



**COMMISSIONER'S MEETING**  
**THURSDAY, JUNE 23, 2011**  
**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 – Items 2 & 3 under New Business
- II. Approved Minutes from May 26, 2011 meeting
- III. Reports from Committees and Departments

Bob Howard – Fire Chief/EMA Director – reported that in the first six months of this year Pickens County Fire has responded to 46 structure fires, have completed 1897 state approved training hours (man hours); have had minor equipment problems and only 1 minor injury to date; re-grouping program has produced 18 more volunteer fire fighters – the class started the end of April and they tested out 2 weeks ago. Programs completed to date: narrow banding of radio frequencies; Fire Education - Fire Prevention Week in May –we won this last year – part of a grant; have completed pump test on all the fire trucks and have completed hose testing; just began hydro testing – a little behind due to the weather. Chief Howard reported that they have an order in for a new air and light trailer which will be paid for by a grant. It will be used at fire scenes to refill breathing apparatus of fire fighters so they can go into burning structures. He also reported that Grandview's ISO class has changed from 9/10 to a 5/9 which will help the residents in the Grandview Fire District lower their insurance rates. He said that Mr. Jones sort of pushed to get that thru. Chief Howard said he would be in Cherokee County tomorrow where Cherokee and Pickens will be reviewed by the CDC for operational plans for health emergencies. He said they are still working with FEMA in reference to the April tornadoes and that FEMA is supposed to be finished and gone on Tuesday.
- IV. Consent Agenda
  1. Held bid opening for Pickens County Community Center Gym Equipment and Telescoping Bleachers on June 15, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. Two bids were received: H.E. Hodge Co., Inc. - \$106,572.00; AALCO – \$110,000.00. Bid was awarded to the low bidder, H.E. Hodge Co., Inc.
  2. Signed Proclamation designating June 19 – 26 as Amateur Radio Week in Pickens County.
- V. Old Business

None
- VI. New Business
  1. Signed Agreement for Transportation Enhancement Activities between the Department of Transportation State of Georgia and Pickens County. Project CSTE-0008-00 (190), Pickens County – Construction of SR 53 @ Tate Depot in Pickens County and adopted Authorizing Resolution for said project
  2. Adopted Resolution creating the “Educational Incentive Fund” of Pickens County

3. Adopted Resolution that Chapter 42 of the Code of Ordinances Pickens County, Georgia is amended with modifications as follows: A. The current Chapter 42-2 is hereby replaced with the revised Chapter 42-2; B. Chapter 42-3, Truancy, is hereby created.

VII. Guests/Comments

Kirk Kondos reported that 64 Veterans have been processed through the VA satellite office. Their office hours are: 9am – 5pm on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Nancy Smith resident of Brooks Hollow said during the storms the fire, police, everyone out there went above and beyond and it was sincerely appreciated by the Brooks Hollow residents. It helped the residents to be reassured that they were going to be all right and they felt safe because they knew someone was watching. She said community efforts were great. The Commissioner also thanked the Red Cross for their help and for paying the bills for those that had to stay in motels due to medical reasons, etc.

VIII. Adjournment

Commissioner Jones adjourned the meeting at 4:18 p.m.

The Commissioner's meeting was videotaped and may be viewed in its entirety at [www.KnowPickens.com](http://www.KnowPickens.com)