



**COMMISSIONER'S MEETING
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27, 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 – Dave Garner
 2. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Young Marine Sergeant Athan H. Bennett
 3. Amendments to Agenda – New Business Item 2: ADA Compliance – Fire Marshal; Item 3: LOST (Local Option Sales Tax)
- II. Approved Minutes from September 22, 2011 meeting.
- III. Reports from Committees and Departments
 1. Mechelle Champion – Chief Financial Officer – reported on October 14, 2011 that we received our insurance premium tax - \$1,047,000- \$47,000 over our budgeted amount. Our LOST (Local Option Sales Tax) continues to come in greater than our budgeted amount. Overall Mrs. Champion says our Budget Revenue & Expenditures are on target for 9/30/11 and 10/31/11. She said the Community Center is on budget. \$2.4 spent to date and that includes furniture and fixtures, septic tank, parking lot, curb and guttering. Mrs. Champion said that so far \$.5 million (the county portion) in property tax has been collected since the Tax Bills went out.
- IV. Consent Agenda
 1. Signed Memorandum of Understanding between Pickens County, Georgia acting through its Emergency Management Agency and Pickens County Board of Education. This Agreement establishes the roles and responsibilities of each party during a State of Emergency declared by the Governor or Presidential Declaration for a disaster.
 2. Signed Resolution appointing Jerry Barnes to the Coosawattee Regional Water and Sewer Authority for a four year term beginning July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2015.
 3. Signed Work Authorization with Moreland Altobelli Associates, Inc. to provide Pickens County with locations for roadway signage indicating School Bus Stop Ahead or School Bus Entering Ahead along the Right of Way of Twenty Nine (29) County maintained roads. (Lump Sum - \$3500.00)
 4. Commissioner Robert Jones and City of Jasper Mayor John Weaver signed a Joint Proclamation declaring October 24 – October 31, 2011 as Pickens County Red Ribbon Week.
 5. Signed Proclamation declaring November 2011 as National Home Care Month in Pickens County.
 6. Signed Proclamation proclaiming the day of November 6, 2011 as “RETIRED EDUCATORS DAY in Pickens County and calling upon the citizens to observe that day in an appropriate manner honoring retired educators.
- V. Old Business
None
- VI. New Business

1. Signed Red Ribbon Week Proclamation (October 23 – 31). The Young Marine units in our state will be actively participating in this nationally recognized illicit drug awareness event. A copy of the Proclamation was presented to Young Marine Sergeant Athan H. Bennett & his brother, Gage L. Bennett, Young Marine Staff Sergeant.
2. The responsibility for ensuring compliance with ADA in the Pickens County Government buildings falls on the Fire Marshal's office. The Fire Marshal enforces the guidelines set forth in the Rules and Regulations of the Fire Safety Commissioner, Chapter 120-3-3 and Minimum Fire Safety Standards. As part of the required fire safety inspections of commercial buildings in Pickens County, the Fire Marshal reviews the ADA status of each location and includes this in their deficiency reports for correction. Return visits ensure their compliance to these regulations.
3. Commissioner Jones signed the Certificate of Distribution of LOST (Local Option Sales Tax). This has to be done every ten years. Commissioner Jones met with John Weaver, Mayor of the City of Jasper and spoke with Bill Leister; Mayor of the City of Nelson and Pete Cagle, the Mayor of the Town of Talking Rock regarding the Distribution and it will remain the same as last time. The City of Jasper shall receive 25.7%; the City of Nelson shall receive 2.8%; the Town of Talking Rock shall receive 1.5% and the County of Pickens shall receive 70.0%. After signing by the Mayors the Certificate of Distribution will be sent to the State Revenue Commissioner.

VII. Guests/Comments

Kirk Kondos thanked the Commissioner for all he does for the Veterans. He said his support is appreciated. He also said he hopes everybody keeps Ruth Hinton in their mind for all the good she has done in our county. She has done a tremendous amount of work in this county.

VIII. Adjournment

Commissioner Jones adjourned the meeting at 4:13 p.m.