



**COMMISSIONER'S MEETING  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 2012  
4:00 P.M. – CONFERENCE ROOM – STE. 168  
MINUTES**

- I. Commissioner Jones called the meeting to order.
  1. Prayer
  2. Pledge of Allegiance
  3. Amendments to Agenda – Item II – January 20, 2012 minute approval
- II. Approve d Minutes from December 15, 2011 meeting & January 20, 2012 called meeting.
- III. Reports from Committees and Departments
  1. Sharon Troglin – Tax Commissioner – reported that the 2011 tax bills were mailed out 10/6/2011 with a due date of 12/6/2011. The millage rate remained the same for 2010 and 2011, with the county portion being 6.26. The 2010 county digest amount was 8,506,635 with 61% collected thru the due date of 12/6/2010 with a total of 5,252,450. The 2011 county digest amount was 8,428,162 with 67% collected thru the due date of 12/6/2011 with a total of 5,685,794. There was a difference of 4%. At last year's Commissioner's meeting for the 2010 county digest collection thru 1/24/2011 was 7,087,865.72 with 83% collected. This year the 2011 county digest collection thru 1/24/2012 was 7,466,919.26 with 88% collected. There was a difference of 4%. Adjustments, NOD's and public utilities will cause the digest to fluctuate from year to year. There were 1,095 real property appeals and 5 personal property appeals for 2011. SB346. Tax sales for 2010 – we have 69 for 2/7/2012 sale. She said a mill is worth 1,329,545
- IV. Consent Agenda
  1. Adopted Resolution appointing Lorrie Shaw to the Joint Development Authority of Bartow and Pickens County, Georgia to fill the position left vacant due to the death of Mark Whitfield. The six year term will end December 2017.
  2. Signed contract between Pickens County, Georgia and Crystal Marble Company, Inc. for removal, restoration and installation of marble slabs on Pickens County Courthouse. The amount of the contract is \$546,007.00
  3. Signed contract between Pickens County, Georgia and D. H. Griffin Wrecking Company, Inc. for Courthouse demolition and asbestos removal/disposal. The amount of the contract is \$148,300.00.
  4. Adopted Resolution pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 21-2-131 setting the Qualifying Fees for County Offices for the year 2012.
  5. Adopted Resolution reappointing Clayton Preble to the Pickens County Planning Commission for a four (4) year term beginning January 1, 2012 and ending December 31, 2015.
  6. Adopted Resolution appointing Brad Bledsoe to Position B on the Pickens County Board of Tax Assessors for a five (5) year term beginning January 11, 2012 and ending December 31, 2016.

7. Adopted Resolution appointing Anna Lee Moss to Position E on the Pickens County Board of Tax Assessors for a five (5) year term beginning January 11, 2012 and ending December 31, 2016.
  8. Adopted Resolution appointing Winship Durrett to the Pickens County Library Board of Trustees to fill the unexpired term of Kristie Moss, who resigned. The term ends June 30, 2014.
  9. Adopted GASB (Governmental Accounting Standards Board) Statement #54, Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions.
  10. Closed Revolving Loan Fund account at Jasper Banking Company.
- V. Old Business  
None
- VI. New Business  
None
- VII. Guests/Comments  
Questions and discussion regarding the GASB #54 and the revolving loan fund account that was closed.  
Commissioner Jones announced that he had assigned John Nicholson and Rodney Buckingham of the Planning & Development office the task of doing research in order to ascertain the names and terms of all previous Commissioners of Pickens County since its establishment in 1853. Rodney Buckingham said that during the research they discovered that the Title Commissioner was not always the name for this position, at one time they were known as “Ordinaries”. He said the search proved to be more difficult than imagined, but with the help of Rodney Gibson, Maxine Moore, Ruth Wall, Jeff Bennett, Pickens County Progress and three very important books that we now have a complete list of the names and terms. Mr. Buckingham said that the following books were vital during the search: 1) The History of Pickens County by Luke Tate; 2) Pickens County GA Heritage 1853-1998 and 3) County Officers Bond Record. He said their new assignment is to obtain photos of all previous ordinaries/commissioners in order to display the likeness of these individuals. We are asking for the help of local residents in this endeavor. The contact number is 706-253-8850.
- VIII. Adjournment  
Commissioner Jones adjourned the meeting at 4:20 p.m.

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