



**COMMISSIONER'S MEETING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2009
4:00 P.M. - CONFERENCE ROOM
MINUTES**

- I. Call to Order
 1. Prayer
 2. Pledge of Allegiance
 3. Amendments to Agenda – 3 amendments – (Item 8 under Consent Agenda & Items 2, 3 and 4 under New Business)
- II. Approved Minutes from January 22, 2009 meeting.
- III. Reports from Committees and Departments

Norman Pope – Public Relations/Information Director – reported on the following items:
Changes in development regulations that are on today's Agenda; we have worked with several individuals and our County Attorney to clarify some of the items in our development regulations; we are continuing to work on some re-vamped items in our Zoning Ordinance and have the support of the North Georgia RDC to assist us; continuing to work on the Animal Control Ordinance, trying to gather information and the Sheriff himself is trying to develop something that will work for our citizens here in the county; we have also been approached by a number of folks regarding a potential noise ordinance – we are looking at that presently to see if it would be in the best interest of the majority of citizens; there is also work being done on a light ordinance that some people refer to as the “dark sky ordinance”, we have gathered a lot of information from some other jurisdictions, the State has been working on a model ordinance for the state to adopt, and have also incorporated and asked for assistance from the electrical suppliers here in the county and they have a considerable amount of input; in addition we are working on water and wastewater projects. Everybody has heard about the stimulus money. We get e-mails constantly concerning the amounts of the stimulus money for the State of Georgia but nobody seems to be able to tell us right now what the total amount is, how we get it and if we get it; We are still continuing to work on negotiation of a contract with a wastewater provider here – that is still under review and consideration; Coosawattee Regional Water and Sewerage Authority continues to look at interconnections of their systems.
- IV. Consent Agenda
 1. Signed Compliance Status Certification and submitted Compliance Status Report for Former Pickens County Landfill a.k.a. AWH Corporation (Royston) HIS Site Number: 10086 to the Georgia Department of Natural Resources Environmental Protection Division.
 2. Signed Proclamation declaring Tuesday, February 10, 2009 as James (Lou) Chastain Day in Pickens County, Georgia.
 3. Approved Standard Operation Guidelines to establish policy and procedures for the Pickens County Emergency Operations Center (EOC).
 4. Signed cooperative lease agreement for Rural Fire Defense by and between the Georgia Forestry Commission and the Pickens County Fire Department.
 5. Signed Rural Fire Defense Memorandum of Understanding between Georgia Forestry Commission and Pickens County Fire Department. (Primary purposes : 1) Provide for closest possible cooperation on mutual objectives. 2) To clarify the purpose and responsibilities of

each organization.)

6. Signed Memorandum of Understanding between Pickens County Government and Wildcat Community, Inc. concerning building of the Monument Road Fire Station.
7. Bids on the Monument Road Fire Station were opened on Thursday, February 19, 2009 @ 1:30 p.m. in the Commissioner's Conference Room. Ten bids were received and are now being reviewed.

V. Old Business
None

VI. New Business

1. Adopted Resolution of the Pickens County Commissioner Amending the Pickens County Land Use District Ordinance Map in regard to Parcel 009-048-002 off of Bull Gap Road, composed of 19.67 acres from Agricultural (AG) to Rural Residential (RR) with conditions attached: 1) Mr. Longino will obtain access to the county road system or state highway system per current land development standards. This access may be owned by Mr. Longino, not an easement across someone else's property. 2) Or, Mr. Longino will limit construction on the above described property to two residences with current access. (Amendment 50)
2. Adopted Resolution Adopting and Amending Chapter 38 of the Code of Ordinances Of Pickens County, Georgia to effectuate the action taken at the March 13, 1998 Pickens County Commissioner's Meeting . Utilities. 38-253. Underground Utility Placement. Modifications are shown in Exhibit A to this Resolution which is attached.
3. Adopted Resolution Adopting and Amending Chapter 18 of the Code of Ordinances of Pickens County, Georgia by adding modifications for Article III, Peddlers and Itinerant Traders as shown in Exhibit A to this Resolution which is attached.
4. Adopted Resolution Adopting and Amending Chapter 16, Chapter 38, and Chapter 54 of the Code of Ordinances of Pickens County, Georgia. Modifications are shown in Exhibit A attached.

VII. Guests/Comments

Discussion of Resolutions listed above in Item VI (New Business).

Commissioner Jones announced that Pickens County has contracted with Emergency Communications Network, Inc., of Ormond Beach, Florida for its "CodeRED" high-speed telephone notification/information messages to targeted areas or the entire city at a rate of up to 60,000 calls per hour. It also allows callers to receive severe weather warnings on the telephone as soon as they are issued by the National Weather Service. A Press Release has been provided to the Progress and other publications in the County.

VIII. Adjournment

Commissioner Jones adjourned the meeting at 4:42 p.m.