

**COMMISSIONER'S MEETING
THURSDAY, AUGUST 27, 2009
4:00 P.M. – CONFERENCE ROOM
MINUTES**

- I. Called the meeting to Order.
 - 1. Prayer
 - 2. Pledge of Allegiance
 - 3. Amendments to Agenda – None
- II. Approved Minutes from July 23, 2009 meeting.
- III. Reports from Committees and Departments
 - 1. Joey Low – Director of Planning and Development – Mr. Low reported that for the Month of July 2009 the total revenue collected by Planning & Development was \$18,535.66. Total number of Permits issued in 2009 is 218 and the total revenue for 2009 is \$133,049.87. His report also included graphs showing the difference in collections and permits from past years.
- IV. Consent Agenda
 - 1. Signed Georgia Department of Transportation Local Assistance Road Program (LARP) Certificate of Ownership and Agreement
 - 2. Closed CDBG Grant #07p-y-112-1-3327 (Burnt Mtn. Center Project) at Jasper Banking Company.
 - 3. Signed Automatic Aid Agreement between Dawson County, Georgia Fire Stations 8 and Pickens County, Georgia Fire Station 5, Grandview VFD, a fire department of the State of Georgia.
 - 4. Adopted Resolution re-appointing Kathy Bruce to the Pickens County Board of Family and Children Services. The five year term ends June 30, 2014.
 - 5. Bid opening was held on Monday, August 17, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. for 500,000 gallon elevated water tank. Two bids were received: Caldwell Tanks, Inc., Louisville, Kentucky and Phoenix Fabricators & Erectors, Inc. of Avon, Indiana. Bids are being reviewed.
 - 6. Bid opening was held on Monday, August 17, 2009 at 3:00 p.m. for WSI- Phase II Water Lines – 15 bids were received and are being reviewed.
 - 7. Adopted Resolution to change the amount of the TAN (tax anticipated note) from \$2,500,000 to \$4,000,000.
 - 8. Adopted an Ordinance authorizing Pickens County, acting by and through the Pickens County Fire/Rescue Department and/or the Pickens County Emergency Management Agency, to recover costs for providing fire and hazardous material emergency services; and to recover costs for damage to fire hydrants.
- V. Old Business
 - None
- VI. New Business
 - 1. Adopted Resolution appointing Melanie Dallas to the Region One Mental Health, Development Disabilities and Addictive Diseases Planning Board.
 - 2. Adopted Resolution imposing a wireless enhanced 9-1-1 charge on Wireless

Telecommunications connections within Pickens County, Georgia.

VII. Guests/Comments

A guest asked about item #1 on the Agenda as to what roads it was for. The Commissioner explained that in order to get funding he has to sign an affidavit stating that the County has right-of-way.

A guest asked about the increase in the TAN. Commissioner Jones explained that he went ahead and put that in place because he didn't know what would happen between now and the end of the year with sales tax revenues. So he didn't want to wait until the last minute to put that in place.

A guest asked about item #2 under new business. Lee Sanders, Director of 9-1-1, said that the cell phone charges right now are \$1.00 and it would go up \$.50 to make the total cost \$1.50.

A question was brought up about the website. Commissioner Jones explained that we are in the process of changing our website and that Rodney Buckingham would be maintaining that with the help of ETC.

One citizen asked why there is a charge for ambulance service and not for fire service. After some discussion the County Attorney, Phillip Landrum III, answered that Ambulance Service is a fee based service and Fire is a Public Service.

A citizen asked when the bids for the 500,000 gallon water tank and for the water lines would be announced. Commissioner Jones stated that we went ahead and put the contracts out for bids to see what the money was going to be. He said we haven't received any notification about the stimulus package. So if we don't get the stimulus package it could be a mute subject. At least we have that much in the works. If we get the funds we would need to have a Notice To Proceed in place by November 1, 2009. Commissioner Jones said that if we don't get the stimulus money we're probably definitely not going to do the water lines but we are going to have to do something about a water tank. Tate has a 100,000 water tank that has been up for approximately 35 years and has already been refurbished once. It is now at the point it can't be refurbished again and it is not big enough anymore.

VIII. Adjournment

Commissioner Jones adjourned the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

Robert P. Jones
Sole Commissioner

ATTEST:

Paula F. Peace
Deputy County Clerk