



**COMMISSIONER'S MEETING
THURSDAY, AUGUST 26, 2010
4:00 P.M. – CONFERENCE ROOM
MINUTES**

- I. Commissioner Jones called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.
1. Prayer
 2. Pledge of Allegiance
 3. Amendments to Agenda - None
- II. Approved Minutes from July 22, 2010 meeting
- III. Reports from Committees and Departments
- Sheriff Donnie Craig reported that Uniform Patrol Division has answered 24,866 calls year-to-date and has made 328 arrests. 11.37 minutes is the average response time. He said they really started looking at response time a few months ago and the response time was nearly 13 minutes in the beginning. Property crimes for the year - 59 residential burglaries committed; 8 business burglaries; 238 theft by taking; 1773 other types of property calls. Personal crimes: 41 assaults; 6-reports of rape or sex crimes; 350 domestic crimes; 28 child abuse and neglect and 326 animal control calls. A comparison was done last year 2008-2009 we noticed a decrease in property crimes and more domestic crimes. Domestic crimes are on the increase. Sheriff Craig said that is one area where they are going to address some training issues. Unfortunately he believes that the economy has a lot to do with the increase of domestic calls. They have had 1826 animal control calls. The Animal Shelter will probably open in October. The animal shelter is over at the old rescue barn. All the renovations of the building are being done by one of the Sheriff's employees and inmate labor. He commented that Commissioner Jones had wired the shelter himself which took two days. Sheriff Craig said that the Jail reached maximum capacity of 143 inmates a couple of weeks ago. They have 22 State inmates waiting to be picked up by the State. The Sheriff said they are receiving funds from the state. They get \$22/day reimbursement for housing each inmate. They received \$14,000 yesterday. They currently have 90 pre-trial inmates; 7 sentenced to county time. They use them out on the county roads. On the average they have 100-108 males and 22 females. They have had 3 illegal aliens who were housed and then they turned over to ICE. When asked how the Jail handled the over max capacity Sheriff Craig said that it took about 1 week to lower the number of overflow. Some State inmates were picked up by the State. Worked with Probation to work some deals and worked with Judge Weaver regarding some of the inmates who are there because of failure to pay child support and have arranged early release to do community service. Today we have 126 inmates.

Year-to-date they have logged over 6300 hours in training. One half of the training has been done here in Pickens County. It helped benefit us by pulling other agencies in to spend their money here. The Sheriff's office entered a contest with their patrol car and it took Top 4 category in the national Law and Order Magazine contest. The design of the patrol car was chosen by the people of Pickens County.

IV. Consent Agenda

1. Signed Proclamation designating August 28, 2010 as **Kids 4 Cares Day** in Pickens County saluting their efforts and contribution to Pickens County.
2. Signed Cooperative Agreement by and between the Georgia Forestry Commission and Pickens County under the provisions of the "Forest Fire Protection Act", approved February 23, 1949 (Ga.L.1949, p.937), as amended, particularly by an Act approved February 7, 1950 (Ga.L.1950,p.101), and Act approved March 3, 1955 (Ga.L.1955,p.309) and House Bill No. 1055 enacted by the 2010 session of the General Assembly of Georgia approved by the Governor.
3. Signed Joint Proclamation designating September 2010 as **National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month** in Pickens County and the City of Jasper.

V. Old Business

None

VI. New Business

1. Adopted new flood damage prevention ordinance.
2. Adopted Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of Pickens County, Georgia; Chapter 67, Land Use Intensity Districts and Maps.
3. Adopted Resolution amending the Code of Ordinances of Pickens County, Georgia; Chapter 38, Article IV, Division 4 to revise the standards for installation of pre-owned manufactured homes.
4. Adopted Resolution creating Enterprise Zone.

VII. Guests/Comments (watch video at www.KnowPickens.com)

Commissioner Jones was asked when the millage rate would be set. He replied that they now have the information to work from and it should be soon. He expressed his desire to keep the county millage rate the same as last year if at all possible.

Gerald Nechvatal answered questions regarding the Enterprise Zone Resolution. He said it is a positive step forward to attract new industry and there is an interested party now that he is not at liberty to mention.

VIII. Adjournment

Commissioner Jones adjourned the meeting at 4:23 p.m.