



**COMMISSIONER'S MEETING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 27, 2011
4:00 P.M. – CONFERENCE ROOM – STE. 168
M I N U T E S**

- I. Commissioner Jones called the meeting to order.
 1. Prayer – Rev. Von Hinton
 2. Pledge of Allegiance – Led by Kirk Kondos
 3. Amendments to Agenda – Identity Theft Resolution added under New Business
- II. Approved Minutes from December 16, 2010 meeting
- III. Reports from Committees and Departments
 1. Sharon Troglin – Pickens County Tax Commissioner – gave a comparison between 2009 and 2010 tax collections. The 2009 Tax Digest was \$30,354,189.67 and 84% of the county's portion of the taxes was collected thru 1/24/10 (\$7,251,759.79); 2010 Tax Digest was \$30,178,217.98 and 83% of the county's portion of the taxes was collected thru 1/24/11. (\$7,087,865.72) There is only a 1% decrease in 2010.
- IV. Consent Agenda
 1. Awarded contract for the Pickens County Community Center to J.K. Lockwood Construction Company, Inc. of Alpharetta, GA. & signed said contract. (Amount of contract: \$1,848,000.)
 2. Signed Medical Transportation Hospice Agreement between United Hospice, Inc. d/b/a United Hospice of Blue Ridge and Pickens County Emergency Services.
 3. Adopted Resolution Amending the Pickens County Land Use District Ordinance (Ordinance #67) as follows: Amend the Pickens County Land Use Ordinance Map in regard to Parcel 031-089 composed of 4.34 acres from Suburban Residential (SR) to Neighborhood Commercial (NC). (Property is located on Hwy 53 West fronting The Village at Oak Creek.)
 4. Adopted Resolution that Cory DeBord, attorney, be approved attorney for the purposes of prosecuting county Ordinance violations in the Magistrate Court of Pickens County and/or the Superior Court of Pickens County together with any appeals thereof.
 5. Signed and entered into Special Service Arrangement Agreement by and between BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Georgia and Pickens County E911 and is entered into pursuant to Tariff Section A5 of the General Subscriber Services.
 6. Opened checking account at Jasper Banking Company named: Pickens County Government – 2010 Bond Courthouse Renovations.
 7. Adopted Resolution appointing a designated county official or staff person to serve as County Legislative Coordinator (CLC) for Pickens County, at the request of Association County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG) to most effectively respond to legislative proposals affecting county governments. Norman Pope was appointed to serve as CLC for Pickens County until further notice.
 8. Approved Pickens County Environmental Health Fees effective January 1, 2011.
 9. Signed a Proclamation declaring the week of February 7 – 11, 2011 as "SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK" in Pickens County and encouraging citizens to become more aware of severe weather safety measures and to participate in the various awareness programs scheduled during the week, such as Family Preparedness Day on Monday, February 7th, and the Statewide Tornado Drill on Wednesday, February 9th.
- V. Old Business
None

VI. New Business

1. Adopted Resolution to Adopt an Identity Theft Program and appointed Norman Pope as the Red Flag's Compliance Officer. Norman Pope explained the reason for the Identity Theft Resolution. Because we handle social security numbers on patients (ambulance transports), water department applications, we also obtain social security numbers when people get business license applications back in Planning & Development, etc. we have to be certain that this information is secure – under lock and key and is not accessible to the public. We will be instituting some in house training. This is a Federal Law and if we fail to do this we could be subject to some hefty fines. This came down thru the State and the ACCG sent us a model ordinance and we put it together. The actual effective date was January 1, 2011.
2. Commissioner Jones announced the appointment of James Weaver as Deputy EMA Director. Mr. Weaver is a full time employee with Pickens County and will be responsible for his regular duties as Firefighter and while on duty as time permits will assist our EMA Director, Bob Howard.

VII. Guests/Comments (www.knowpickens.com)

Kirk Kondos personally thanked the Commissioner for his help with providing space for a local VA office which will be a great asset for Pickens County Veterans and will open in a few weeks.

Angela Reinhardt of the Pickens Progress asked about the Environmental Health Fees and was provided with a copy of the fees.

Animal Control & Animal Shelter – Commissioner Jones said that an incinerator is in place and the Animal Shelter will be open soon.

Concern over handicap accessibility at the New Voter Registration Office opening March 21st on Pioneer Road (behind Piggly Wiggly – Formerly the Hair Hutch). The move is to comply with voting rules that no campaigning can take place within 150 feet of building in which a polling place is located. Early voting is held in that office and with elected officials in the same building it is a delicate issue.

VIII. Adjournment

Commissioner Jones adjourned the meeting at 4:35 p.m.

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