

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PICKENS COUNTY, GEORGIA

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PICKENS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 2015
5:30 P.M. – CONFERENCE ROOM – STE. 168

- I. Call to order
Chairman Jones called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
Commissioner Becky Denney and Commissioner Jerry Barnes were present.
- II. Prayer - Commissioner Barnes
Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Amendments to Agenda – Under Item X – Add H – requesting approval to annex approximately 17 acres – Airport Horseshoe - into the Jasper City Limits
- IV. Approval of Agenda
Commissioner Barnes made a motion to approve; Commissioner Denney seconded the motion; all voted aye.
- V. Employee Recognition
Commissioner Denney presented a certificate and pin to Tammy Lynn Burrell for 10 years of service.
- VI. Finance Report – Chairman Jones (CFO Faye Harvey is on vacation.)
Chairman Jones reported that the May 2015 Financial Report reflects five months of the 2015 fiscal year. Expenditure budgets should be 41.7% or less. General Fund revenue collections for the period ending May 31, 2015 total \$5,789,655 or 25.77% of the total amount budgeted. General Fund expenditures for fiscal year 2015 are \$8,668,712 or 38.58% of budgeted amounts. Overall, expenditures are 3.09% under budget. Budget variances are as follows: 1) Elections budget is over at 48.19% due to the purchase of voting machines. This was a budgeted item, but a large amount. The budget should equalize as the year progresses. 2) General Government buildings budget is at 45.98% due to the quarterly principal and interest payments for the State Patrol Headquarters building. Payments were paid in January and April, 2015. That obligation will be paid in full in November, 2015. 3) Probation and Drug Abuse Funds are over budget at 81.41%. This is a grant reimbursed budget line, so revenues will increase to accommodate the expenditure. 4) Animal Shelter is over budget at 56.28%. The expenditures lines over budget are salaries and regular operating expenses. A budget amendment may be required. 5) EMA budget is over 54.94%. One of the largest EMA expenditures – payment for the CodeRed system – was paid in January, 2015. The budget should equalize as the year progresses. 6) KPB – Keep Pickens Beautiful is over budget at 50%.

Contributions to KPB are paid quarterly and the second quarter amount was paid in April. Annual contributions will not exceed budgeted amount. 7) The marshal budget is at 57.3% due to purchase of vehicle and equipment. This was a budgeted item, but a large amount, the budget should equalize as the year progresses. 8) Economic Development budget is at 50%. Contributions are paid monthly in advance. Annual contributions will not exceed budgeted amount. Line item budget reports were distributed to department heads and elected officials on June 10, 2015.

VII. Consent Agenda - None

VIII. Old Business - None

IX. New Business - None

X. Action Items

A. Approve Minutes

1. Regular Board Meeting – May 21, 2015

2. Called Meeting – May 29, 2015

3. Work Session – June 4, 2015

Commissioner Barnes made a motion to approve the Minutes of the May 1 and the June 4 meetings; Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted aye.

B. Rezone Request - None

C. Consideration of Bailiff Pay increase

Commissioner Barnes made a motion to raise the Bailiff pay from \$55 to \$75 per day as requested by the Grand Jury; Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted aye. The Bailiffs are paid from the Sheriff's budget.

D. Execution of Quit Claim Deed from Pickens County to God's Country, LLC (erroneous tax sale). Property was sold in tax sale by mistake.

Commissioner Barnes made a motion to authorize Chairman Jones to sign documents necessary to deed the property back to the owner; Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted aye.

E. Appointment of Becky Denney to the Pickens County Library Board of Trustees for a four year term beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2019.

Commissioner Barnes made a motion to approve; Chairman Jones seconded; all voted aye.

F. Appointment of Ed Wood to the Pickens County Airport Authority for a Four year term which ends March 31, 2019.

G. Consideration of county contribution for 4-H /AmeriCorps State Grant.

The Grant will provide a fulltime AmeriCorps member which will help with 4-H and youth programming in Pickens County which will make it possible to expand the program and reach more youth. The prerequisite to receiving the Grant is a County contribution of \$1,900 per year. The grant term is expected to last for three years. The County Extension budget is at 27.697% and no budget amendment will be needed if this is approved.

Commissioner Barnes made a motion to approve the contribution; Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted aye.

H. The Board of Commissioners requests that the City of Jasper annex approximately 17 acres – Airport Horseshoe – because the developer failed to do so several years ago. This property is owned by the Pickens County Industrial Development Authority. The property has to be annexed into the City for sewerage purposes.

Commissioner Barnes approved the request; Seconded by Commissioner Denney seconded the request; all voted aye.

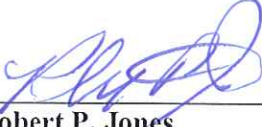
XI. Guests/Comments

Several Big Canoe residents expressed their concerns regarding events (weddings and other special events) being held on the Tatum Acres farm which is adjacent to Big Canoe. They are not happy with the noise from the property, devaluation of property values, and the loss of tranquility.

The owners of the property are Douglas and Lynda Tatum. Ms. Tatum was present and spoke to their concerns, expressing that she is a good neighbor, and wants to be a good neighbor.

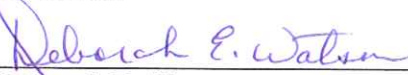
XII. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.



Robert P. Jones
Chairman

ATTEST:



Deborah E. Watson
County Clerk

These Minutes were approved at the July 16, 2015 BOC meeting.

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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Work Session

MINUTES

July 2, 2015

10:00 a.m.

Commission Conference Room – Ste. 168

Chairman Jones called the Work Session to order. Commissioner Becky Denney and Commissioner Jerry Barnes were present.

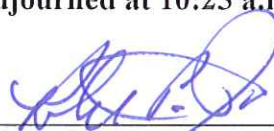
1. Pete Smith with Edgewood Partners Insurance Center (EPIC) provided handouts to the Board. EPIC is one of the top 20 insurance agencies in the country. He wanted to present a different concept for the Board's consideration. The concept includes shared-site primary care center – with primary care doctors; no co-pays or deductibles; extended appointments; reduced wait times. Drugs at No Cost; improved convenience; increased compliance. Reference based pricing; and an exchange platform – it offers 5 or 6 plans to choose from and Mr. Smith stated that ordinarily people buy down when they have choices. Specialists are on a referral basis. Commissioner Denney stated that she had heard Cobb County is on this plan. Mr. Smith said Cobb County is on the plan and the City of Powder Springs is going to merge with Cobb. He stated that it reduces costs to go in with other employers. EPIC has a company that selects a site for the clinic and they put it up and staff it. It can be staffed with local doctors.
Commissioner Denney said it was good information and great to see what's out there.
2. Alcoholic Beverages Ordinance – The Board was provided a copy of the revised Ordinance for their review. County Attorney Phil Landrum said a lot of work had been put into this and they had worked closely with the Alcohol Board to update the Ordinance. It streamlines the process for the applicant and some exhibits will be part of the application. The last provision in the Ordinance is a “special use permit” for events - up to 6 per year - (such as wine tasting or outdoor events, which may require other services such as fire, EMS, etc.) This item will be placed on the July 16 meeting agenda for a vote.
3. The Board of Commissioners discussed replacement of the dump truck which burned after pulling down power lines near the county recycling

center a couple of weeks ago. Chairman Jones reported that almost \$32,000 will be collected from the insurance company. He had a price on a 2006 International 7600 that has 214,000 actual miles. The engine was replaced at 212,000 miles and is covered under warranty until August 2016. Transmission was rebuilt at the same time and a new clutch was installed as well. Price: \$65,000.00.

He also had a price on 2007 Mack Granite CV713 - \$99,950. The 2006 International has an insulated bed and the 2007 Mac does not. They are both straight shift. The price of a new Mac from Gainesville Truck runs anywhere from \$140,000 - \$150,000. The Board will review the paperwork. Chairman Jones stated his opinion was to go with a used truck. CFO Faye Harvey said we could do a budget amendment if they decide to go with the \$65,000 truck and not have to do a lease. The \$65,000 truck is in a local dealership. This item will be on the July 16 agenda for a vote.

4. Commissioner Denney mentioned the county's travel reimbursement policy. Mrs. Harvey stated that the county's policy at this time is \$30/day for meals & tips. The State of Georgia's per diem rates- \$36/day (Breakfast - \$7; Lunch - \$9; Dinner - \$20). The current policy requires employees pay out-of-pocket and be reimbursed. Mrs. Harvey said it is cumbersome and requires a lot of paperwork. The per diem approach would simplify the process. Department Heads will have to sign off on the reimbursement. If lunch is provided during training then the county would not pay for the lunch cost. As far as mileage, if a county vehicle is not available, the county now pays \$0.40 per mile. To adopt mileage rates equal to those adopted by the State of Georgia; if no county car is available - \$0.575 and if a county car is available - \$0.230 per mile. This item will be on the July 16 agenda for a vote.

There being no further discussion the work session was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.



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Chairman

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