



**COMMISSIONER'S MEETING
THURSDAY, March 25, 2010
4:00 P.M. – CONFERENCE ROOM
MINUTES**

- I. Commissioner Jones called the meeting to Order.
 - 1. Prayer – Larry Toney
 - 2. Pledge of Allegiance
 - 3. Amendments to Agenda
- II. Approved Minutes from February 25, 2010 meeting.
- III. Reports from Committees and Departments
 - Sloan Elrod – Director of Emergency Medical Services – reported that they have received 1,291 calls this year which has increased from 1,034 calls last year during the same timeframe. In 2008 they received 3,935 calls; 2009 – 4,704 calls. EMS has 4-24 hr. trucks – 1 at the new station located at 422 Upper Salem Church Road; 1 at Tate; 1 at Hinton and 1 at the Cove Road station. They have one day truck (Monday – Friday).
- IV. Consent Agenda
 - 1. Signed National FFA Week Proclamation designating the week of February 20 through 27, 2010 as FFA Week.
 - 2. Signed Agreement between the Northwest Georgia Regional Commission and Pickens County to prepare an update of the Land Use Intensity District Ordinance of Pickens County.
 - 3. Signed Agreement with Boutwell Engineering, Inc. for design for Site & Erosion Control plans for new Recreational Center, Camp Road.
 - 4. Signed Joint Proclamation to designate April 2010 as “The Great American Cleanup-Keep Georgia Beautiful” Green Starts Here Statewide Cleanup Month in Jasper, Talking Rock and Pickens County.
 - 5. Signed Proclamation designating March 27, 2010 as Reverend Charles O. Walker Day in Pickens County, saluting his support and contributions to Pickens County.
 - 6. Signed Proclamation designating March 20 through 27, 2010 as Pickens First Week throughout the County of Pickens.
- V. Old Business
 - None
- VI. New Business

None

VII. Guests/Comments (watch video at www.knowpickens.com)

Commissioner Jones recognized Doug Brooks – “2010 Citizen of the Year”.

Mr. Brooks commented that one great right we all have is the right to vote and everyone should exercise that right.

Commissioner Jones was asked to expand on the Agreement with the Northwest Georgia Regional Commission. Commissioner Jones replied that the NWGRC will be revising our Land Use Ordinance regarding lot size. We now have rural residential at 10 acres and regular residential 1 acre – we don’t have anything in between. So we are trying to set up a 3 acres zoning and a 5 acre zoning.

Phil Anderson inquired about the schedule of recreation/community center. Mr. Jones replied that a group had gone over the plans again this morning. The closing will happen in the next few days on the property. Cleve Boutwell is doing the soil and landscaping design. As you know, anything over one acre we have to have that design. The property is 4 ½ acres. We are also going to be partnering with the Boys and Girls Club on the back part of that. They are building their own facility and are investing their own money. All the County is doing is offering them a piece of property from the back side of that. The Community Center is probably 192 x 152 feet. Hopefully can break ground and start grading in 3 or 4 weeks. The property is contiguous to county property at the Recreation Center on Refuge Road. Deer Park Church of God now owns the property.

Reece Logging Company worked with us on Old Grandview Road with the tornado damage of which he helped and didn’t charge a dime. Commissioner Jones had been after him to do something about these trees whenever they got caught up. Reece Logging has graciously come in and cut the trees near the Administration Building and is also going to stump it also at no charge. A couple of the trees had already fallen and one had come across the driveway and Mr. Jones was afraid one might fall and hit a car. Pine beetles had gotten in it. He is also cutting about twelve trees next to the power lines. The trees were cutting off power to the 9-1-1 complex and making the generator kick on. Commissioner Jones said maybe they would get enough out of the trees to make up for their time and equipment. He thanked Richard Reece and Reece Logging for what they are doing for the county at no charge. The Commissioner said nothing is going to be built on the property – we are just cleaning it up.

VIII. Adjournment

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