



**COMMISSIONER'S MEETING
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 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 - None
- II. Approved Minutes from October 27, 2011 meeting.
- III. Reports from Committees and Departments

Norman Pope – Public Information Officer- reported that in review of the items the Information / Public Relations office has been involved with this year, the primary focus has been to complete the major revisions of the zoning ordinance and land use intensity density ordinance, which has been accomplished. The Commissioner signed off on this earlier this year. This added three residential classifications: S/A – Small Agricultural District; E/R – Estate Residential; SPC – Special Planned Community with 150 acre minimum. He stated that we are continuing to work on Watershed Assessments. The one on the Etowah River is complete. The protection implementation plan is currently under review by the EPD. We hope to have that approved by early next year. The one on the west side of the county that runs into Carter's Lake – the assessment has been finished and submitted to EPD, and they haven't given their comments on it. We are not in the process of preparing the protection implementation plan. Ultimately, when both of those are completed and at any time the county might need a discharge or withdrawal permit for water ours will already be done and we will be covered under the current requirements under the federal and state governments. We are currently holding Public Hearings regarding the District boundaries for the upcoming elections. We have already held 2 hearings and the last Public Hearing will be held in the Commissioner's Meeting Room on Monday, November 21st @ 6:30 p.m. He said they are also working on revisions to the Beer & Wine Ordinance. The Board should be receiving the revisions.
- IV. Consent Agenda
 1. Adopted Resolution as follows: Because of construction in and around the Pickens County Courthouse, the best interests of the public would be served by the furnishing of additional or alternative facilities for the holding of any session or sitting of any Superior, Magistrate, or Probate court proceedings; therefore, until further notice, said facility shall be located at 35 West Church Street; Jasper, Georgia.
 2. Signed Resolution Authorizing Adoption of Plan Restatement for Pickens County Government Employees' voluntary 457b plan with VALIC.
 3. Signed National Hospice Month Proclamation for November 2011.
 4. Received one bid for asbestos removal and demolition of the rear portion of the Pickens County Courthouse from D.H. Griffin Wrecking Co., Inc., Ellenwood, GA.

5. Received one bid for removal, restoration and installation of the white Cherokee marble on the existing Pickens County Courthouse from Crystal Marble Company, Cumming, Georgia.
6. Adopted Resolution Regarding the Board of Tax Assessors as follows: The purpose of this resolution is to document for the public record that any changes or modifications made in the computer system used by the Pickens County Tax Assessor's Office which altered the land use designation of tax parcels from something other than what had been formally approved by the Commissioner are void as to effecting a change in the land use classification of that tax parcel..

V. Old Business
None

VI. New Business
None

VII. Guests/Comments

Angela Reinhardt, Pickens Progress, asked about the revisions to the Beer and Wine Ordinance. Mr. Pope said that primarily between the Beer & wine and distilled spirits ordinances, which were adopted at different times; there was a considerable amount of difference. He said they are making sure they say the same thing in the same places. There are no major changes. He said the revisions will go to the Board and if they vote to move forward there will be a Public Hearing.

Angela Reinhardt asked if the bids for Demolition and the marble work on the Courthouse project were accepted. Thurman Slone replied that they were accepted but the contracts have not yet been signed. The bid for the demolition was \$148,300 and the bid for the marble work was \$535,027. Commissioner Jones said they will be taking off the marble in 20' sections and it will be using the plant in Nelson to refurbish the marble. Commissioner Jones also said the only asbestos is in the roof of the Courthouse.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:11 p.m.