



## **COMMISSIONER'S MEETING**

**February 24, 2006**

**9:00 A.M. – ANNEX COURTROOM**

**MINUTES**

- I. Call to order**
  - 1. Called meeting to order**
  - 2. Prayer**
  - 3. Pledge of Allegiance**
- II. Minutes**

**Read and Approved minutes from previous meeting**
- III. Reports from Committees and Departments**
  - 1. Greg Collis - Absent**
- IV. Consent Agenda**
  - 1. Signed Second Amendment to Contract Between Pickens County and Georgia Waste Systems, Inc. – extending term of Agreement from January 26, 2006 through October 3, 2006.**
  - 2. Signed Agreement Between Pickens County and the North Georgia Regional Development Center to prepare a Fire Protection Services Plan. The total cost of the project is \$14,500.00. NGRDC will utilize State Grant funds from the Georgia Department of community Affairs to cover 75% of the cost (\$10,875.00) and the remaining 25% (\$3,625.00) shall be paid by the County.**
  - 3. Signed SUBGRANT AWARD for a grant under the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) – SUBGRANT # W05-8-057 – Federal Funds \$40,835 & matching funds \$13,612 for grant period 01/01/06 – 12/31/06.**
  - 4. Extended term referenced in the Resolution Declaring Moratorium on Privately Owned Sewer Systems for Pickens County, Georgia until May 8, 2006.**
  - 5. Signed National FFA Week Proclamation designating the week of February 18 through 25, 2006 as FFA Week.**
  - 6. Signed proposal with Hiscutt & Associates Architecture for architectural and engineering services for converting the former Mountainside Hospital into new offices for Pickens County Government. This proposal is for the first phase of renovation.**
  - 7. Held bid opening for Side Bar Building & Federal Building @ 8:30 A.M. on Friday, February 17, 2006 – One bid was received from Elite Development L.L.C. in the amount of \$1,200,000.00.**

8. **Completed and submitted Zoning Application to City of Jasper requesting to de-annex property located at 193 Pickens Airport Road from City of Jasper. (74.4 acres)**
9. **Signed Department of Transportation County Right Of Way Agreement for improvement of .207 miles of Turn Lane Construction and Signal Installation on SR 53 @ Sammy McGhee Blvd. – Project #TSAP0-S0007-00(189).**
10. **Signed Department of Transportation County Right of Way Agreement for improvement of .013 miles of Bridge Structure Replacement & Repair on Fairview Rd. (CR 85 @ Sharp Mountain Creek Tributary, Old Mill White Rd. (CR 36) @ Long Swamp Creek Tributary, Old Hwy. 5 (CR 330) @ Town Creek Tributary & Salem Church Rd. (CR 102) @ Padgett Creek – Project # PR000-S008-00(355)**

**V. Old Business**

None

**VI. New Business**

1. **Adopted Resolution Appointing Tom C. Lindsey and Bob Payne to the Development Authority of Pickens County for a six year term beginning September 9, 2005 and ending September 8, 2011. (Agenda was amended to add this item.)**
2. **Adopted Resolution Appointing Don Boggus, Jr. and Howard Ray to the Development Authority of Pickens County for a six year term beginning September 9, 2003 and ending September 8, 2009. (Agenda was amended to add this item.)**
3. **Adopted Resolution Amending the Pickens County Land Use District Ordinance (Ordinance #67) in regard to Parcel 009-048 composed of 61.68 acres from Agricultural (AG) to Rural Residential (RR). (Amendment #2)**
4. **Adopted Resolution re-appointing Elizabeth Ray to the Pickens County Planning Commission with term beginning 1/1/06 – 12/31/09.**
5. **Adopted Resolution Adopting and Amending Chapter 4 of the Code of Ordinances of Pickens County, Georgia.**

**VII. Guests/Comments**

1. **Judy Garner said she believed that Mark Miller had brought a Petition from citizens on Bull Gap Road the Commissioner regarding putting Bull Gap Road in the county road system. Commissioner Jones replied he had not received it and said he would have our Land Use office look at this. Mrs. Garner said she had a copy of the petition if he had not received it. Mrs. Garner said someone had been in contact with Mark Miller and he was told to have the residents of that area sign a petition. She said she would like to know when they are going to get some feedback. Commissioner Jones said he would take a look at it and call her back. He got her phone number.**
2. **John Longino said he was actually here observing – he said he happens to own a sign company and he wanted to know when and**

how the sign ordinance was developed. Mr. Landrum said there have been some changes in federal law and Pickens County has actually been involved in one of those cases and this is a reflection on the most recent changes trying to make sure that it passes at the constitutional at the federal level. Mr. Longino asked if it was regarding the content. Mr. Landrum said regulations are content neutral but it is basically after making findings to the fact as to the impact of signs in the community – some height and dimensional restrictions. Mr. Landrum said we would be happy to give him a copy if he would like. Mr. Longino said he doesn't do a lot of work in Pickens County. Mr. Landrum said it was probably very similar to other sign ordinances he may have seen that are recent. Mr. Landrum said we are waiting to hear from the Court of Appeals on several cases they are trying to hear at once. He said based on that we might have to do another revision on this. But this is the best we can do at this point. John Longino said he was here to hear about the zoning but also lives On Bull Gap Road and was here to support Mrs. Garner in her effort.

Norman Pope said the Bull Gap Road issue was brought to their attention several years ago and the question that was addressed to the property owners was would they be willing to bear the expense of getting the road up to current county standards. Our current acceptance of roads into the system specifies that roads have to meet current county standards. Mrs. Garner said it was already in the system that it had been a public road since at least 1903. Mr. Landrum said was there not also an issue as to the roadbed being based on the easement as opposed to dedicated right of way. Mr. Longino said his understanding and recollection is that the property line does not go to the center of the road but to the edge of the road. The road is 14 feet wide.

Commissioner Jones said he would check on it and call them. He said it would take probably a couple of weeks to get that done. To check land surveys and everything. Mrs. Garner said that according to Mark Miller it had already been done and they were just waiting on the petitions. Commissioner Jones and Mr. Pope said they weren't aware of that.

Mrs. Dorothy Robertson who lives at 2512 Fortner Road in Marble Hill said they (the county) are running a water line right below her house on Harrington Road and she is on a well and the water is terrible – too much iron – She had samples with her. She said that's what she has to deal with everyday. She said they can't drink it or wash clothes in it – they go to the laundry-mat. She said she puts Iron Out in it and has tried about everything to make the water better, but nothing works. She said she and others would like to have the county

**water and she believed she could get a petition or whatever it would take. She said she thinks it would be easy to come up Duckett Lane with a water line. Commissioner Jones got her phone number and said he would get with Larry Coleman, Utilities Director about this. Mrs. Robertson also expressed concern about all turn-off roads on state roads– saying that you can't tell when to turn off – especially at night. She said they have road names but they are too high – need to be lowered. Commissioner Jones said he would speak to the D.O.T. about this.**

**VIII. Adjournment**

**Commissioner Jones adjourned the meeting at 9:30 A.M.**