, Pickens Progress, asked for more information on Item 3 under the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Jones said that is the road project the GADOT has been having several open meetings about. They are going to straighten the dangerous curves on Hwy 53 West before you get to the Gordon County line. Georgia Department of Transportation is funding the entire project.

VIII. Adjournment