



**COMMISSIONER'S MEETING
THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2009
4:00 P.M. – CONFERENCE ROOM – Suite #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 26, 2009 meeting.
- III. Reports from Committees and Departments
 1. Greg Collis – Director of Public Works – reported that from April 10th to April 21st Pickens County Public Works has worked on average 30 to 40 hours overtime plus regular hours doing cleanup from the tornados that happened on April 10th in the Grandview Road area. They removed 2370 cubic yards of debris, 670 yards of debris has been chipped. \$36,920 in equipment used, \$26,000 in man hours. 1487.7 gallons of diesel, 835.8 gallons of gas – total fuel cost \$3,789.47. Grand total of \$66,709 as of April 22nd. Still working on the cleanup, moved from the Grandview area on April 21st to the Pendley Road area. They have put 6,000 tons gravel on dirt roads, patching is in progress and mowing has started.
- IV. Consent Agenda
 1. Signed Memorandum of Agreement By and Between the Chief Elected Officials of Coosa Valley/North Georgia regarding Workforce Investment Act of 1998 which involves job training programs, etc. which covers a 15 county area in North Georgia.
 2. Signed Performance Partnership Agreement Award with Georgia Emergency Management Agency – Award Number P08-9-052; Grant Period July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009; Federal Award: \$6,894.90; Local Match: \$6,894.90; Total award: \$13,789.80.
 3. Signed Proclamation to designate April 2009 as “The Great American Cleanup - Keep Georgia Beautiful” Green starts here Statewide Cleanup Month in Pickens County.
 4. Opened new account with Crescent Bank & Trust Company in Jasper. Account name: Pickens County Government E911 Fund.
 5. Signed Proclamation designating April 2009 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Pickens County.
 6. Signed Memorandum of Understanding Between Pickens County Government and Wildcat Community, Inc.
 7. Closed bank account at Bank of North Georgia on April 15, 2009.
 8. Signed Joint Proclamation by the Sole Commissioner and the Mayor of the City of Jasper proclaiming April 25, 2009 as Health Fair Day in Pickens County.
 9. Signed Proclamation authorizing the Pickens County Emergency Management Agency in conjunction with the Georgia Emergency Management Agency to assemble a community-based planning

team comprised of public and private sector representatives to
Develop a Hazard Mitigation Plan for approval by the Pickens
County Sole Commissioner.

V. Old Business
None

VI. New Business
None

VII. Guests/Comments

Questions were asked by attendees and there was discussion regarding the following topics:
Item 1 under the Consent Agenda- Workforce Investment Board; Item 4 under the Consent
Agenda; Collection of EMS monies- private company is collecting 85%; road repair and
Paving – Commissioner Jones said that some people don't want their roads paved because they
don't want to give the right-of-way. Commissioner Jones said he received notification from the
GADOT that no assistance will be available this year. A road study was done in 2005 that was
able to get us an extra \$500,000 for the year. They have taken \$487,000 of that back. They
cancelled our gravel contracts for this year. We also had 12 roads on the LARP list this year and
we aren't going to get any of that. They tell us we might have a chance for something in 2010.
As far as stimulus monies – we sent in about \$3million of projects and they accepted three of the
four that were down: water tanks, water lines and a pumping station. Commissioner Jones said
that when he got the letter it said we were approved, BUT, even though it was a stimulus package
we would have to have 60% matching funds, have to finance the project at 3% for 20 years and
were going to charge a 2% closing cost and a 2% closing cost on the matching funds that the
county was putting in. Greg Collis, Director of Public Works said they are patching and will until
they get some money. He said we also have some SPLOST money.

VIII. Adjournment

Commissioner Jones adjourned the meeting at 4:17 p.m.

Robert P. Jones
Sole Commissioner

ATTEST:

Deborah E. Watson
County Clerk