



**COMMISSIONER'S MEETING
THURSDAY, JULY 1, 2010
4:00 P.M. – CONFERENCE ROOM
MINUTES**

- I. Commissioner Jones called the meeting to Order.
 1. Prayer
 2. Pledge of Allegiance
 3. Amendments to Agenda - None
- II. Approved Minutes from May 27, 2010 meeting.
- III. Reports from Committees and Departments

Bob Howard – Fire Chief/EMA Director – reported that for the month of June Pickens County Fire has answered 138 alarms. Year-to-date total of 816 alarms which includes: 59 structures, 100 motor vehicle accidents, 485 medical assist calls and various alarms such as: brush fires, fire alarms, gas leaks, downed power lines, smoke investigation and 37 miscellaneous calls. The number of calls is comparable to last year at this time. The county's new fire truck arrived this last Monday. It's a custom pumper that carries 6 crew members. Anyone wishing to see it can come by the Fire Station on Upper Salem Church Rd. @ the Airport or see it in this Saturday's Fourth of July Parade Chief Howard said they have an in-service date of August 1st. All of the drivers will be Required to go thru a driver's course with this truck before being allowed to respond in this truck. Under the Assistance to Fire Fighter Grant Program Pickens County has received \$100,000 for the purchase of new vehicle extrication equipment (Better known as the Jaws of Life. These tools that should arrive in 2 or 3 weeks will be put on the career 24 hours a day responding trucks. The EMA Pandemic Flu plan for Pickens County was updated last month. School inspections have been completed for the year. Chief Howard said that if anyone has any questions or needs from the Fire Department that their office numbers are listed on the County's Website:
pickenscountyga.gov
- IV. Consent Agenda
 1. Signed Proclamation designating June 21 – 28, 2010 as Amateur Radio Week in Pickens County, Georgia.
 2. Closed the following bank accounts at Jasper Banking Company on June 14, 2010: Airport Extension Fund; Grandview Fire Station; Indigent Defense Account; Special Rescue Unit.
 3. Closed CD at Community Bank
 4. Audit Report for 2009 is completed and is posted on the County's website.
 5. Pickens County Emergency Management Agency has been awarded FY10 Performance Partnership Agreement Award which is funded by the Department of Homeland Security Emergency Management. Federal Award - \$6,895.; Local Match \$6,895. – Total Project - \$13,790.

6. Signed Service Agreement for Operations of Pickens County Transportation (M.A.T.S.) between the Pickens County Commissioner and North Georgia Community Action, Inc. to provide for the operation of public transportation service for the period of July 1, 2010 thru June 30, 2011.
 7. Family Connection Grant – Effective July 1, 2010 Pickens County will be the fiscal Agent for the Family Connection Grant - \$44,000. The contract has an effective beginning date of July 1, 2010 and shall terminate on June 30, 2011.
 8. Signed Contract with the Department of Transportation for 5311 rural public Transportation.
 9. Adopted Resolution repealing Section 46-2. (Firearms prohibited) of the Code of Ordinances of Pickens County. (Chapter 46-Parks & Recreation) Senate Bill 308 was passed in the Georgia General Assembly in 2010 and was signed into law by the Governor effective as of June 4, 2010. This brings us into compliance with that law.
- V. Old Business
None
- VI. New Business
None
- VII. Guests/Comments
Questions and answers regarding the 2009 Audit. Mechelle Champion, Chief Financial Officer reported that the 2009 Audit went very well.
Commissioner Jones also announced that the Pickens County Jail has been “paid off”.
- VIII. Adjournment
Commissioner Jones adjourned the meeting at 4:20 p.m.