



COMMISSIONER'S MEETING
August 17, 2007 – 9:00 A.M.
MINUTES

I. Call to Order

Commissioner Jones called the meeting to order

- 1. Prayer**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Amendments to Agenda - None**

II. Approved Minutes from June 22, 2007 meeting.

III. Reports from Committees and Departments

- 1. Joey Low – Special Projects Manager – reported on major SPLOST projects – road projects for 2007. At the end of 2006 – out of the 2007 budget - Jerusalem Church Road from 53 to Cherokee County- 5.15 mi. \$350,000 project funded out of SPLOST. C. W. Mathews Contracting did that project. Old State Route 5 from Gilmer Co. to SR 136. 2.57 mi. - \$80,000 from SPLOST and \$194,000 from the State D.O.T. through their LARP program. Old State Route 5 from Talking Rock to Johnson Road – 2.66 mi. - \$175,000 out of SPLOST and \$250,000 from the Georgia D.O.T. – C.W. Mathews Contracting did that project. The next project is Old SR 5 from Tate to Nelson – Bids will be opened August 30, 2007. 1.83 miles – Estimated \$360,000 out of SPLOST with no D.O.T. funding on that one. Steve Tate Rd. from SR 53 to Dawson County – there is a section between Whitley Road to Big Canoe entrance that Big Canoe is going to be doing a four-lane project on – we will do either end of that road. 3.14 miles. Low bidder was Blount Construction – now waiting on the D.O.T. to start that one. \$109,000 out of SPLOST - \$437,000 federal ear-marked money. Some upcoming projects we are going to try to get done this year are Yellow Creek Road from SR 53 to Cherokee County - 2.55 miles. About \$67,000 – SPLOST and \$117,000 Georgia D.O.T. Matthews Road – from Hill City Rd. to Henderson Mtn. Rd. - 1.6 miles – about \$36,000 SPLOST and \$87,000 from Georgia D.O.T.**

The new re-routing of Upper Salem Church Road around the new Airport Technology Park – about .75 mi. – about \$124,000 SPLOST and \$135,000 from Georgia D.O.T. Also, we are going to build a Park and Ride lot on Camp Road on some land the County owns out there. About \$30,000 SPLOST and \$43,000 Georgia D.O.T. Also got an upcoming striping contract – stripe with thermoplastic and raised pavement

markers – Lumber Co. Rd., Hill City Rd., Monument Rd., Jerusalem Church Rd. - \$20,000 SPLOST and \$85,000 from the Georgia D.O.T. If you total all of this up it represents out of SPLOST \$1,342,000. The funding we have received from the Georgia D.O.T. and FHWA - \$1,349,000. That's almost dollar for dollar SPLOST money versus dollars we have received from other funding sources. The total amount is \$2,691,855 of road projects.

The important thing is that with the SPLOST money – when you go to the D.O.T. and ask for money you have to have matching funds. They don't just give out money without you putting up money I don't think we would have been able to carve out \$1.3 million out of the general fund budget to put towards roads without the SPLOST. That is something to keep in mind. We have another SPLOST referendum coming up next year. It really helps the road component and to get some things done..

IV. Consent Agenda

- 1. Signed Professional Services Contract with Ellijay Telephone Company (Silver Support Plan – Support 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Saturday, 4-hour guaranteed response time, 8-Hours of support per month.**
- 2. Signed Development Agreement between Southern Comfort Ventures II, LLC, Developer of the Whispering Creek Subdivision, and Pickens County, Georgia – in regard to properties for water tank and a booster pump.**
- 3. Adopted Resolution Appointing Jeff Henke to the Pickens County Water and Sewer Authority to complete the unexpired term of Shane Harwood which ends December 31, 2007.**
- 4. Signed Memorandum of Understanding between the Pickens County Board of Health and Pickens County Government effective from June 26, 2007 through June 30, 2008.**
- 5. Adopted Resolution changing the Employee Policy Handbook by adding a section entitled Vehicle Assignment & Use Policy which addresses County vehicle take home policy and personal vehicle mileage reimbursement.**
- 6. Adopted Resolution approving the five (5) year Transit Development Plan for Pickens County prepared by the North Georgia Regional Development Center with input from the Pickens County Transit Advisory Committee, the North Georgia Community Action Agency, the Georgia Department of Human Resources Transportation Coordinator, and the Georgia Department of Transportation.**
- 7. Opened bids for re-surfacing Steve Tate Highway. Four bids were received: 1) Northwest Georgia Paving - \$599,635.55; 2) Blount Construction - \$547,264.00; 3) Colditz Paving - \$560,409.39; 4) C. W. Matthews Contracting Co. - \$560,819.00. The bids are being reviewed.**
- 8. Signed Memorandum of Agreement by and between the Pickens County Sole Commissioner Robert Jones and the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia for the Governmental Services Division of**

The Carl Vinson Institute of Government to study the operations and organization of the Pickens County Planning Department. Emphasis will be placed on the staffing levels and the work processes used to implement the Pickens County zoning code and development regulations. the review will collect data to establish a factual basis and benchmarks for an appropriate developmental review process for Pickens County.

V. Old Business

None

VI. New Business

None

VII. Guests/Comments

None

VIII. Adjournment

Commissioner Jones adjourned the meeting at 9:12 a.m.