



**COMMISSIONER'S MEETING  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2009  
4:00 P.M. – CONFERENCE ROOM  
MINUTES**

- I. Call the meeting to Order.
  1. Prayer
  2. Pledge of Allegiance
  3. Amendments to Agenda - None
- II. Approved Minutes from September 24, 2009 meeting.
- III. Reports from Committees and Departments  
Mechelle Champion – Finance Director  
The Finance Director reported that:  
Our LOST collections for August 2009 were \$252,541.51 compared to 2008 which was \$234,902.61 we are up 6.98%. In July 2009 collections were \$219,394.56 which makes us up 13.13% from July. However for our year to date we will be \$462,373.82 below our budgeted amount for LOST.  
Average collections for 2009 are \$190,635.52 compared to the 2008 average of \$236,168.38.  
SPLOST collections in August 2009 were \$359,492.43 compared to 2008 \$337,554.56 up 6.10% and up 12.59% from July 2009. The estimated SPLOST collections for the year are \$3,250,181.34.  
We have also received our insurance premium tax this year which is \$1,003,565.00 in 2008 it was 1,018,164.21.
- IV. Consent Agenda
  1. Signed Proclamation declaring November 2009 as NATIONAL HOME CARE MONTH  
In Pickens County.
  2. Commissioner Robert Jones and Mayor John Weaver signed Proclamation declaring October 23 – October 31, 2009 as Pickens County Red Ribbon Week.
  3. Signed Proclamation declaring Sunday, November 1, 2009 as Retired Educators Day in Pickens County, Georgia.
- V. Old Business - None
- VI. New Business
  1. Executed warranty deed for tank site
  2. Signed agreement between Pickens County Government and the Pickens County Board of Education for use of gym facilities.
  3. Recovery Zone Bonds
- VII. Guests/Comments  
Commissioner Jones was asked for an explanation of item #2 under New Business. Commissioner Jones said that the agreement was for leasing the Jasper Gym as well as use of the Hill City and the Harmony Elementary School Gyms and that was what the \$50,000 was for. Another guest commented about the proposed Animal Shelter that the County is considering. He had some suggestions that the County as well as the Jail prisoners would benefit from a program that would allow the prisoners to work with and take care of the animals. Commissioner Jones said that Sheriff Craig is already looking into that idea.

One guest asked if there was a timeline for the Animal Shelter. Commissioner Jones said hopefully we would be able to break ground within a month to a month and a half.

Another guest wanted Commissioner Jones comments on the Multi Man Commission. The Commissioner said that he was trying to stay neutral on the matter. He did not feel like it was the place of the government to get involved in the change. That should be up to the citizens. A representative from CAC (citizen advisory committee) was present and asked if he could answer a question posed about the cost involved to the county if the Multi Man Commission were to pass. His answer was that CAC had done various studies from the surrounding counties with a Board and estimates that the cost would be \$1 for every \$100,000 assessment.

VIII. Adjourned at 4:20 p.m.