



**COMMISSIONER'S MEETING  
THURSDAY, MAY 24, 2012  
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 – Item 7 under Consent Agenda: 2011-2012 Budget Amendment
- II. Approved Minutes from April 26, 2012 meeting.
- III. Reports from Committees and Departments

Greg Collis – Director of Public Works- reported that as of May 25<sup>th</sup> the public works department has purchased and spread 8000 tons of GAB on various county roads. The mowing crew has completed 2 rounds of mowing. They have used 102.68 tons of cold patch repairing potholes. They have completed triple sealing Still Hollow. The Road Department has received and completed 217 work orders. The mechanic shop has completed 93 services, 46 brake jobs and replaced 212 tires. Mr. Collis said he has spoken with Steve Sanders of the Ga D.O.T. and we have been approved for LMIG - 5.285 miles of paving. Total D.O.T.money- \$314,337.55. which is 85% of the cost and the remaining 15% will be county money. The roads to be paved are: County Line, Camp Road, Apple Lane, Bent Tree Dr., Green School Rd., Green Hill St., Green Hill Road, Green Road. He said that in approximately 2 weeks they will be starting on Lovelady, Eagle's Perch and Lovelady West.
- IV. Consent Agenda
  1. Adopted Resolution Amending the Pickens County Land Use Ordinance Map in regard to Parcel 030A-094 composed of 1.36 acres from Rural Residential (RR) to Highway Business (HB). Owner is Donal Dorsey and property is located on the southwest corner of Lumber Company and Talking Rock Road...
  2. Signed Proclamation designating the week of May 13 – 19 as “Nursing Home Week”.
  3. Signed Railroad Surface Installation Agreement Lump Sum Billing by and between Pickens County and Georgia Northeastern Railroad Company, Inc. for Court Street Crossing – Railroad Milepost: 431.4. Total estimated cost under this Agreement is not to exceed \$59,255.
  4. Signed Railroad Signal Installation Agreement Lump Sum Billing by and between Pickens County and Georgia Northeastern Railroad Company, Inc. for Court Street Crossing – Railroad Milepost: 431.4. Total estimated cost is not to exceed \$202,325.35.
  5. The Commissioners of the three counties in the Appalachian Circuit appointed Attorney Bill Pickett to the Appalachian Circuit Public Defenders Supervisory Council.
  6. Awarded bid to Georgia Waste Systems, Inc. dba Waste Management of Atlanta for Recycling/Solid Waste Disposal. Bids were received from Waste Pro, Advanced Disposal

and Waste Management. Waste Management had lowest bid. Mr. Collis said that in a few months they are going to single stream recycling – all recyclables go in one container.

7. 2011-2012 Budget Amendment. Mechelle Champion explained that we are in the Audit process and the Audit is due June 30, 2012 and they are now wrapping it up. The Department of Audit has a law that if your budget is more than a 3% variance you have to make an explanation so most counties do a final budget amendment to amend their budget back to the actual amount. The Public Defenders budget had to be amended. Four employees stayed with the State and 4 changed to the Counties – in time they will all be back to the counties.. The Public Defender’s Office will have expenditures but will also get Revenue back from Gilmer and Fannin Counties. Pickens will save approximately \$80,000 due to the fact that the county’s benefits are much cheaper than the State benefits..

V. Old Business

None

VI. New Business

None

VII. Guests/Comments

There were questions and discussion regarding Consent Agenda items.

Angela Reinhardt, Pickens Progress, asked how the Young Life ruling will impact the county and have they already been paying taxes and are they going to have to be refunded. Commissioner Jones said that we don’t know how it is going to affect the county. He said there are still legal issues and he is not at liberty to speak about it until they are resolved. Phillip Landrum, III, County Attorney said they have been paying their taxes. He said there was a ruling in the Court of Appeals but there are other issues to be resolved in the trial court. He said it is the Board of Assessors that’s the party to the action, not the Commissioner’s Office. The Board of Assessors stands alone – stands apart. Mr. Landrum said that Commissioner Jones has offered mediation to both sides to resolve outstanding issues and that we have gotten a response from one party in regard to the accepting of the mediation terms. We are waiting to hear from the other party. Mr. Landrum said that once we get to a resolution part of that would be a press release from all parties.

VIII. Adjournment

Commissioner Jones adjourned the meeting at 4:17 p.m.

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