



**COMMISSIONER'S MEETING  
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2009  
4:00 P.M. – CONFERENCE ROOM  
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 22, 2009 meeting.
- III. Reports from Committees and Departments
  1. Fire Chief Robert Howard reported that since November 1<sup>st</sup> they have responded to 8 structure fires, 65 medical calls, 50 other various calls including MVAs, brush fires, vehicle fires, gas leaks, fire alarms, downed power lines and smoke investigations. Chief Howard says they are presently investigating 3 of this year's structure fires. Bryant Road, Long Branch and Hopkins Road. Fire Hydrant Program started today with the Bethany-Salem Fire District being first on the list. The Wildfire Hazard Assessments for Georgia Forestry have been completed. The information will be used in the State's Hazard Mitigation Plan. He said they assessed 43 areas in Pickens County. Fire Education for the elementary students in Pickens County concluded on November 18<sup>th</sup> with Hill City. Since January 1<sup>st</sup> the Fire Department has completed 2825 man hours of training. He is awaiting Grandview Fire District's ISO Rating. He said he was told that we should receive a grade by the first of the year. The Fire Department is preparing for a cold, wet and very active winter. The Fire Department including the Fire Marshal Office is now listed on the County's website.
- IV. Consent Agenda
  1. Signed Resolution making tentative contract award of the construction contract of 500,000 Gallon Elevated Water Tank to the lowest responsible, responsive bidder, Caldwell Tanks, Inc. of Louisville, Kentucky. Amount of contract \$829,000.
  2. Signed Master Equipment Lease by and between Pickens County Government and the Association County Commissioners of Georgia, to be assigned to Wachovia Bank, National Association. Description of equipment: 12 Patrol Cars. Loan amount: \$400,000. (36 monthly payments – 3% interest)
  3. Signed Resolution Amending the Pickens County Land Use District Ordinance to be Amended as follows: Amend the Pickens County Land Use Ordinance Map in regard to Parcel 065-072 Split composed of 6 acres from Industrial to Highway Business. (Amendment Number 53) Christine E. Vander Walt filed application to change the land use classification.
  4. Signed Resolution Amending the Pickens County Land Use District Ordinance Map in regard to Parcel 045-023 composed of 20.63 acres from Agricultural (AG) to Rural Residential (RR). Said property is located at 5595 Cove Road. Rezoning requested by Jason Fitts and Andrea Whidbey.
- V. Old Business  
None
- VI. New Business  
None

VII. Guests/Comments

Citizens asked several questions regarding the situation between Pickens County Government and the Pickens County Board of Education in regard to use of the gyms. Commissioner Jones replied that negotiations are underway and they will work it out. He reiterated that Pickens County Government and the Pickens County Board of Education are not “at war”. He said he has a good relationship with them and he hopes they have a good relationship with him. It is something they have to fine tune. Everything has been civil.

Commissioner Jones said that he is looking at putting plans to possibly build a facility. He said he is looking at different parcels of property.

Pickens County has been awarded \$995,000 stimulus money – which is a loan. We are only eligible for 40% of loan. Therefore, \$246,000 is forgiven. 3% interest rate on the loan and 2% closing costs.

The stimulus money will cover the water tank down in the Tate area.

VIII. Adjournment

Commissioner Jones adjourned the meeting at 4:15 p.m.