



**COMMISSIONER'S MEETING
MAY 27, 2005
MINUTES**

I. Call To Order

1. Meeting was called to order by Commissioner Jones
2. Prayer
3. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Minutes

The minutes of the April 29, 2005 Commissioner's Meeting were approved as written.

III. Reports from Committees and Departments

1. Greg Walker – Director of Parks & Recreation- reported that they had adopted a zero tolerance policy and it has not needed to be enforced thus far. Ball games have been a great success. The new infield machine is a great asset for keeping the fields in great shape. We will host the 10 and under boys 5th District teams June 24 – June 27. We will have all-stars. The pool opened on May 24th. Tues.-Sat. – 11:00A.M. – 5:00P.M., Sunday – 12 Noon – 6:00 P.M. Day camp began May 23rd. There were 75 available spots and they are all filled. Lisa Hardman is the Director of the Day Camp. It will run 9 weeks. It will be closed the week of July 4th. The Parks & Recreation Board has adopted a Code of Ethics for their department. The Coca-Cola fundraiser was very successful. They sold 1100 cases and made \$4500.00 for the Recreation Department. He reported that things are going well at Roper Park.
2. Greg Collis – Chief Deputy – reported that the Jail Project is 45% complete. Completion is expected by November 2005. Inmates will be moved in by January 2006. The roof and exterior metal is almost complete. Interior studs and drywall in process, cells are in place.
3. Larry Toney – Economic Development Director – reported there was a ground-breaking ceremony for the Huddle House @ Foothills. There is one prospective business for the County – a fleet maintenance building that will employ 30 people, and another possible business that has signed a contract on 7 acres north of town that would employ 40 people. He has received an

inquiry from a firm that has already been to Pickens County and has found a site and is in negotiations for a site and will construct a building that will employ about 15 people. An international firm has contacted us and is looking at a specific building in town- it is an aerospace business. A delegation of citizens are going to be in the Commissioner of the D.O.T.'s office on Wednesday, June 1 advocating the accelerational project that will widen Hwy. 53 thru Jasper to Burnt Mountain Rd., Church St. to SR515 as well as soliciting some assistance in re-working Harmony School Road. A new school is going in out there next August. The road is really not safe and busloads of kids will be going on that road. That is a high priority item on our long-range multimodal traffic study that was done recently.

The Commissioner reported that if the project was approved tomorrow it would take four years to completion.

IV. Consent Agenda

- 1. Adopted Land Use Procedures and Standards Ordinance for Pickens County, Georgia on May 2, 2005 at a public meeting of the Pickens County Commissioner.**
- 2. Signed Proclamation declaring June 4, 2005 as Health Fair Day in Pickens County.**
- 3. Imerys Marble, Inc. filed a Quitclaim Deed to Pickens County for a 0.544 Acre Tract located in Land Lot 105, 4th. District, 2nd. Section Pickens County, Georgia. (Fitzsimmons Cemetery area)**
- 4. Signed contract with Flipper McDaniel & Associates - Auctioneers of Calhoun, Georgia for conducting a surplus auction for Pickens County. The date of the auction is June 11, 2005.**
- 5. Signed Intergovernmental agreement & Memorandum of Understanding Between Dawson County, Georgia To Provide Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services to that Portion of Big Canoe Community Which Lies In Pickens County, Georgia.**

V. Old Business

None

VI. New Business

- 1. Adopted Resolution Re-Appointing Maureen Huntington to the Highland Rivers Community Service Board for a two (2) year Term beginning July 1, 2005 and ending June 30, 2007.**
- 2. Adopted Resolution Appointing Lawton Baggs to the Pickens County Library Board of Trustees for a term commencing July 1, 2005 and ending June 30, 2009.**
- 3. Revised business license fee to increase from \$50.00 to \$75.00.**

VII. Guests/Comments

- 1. Greg Walker commended the Jasper City Police Department and The Pickens County Sheriff's Department in how they handled the situation on Hwy 53 in front of Burger King in which a City Policeman who was directing traffic was hit intentionally by a**

motorist.

2. Hans Rueffert asked the status of a traffic light for Hwy 53 in front of Burger King. Commissioner Jones said they are working to get one there.
3. Dan Pool asked how many business licenses are on file for the County. Norman Pope, Director of Planning & Development replied that last year they issued 850 – should be close to 1,000 this year. The business licenses are for the period 7/1/ - 6/30. He said the increase will be used to hopefully fund a part-time person to handle business license. This increase is the first increase since business licenses were put into place. Dan Pool asked if we have enforcement and Norman replied that Kevin Osborne with the environmental enforcement unit has been helping with that. He said that the response to the license has been better as time has passed.

VIII. Adjournment

Commissioner Jones adjourned the meeting at 9:25 A.M.