



**PICKENS COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S MEETING
MINUTES
JANUARY 28, 2005**

- I. Call to Order
 - 1. The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Robert P. Jones
 - 2. Pledge of Allegiance
 - 3. Prayer

- II. Read and Approve Minutes from last meeting

Before the reading of the last month's minutes, Commissioner Jones noted that it had been brought to his attention that the December meeting was not in compliance with the open meetings act's requirements. Commissioner Jones amended the January 28, 2005 Agenda to include items on the December 17, 2004 commissioner's meeting. After reviewing the December 17, 2004 agenda he re-affirmed the following actions:

- IV. Consent Agenda
 - 1. Adopted a Resolution for the Pickens County Board of Education that allows the City of Jasper to use a county water line to provide water to the Board of Education property.
 - 2. Signed a proclamation proclaiming November 2004 as National Health Care Month in Pickens County.
 - 3. Adopted a Resolution reappointing Martha Pool to the Pickens County Board of Family and Children Services for a term beginning July 1, 2004 and ending June 30, 2009.
 - 4. Signed a Purchase of Services for Juvenile Offenders with Cheryl Keats.
 - 5. Signed a Purchase of Services for Juvenile Offenders with Nancy Jones Chancey.
 - 6. Adopted an Authorizing Resolution and signed the contract for a Hazardous Waste Trust Fund Application for Reimbursement.
 - 7. Issued two (2) renewal licenses for the Sale of Distilled Spirits by the Drink, eight (8) renewal licenses for the Pouring of Malt Beverages, and Twelve (12) renewal licenses for the Retail Sale of Malt Beverages.
 - 8. Adopted a Resolution awarding contracts for Water System Improvements On the East Side to M & M Contracting of Jasper, Inc. for Part "A" and to

Stancil's Underground Trenching, Inc. for Part "B".

9. Adopted a Resolution awarding contracts for Water System Improvements To W.F. Floyd Construction for the Division One and to The Crom Corporation for the Division Two.
10. Signed an agreement between the City of Jasper, Pickens County Government and Michael Lowe for the purpose of purchasing 1.996 acres of property on Burton Street, adjacent to the "Lee Newton Park", to be used to expand the area of the existing park.
11. Adopted a Resolution to award the contract for new bridge construction on Hamrick Road to Simpson Construction Company, and to award the contract for new bridge construction on Old Mill White Road to Talley Construction.

V. Old Business
None

VI. New Business

The Commissioner did not ratify the appointments made to the Pickens County Tax Assessors Board in the December 17, 2004 meeting.

1. Commissioner Jones adopted a Resolution appointing Annelle Bagwell to the Pickens County Tax Assessors Board to fill the remaining term of Position E which is vacant. The term of Position E is a five (5) year term with the appointment beginning January 1, 2002 and ending December 31, 2006.
2. Commissioner Jones adopted a Resolution appointing Joe Fore to to the Pickens County Tax Assessors Board to fill the remaining term of Position B which is vacant. The term of Position B is a five (5) year term with the appointment beginning January 1, 2002 and ending December 31, 2006.
3. Commissioner Jones adopted a Resolution appointing Fran Cathey to the Pickens County Tax Assessors Board to fill the remaining term of Position C which is vacant. The term of Position C is a four (4) year term with the appointment beginning January 1, 2005 and ending December 31, 2008.

At this time the Commissioner resumed the January 28, 2005 Agenda:

III. Reports from Committees and Departments

1. Roy Dobbs – Chief Tax Appraiser – Growth is the biggest thing... There are a lot of updates on returns and changes. Approximately 6 months ago the State changed transfer of property... It is now done electronically and at

this time the Assessor's office doesn't have November or December info. The Tax Assessor's office is staying up with new construction and personal Property returns have been mailed out.

2. Kevin Osborne – Environmental Compliance Officer – He reported that 4 Citations were issued; fine paid by one guilty plea; two dismissed and ordered to clean up by Magistrate's office; one pending court hearing; 1 dump site cleaned up on Hobson Rd., 2 dump sites pending clean up. Tire Retailers in the County will be inspected for 2005 and are expected to be in compliance since there have been no changes. In the process of cleaning up tire dump on Salem Church Road – 50 tires. Osborne reported that they are setting schedules for the elementary schools and Head Start for recycling classes. Jasper Middle School has already been done with 450 students attending. The Sheriff's office has completed installing special equipment on our recently purchased van from the State for our roadside pick-up crew and it is ready to start patrol. The State EPD has designated Pickens County as a model county for our recycling and enforcement efforts. We are expecting some State funding to return in 2005 from the Legislature. Those counties that have continued the Program will receive funding first. Residents may call in dumping complaints to my office at 706-253-8815. For Recycling issues call Keep Pickens Beautiful at 706-253-3600.
3. Berley Young – Road Superintendent – The Road Department has helped at the New Jail Site by cleaning up and chipping brush; also graded and graveled the road to the new construction entrance. Road Department crews have been cutting and removing trees, brush and debris due to the high winds sustained during the night of Jan. 23rd; crews have been repairing wash outs on roads and cleaning out or replacing drainage pipes in various areas of the county; Grading crews are busy scraping and graveling roadways county wide, repairing potholes on the paved roads with cold patch temporarily until they can be permanently fixed in warmer weather; the owners of Jordan Crossing paid for a 1.75 mi. portion of Pettit Road to be paved with asphalt. County crews ditched the road, installed drainage pipes and prepared the base for paving. Mr. Young reported that they have been working with Jim Smith and D.O.T. engineers Sam Wheeler and Lou Chastain on the new bridges on Hamrick Road in Hinton, and Old Mill White Road in Marble Hill. The Traffic Engineering Department has installed various signs including: county road and private street signs in several Subdivisions, in which the roads were acquired by the County Road Department for maintenance. The Engineering Department has accomplished striping and has installed reflector signs on Monument Road where the new road intercepts with the old road. Also, Sunrise Ridge Road has been striped for safety purposed due to the foggy conditions on Burnt Mountain.

4. Allen Wigington – Sheriff’s Office – Reported that there are 53 inmates in the Jail today – it is over capacity...This month they have had 1,595 case numbers – 60 calls a day. They have attended court 18 days this month. The Sheriff’s office is getting into the highway safety business with the use of speed detection devices. The Resolution was signed by Commissioner Jones on January 15, 2005. The new Jail construction is about six weeks behind – but they are getting back on track. Permits to serve alcohol by the drink are issued by the Sheriff’s office.
5. Larry Coleman – Director of Utilities – Reported that the total water Revenue for 2004 was \$1,147,014.13; General Ledge Totals for January 2005 - \$183,815.56; As of this morning we are not buying any water from the City of Jasper; Line Extensions completed in January 2005 – Moss Road – 2000’ 6” pipe; Swan Bridge Road – 14000’ 8” pipe; tank @ Hwy. 53 under construction, Booster pump on Yellow Creek Road completed; normal day-to-day operations – approximately 40 calls per day.
6. Norman Pope – Director of Planning & Development – 44 building Permits have been issued through January 26, 2005. (22 site-built homes, 1-mobile home, 16miscellaneous, 5 renewals) Revenue is on par with last year. They issued 19 new business licenses this month. Revenue to date: \$26,926.21Commended Commissioner for a 3rd. full-time building inspector – it is really helping their work-load.
7. Layne Arnold – Director of Emergency Services -2004 calls: EMS – 2080 Transports, fire & EMS 2275 calls, Jasper, 8095; Nelson, 769; Campus Police, 285; Marshall, 36; Georgia State Patrol, 16; Pickens S.O., 19774; Misc. 953. As far as EMA – Final FEMA total a little over \$56,000 on hurricane damage, with part of that going to Bent Tree.
8. Greg Walker – Director of Parks & Recreation – Basketball season Progressing well with 48 teams. Local season for youth concludes on 2/19/05 & for adults on 4/3/05; will host District 5 Class “C” Mite boys (10 and under) Basketball Tournament at Pickens High School on February 25 & 26; will host Georgia Recreation & Park Association Class “C” Mite Boys (10 & Under) State Tournament at Pickens High School on March 4 & 5; Baseball/Softball/T-Ball Registration will run from February 7th until February 18th; will have a Coaches Certification Clinic at Roper Park on March 12th. ran by “Simply the Best”; This is a hands on Certification Clinic for volunteer coaches that will provide them with the needed skills in order to coach the youth in our community; Pickens County Parks & Recreation Advisory Board has passed a “Zero Tolerance” policy for all coaches, players & spectators involved in our recreation programs; Maintenance Staff is preparing facilities to get ready for 2005 Baseball/Softball/T-Ball season; Maintenance Staff recently completed construction of brand new sandbox at the Roper Park playground; Recreation Staff goal is to provide a quality recreational

experience for all participants registered in any of our programs and 100% customer satisfaction.

9. Larry Toney – Director of Economic Development – Mr. Toney reported a Public Hearing will be held on Thursday, February 24, 2005 in the Annex Courtroom for the purpose of discussing the establishment of an airport authority. He and the Commissioner visited Tom Graves this week regarding airport resolution. He also plans to visit State Senator Chip Pearson. A company is wanting a site here which would employ approximately 50 employees. Jasper Highlands – north of 53 and east of 515 - bank, jewelry shop, and barbecue restaurant.
10. Jim Smith – Special Projects Manager – Reported that the county work Forces have finished installing the construction entrance and rear access road. This entrance and road will also serve as an emergency fire access upon completion of the project. The erosion control measures have been upgraded and the site is stable; our water department has installed the meter and backflow vaults and has finished all site water lines that can be done at this time. We plan to fill and pressure test the fire protection lines on Monday. The steel for the jail has been delivered and the general contractor is pouring the footings today. Hamrick Road Bridge – The steel I beams have been installed for the new bridge and the decking is in place. They plan to pour the concrete surface next week – weather permitting. The county road department will start in the next few weeks working on the approach to the bridge. Old Mill White Road Bridge – The contractor has started the bridge. The pilings have been driven on both sides and they are now starting to build the concrete forms. Soil erosion measures have been installed and the site is stable. Harmony School Road – We are in the process of designing improvements for this road. Our plans are to increase the width by two feet on each lane and to improve some curves. We also are planning to include acceleration and turning lanes for the new school. Airport – We received three bids for installing taxiway lighting improvements at the airport. All bids were accepted and the low bid was by Precision Approach, LLC for \$12,864. We recommend Precision Approach, LLC be awarded the contract for this work.

IV. Consent Agenda

1. Adopted Resolution appointing Deborah Watson County Clerk
2. Adopted Resolution appointing Paula Peace Deputy County Clerk
3. Signed Indigent Defense Services Agreement Between the Circuit Public Defender Office of the Judicial Circuit and the Governing Authority of Pickens County.
4. Signed amendment to Contract Between Pickens County and Georgia Waste Management extending from January 27, 2005 through January 26,

5. Signed Operating Costs Services Agreement between the Administrative Office of the Courts of Georgia and the Governing Authority of Pickens County.
6. Signed Department of Transportation County Right of Way Agreement for improvement of 90.40 miles of aggregate surface course on 113 various County Roads. Project #PR000-S007-00(256).
7. Signed Service Agreement for Operations of Pickens County Transportation (M.A.T.S.) between the Pickens County Commissioner and North Georgia Community Action, Inc.
8. Signed lease agreement renewal between the Pickens County Commissioner and the North Georgia Community Action, Inc. to certify that the building known as the Pickens County Senior Center shall be made available for use as a Nutrition Site for the North Georgia Community Action, Inc. Nutrition Project for the Elderly, for the period from January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005.
9. Signed Subgrant Award for the period of January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005 for a grant under the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) . Federal Funds: \$63,750; Matching Funds: \$21,250.
10. Signed Application for FY 06 Funds requesting State assistance for a project in the amount of \$688,000.00 for constructing a new Apron and Taxiway for the Service Terminal Area Expansion and constructing a New Access Road with water main for fire protection.
11. Adopted Resolution for the Use of Speed Detection Devices By the Sheriff requesting that the State of Georgia Department of Public Safety issue a permit to the Sheriff of Pickens County for the use of said Speed Detection Devices and that the Sheriff, in accordance with all State and Federal laws, use these devices to better protect Pickens County, Georgia.
12. Received Closure Certificate for the Pickens County - Jones Mtn. Landfill. Permit # 112-007d(SL)
13. Called meeting of the Beer and Wine Board was held on January 18, 2005 - using original members due to the fact that the original board had not been formally dissolved by the previous administration. Accepted resignation of Steve Brock.
14. Adopted Resolution appointing Sheriff Billy P. Wofford, William Allen Wigington, J. Greg Collis, Wayne Jones and William Sherman McEntire to serve on the Jail Advisory Board to serve at the pleasure of the County Commissioner in a term beginning January 25, 2005 and ending on December 31, 2008.

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1. Adopted Resolution appointing Phillip Tippens to the Pickens County Beer and Wine Board – The term will be at the discretion of the Commissioner.
2. Adopted Resolution appointing Harold Hensley to the Pickens County Planning Commission for the term beginning January 1, 2005 and ending December 31, 2008.
3. Adopted Resolution appointing Steve Brock (re-appointed) and Kathy Bruce (Re-Appointed) to the Pickens County Planning Commission for the term beginning January 1, 2005 and ending December 31, 2008.
4. Adopted Resolution appointing members to Pickens County Water and Sewer Authority :
Kirk Garner – term beginning January 28, 2005 – December 31, 2007
Ronnie Mills – term beginning January 28, 2005 – December 31, 2005
Shane Harwood – term beginning January 28, 2005-December 31,2007
Joey Fleming – term beginning January 28, 2005 – December 31, 2006
Dave Odum – term beginning January 28, 2005 – December 31, 2006

VII. Guests/Comments

Roy Dobbs commended everyone working together and moving on with projects such as the jail.

Commissioner Jones thanked the Poole family for right-of-way at the New Jail.

VIII. Adjournment

There being no further business, Commissioner Jones adjourned the meeting at 10:10 AM.