



**PICKENS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2014
5:30 P.M. – CONFERENCE ROOM – STE. 168**

- I. **Call to order**
Chairman Robert Jones called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Commissioner Becky Denney and Commissioner Jerry Barnes were present.
- II. **Prayer - Chairman Jones**
Pledge of Allegiance
- III. **Amendments to Agenda**
None
- IV. **Approval of Agenda**
Commissioner Barnes made a motion to approve the agenda; Commissioner Denney seconded the motion; all voted aye.
- V. **Finance Report - CFO Faye Harvey stated that Mr. Cliff Kimsey of Raymond James Financial, Inc. had provided the Board with figures that were requested regarding water fund refinancing. Mr. Kimsey was present and told the Board that he had looked at a 15 year term loan as well as a 20 year term loan and that the shorter term would provide the county more savings – approximately \$3.3 million in savings if they feel it is doable. CFO Faye Harvey stated that the revenue last year was 1.3 times coverage on the debt service. Mrs. Harvey feels we can handle the payments on the 15 year. The loan will be paid with monies collected on water bills and the water department is getting \$800,000 SPLOST. Commissioner Barnes made a motion to go with the 15 year loan; Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted aye. Mr. Kimsey will get with the county attorney to prepare the paperwork and resolutions. Mrs. Harvey reported that the November 2014 Financial Report reflects eleven months of the 2014 fiscal year. Expenditure budgets should be 91.7% or less. General Fund Revenue collections for the period ending November 30, 2014 total \$17,021,296 or 80.87% of the total amount budgeted. General Fund expenditures for the first 11 months of 2014 are \$18,308,841 or 86.99% of budgeted amounts. Overall, expenditures are 4.68% under the allowable level. Public Works (Road Department) is over budget at 98.39% - due to seasonal road projects, mowing and paving. Paving projects which began after July 1, 2014 will be paid with 2014 SPLOST proceeds. A budget amendment may be required for this department at the end of this year. Economic Development budget is at 100%. The Economic Development amount is a monthly contribution paid to the Chamber of Commerce to support that Department. The December 2014 contribution to the Chamber was paid on November 25, 2014. No further charges are expected for this budget for the remainder of 2014. The Enterprise fund – Airport is over budget at 115.31%. Expenditures through November 30 are \$316,692; however, Airport revenue from**

rentals and fuel sales total \$346,584 for the same period, revenues exceed expenditures by \$29,892. Line item budget reports were distributed to department heads and elected officials on December 12, 2014.

- VI. **Consent Agenda**
 - A. **Nominated Beth Feininger to serve on the Northwest Georgia Region 1 Emergency Medical Services Council – Term is January 2015 – January 2017.**
- VII. **Old Business**

None
- VIII. **New Business**

None
- IX. **Action Items**
 - A. **Approve Minutes**
 - 1) **Regular Board Meeting – November 20, 2014**
 - 2) **Public Hearing on 2015 Budget – December 4, 2014**
 - 3) **Work Session – December 4, 2014**
 - 4) **Called Meeting – December 4, 2014**
 - 5) **Called Meeting – December 15, 2014**

Chairman Barnes made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 20, 2014 Regular Meeting, the Public Hearing on December 4, 2014, the Work Session on December 4, 2014, the Called Meeting on December 4, 2014 and the Called Meeting on December 15, 2014; Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted aye.
 - B. **Rezoning Request RZ-10-14-1167 – David Higginbotham
201 Vineyard Way, Jasper, GA – Rural Residential (RR) to
Agricultural (AG) 008-067 - 10 Acres (Amendment #92)**

Commissioner Barnes made a motion to approve the request; Commissioner Denney seconded the motion; all voted aye.
 - C. **Adopt Resolution to reappoint Bob Payne to the Joint Development Authority of Bartow and Pickens County, Georgia for a six year term which will end December 2020.**

Commissioner Barnes made a motion to adopt the Resolution; Commissioner Denney seconded the motion; all voted aye.
 - D. **Adopt Resolution to reappoint Tom Lindsey to the Joint Development Authority of Bartow and Pickens County, Georgia for a six year term which will end December 2020.**

Commissioner Barnes made a motion to adopt the Resolution; Commissioner Denney seconded the motion; all voted aye.
 - E. **Adopt Resolution reappointing Linda Casey to the Pickens County Planning Commission for a four year term beginning January 1, 2015 and ending December 31, 2018.**

Commissioner Barnes made a motion to adopt the Resolution; Commissioner Denney seconded the motion; all voted aye.
 - F. **Adopt FY 2015 Budget**

Commissioner Barnes made a motion to Adopt the FY2015 Budget; Commissioner Denney seconded the motion; all voted aye.
 - G. **Decision on January Work Session**

Commissioner Barnes made a motion to cancel the January 1, 2015 Work Session; Commissioner Denney seconded the motion; all voted aye.
 - H. **Award bid for Debris Removal**

Commissioner Barnes made a motion to award the bid for Debris Removal to Southern Disaster Recovery of Greer, South Carolina; Commissioner Denney seconded the motion; all voted aye.
- X. **Guests and Comments**

Lorraine Pope asked if the forensic audit that the Grand Jury recommended would be performed since we are going to have extra money.
Anthony Pope asked what criteria is used to decide which roads will be paved.

XI. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

These Minutes were approved on January 15, 2015.

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