



**COMMISSIONER'S MEETING
THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 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
 2. Pledge of Allegiance
 3. Amendments to Agenda – 1. Item #2 under New Business
- II. Approved Minutes from February 24, 2011 meeting
- III. Reports from Committees and Departments
- Sloan Elrod – Director of Emergency Medical Services – reported that they are running four 24 hr. trucks and 1 day truck Monday – Friday. Station 1 – Upper Salem Church Rd.; Station 2 – Tate 4-way; Station 3 – Hinton; Station 4 – Cove Rd. across from Bent Tree Dr.; and the day truck at Station 1. Mr. Elrod reported that in 2010 the number of calls was 5,368 which was up 664 calls from 2009. He said that as of the time of his report they had received 1131 calls. At this same time last year 1269 – which is 138 calls from the same time last year.
- IV. Consent Agenda
1. Signed Pickens Ferst Week Proclamation designating March 20 through March 27, 2011 as Pickens Ferst Week in Pickens County. Pickens Ferst offers free books to preschoolers enrolled in the program; which will require over 1800 books to be mailed each month to Pickens County children.
 2. Adopted a Resolution Authorizing Sheriff's Auxiliary and Reserve Volunteers to be covered by the ACCG-Group Self-Insured Workers' Compensation fund; repealing Resolutions or parts of Resolutions in conflict; and for other purposes.
 3. Signed Memorandum of Agreement By and Between the Chief Elected Officials of Northwest Georgia pursuant to the Workforce Investment Act of 1998.
 4. Signed Work Authorization with Moreland Altobelli Associates, Inc. for Geotechnical and Construction Materials Testing for Pickens County Community Center. Subgrade and foundation evaluation, concrete testing, field weld and bolt torque inspections. Estimated Cost \$6181.00
 5. Interlocal Agreement Between the Town of Talking Rock and Pickens County relating to Building Permits, Inspections and Erosion Control. This Agreement shall be effective on March 10, 2011.
 6. Signed Work Authorization with Overdrive Concrete Services, Inc. of Jasper, GA. Overdrive Concrete Services, Inc. will provide the labor, supplies, and equipment to construct the curb and gutter and inlet structures for the Pickens County Community Center.
 7. Signed Proclamation designating April 24 – 30, 2011 as Administrative Professionals Week and the day of April 27, 2011 as Administrative Professionals Day in Pickens County.
- V. Old Business
None
- VI. New Business
1. GSIWCF – Safety Verification and a Safety Policy Statement for a safety incentive discount with ACCG-Group Self-Insurance Workers' Compensation Fund.

2. Adopted Safety Coordinator Resolution establishing the position of Safety Coordinator to establish and oversee a safety program to assist with the loss prevention efforts of the county. The Safety Coordinator will be responsible for insuring compliance with certain safety rules and regulations that protect the well-being of county employees and the general public and can also ensure that qualifications have been met that will enable the county to receive a substantial discount on their insurance costs.

VII. Guests/Comments

Clayton Preble commended the Pickens County Fire Department and in particular Jim Weaver. Six residents from up on the mountain took a 50 hr. emergency responder course and it was an excellent course and Jim did an excellent job. He said Jim also did a fine job helping them with their Fire Department up there.

Kirk Kondos said the VA Office opened March 21st and he has 34 volunteers who work ½ day ever two weeks. The office is open from 9am – 5pm for Veterans. Mr. Kondos thanked Commissioner Jones for all he has done to provide the VA office for the Veterans; and Commissioner Jones, in turn thanked Mr. Kondos for all his efforts.

Nancy Davis asked if the Elections Office was damaged in the storm. Commissioner Jones said no. She asked about holding an Open House at the Elections Office new site and Commissioner Jones said he was fine with that but the Election Board would need to be in charge.

Scott Armentrout asked if MAAI was local. Commissioner Jones replied that MAAI Engineering Firm was out of Atlanta and that people who work with them live here in Pickens County. He also asked Commissioner Jones for comments regarding the bill which was introduced to establish an airport authority in Dawsonville. Commissioner Jones replied that he doesn't get into other counties' business. He said he knew Dawsonville had an airport and that Mr. Elliott has been using it for many years.

Angela Reinhardt, Pickens Progress, said they have heard that the tank on Worley Crossroads was only half full. Commissioner Jones said that we are buying water from the City to fill up our tank and they use our lines. The tank is full and is working well. It provides better pressure for the area.

VIII. Adjournment

Commissioner Jones adjourned the meeting at 4:20 p.m.

Robert P. Jones, Sole Commissioner

ATTEST:

Deborah E. Watson, County Clerk