



**COMMISSIONER'S MEETING  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2009  
4:00 P.M. – CONFERENCE ROOM  
M I N U T E S**

- I. Call the meeting to Order.
  1. Prayer – Larry Toney
  2. Pledge of Allegiance
  3. Amendments to Agenda – Amendment to New Business – Item #3
- II. Approved Minutes from August 27, 2009 meeting.
- III. Reports from Committees and Departments
  1. Sheriff Donnie Craig reported that during the month of July there were 162 calls for service Through the 9-1-1 center, in August there were 157 calls for service and in September 142 calls for service. Animal Control picked up 25 dogs and 5 cats in July, 70 dogs and 12 cats in August and 28 dogs and 0 cats in September. Animal Use of Force: 2 aggressive dogs; 2 injured dogs; 1 injured coyote; 1 injured deer and 1 dog pepper sprayed. September calls for service for Animal Control: 1 deceased animal; 4 injured animals; 6 inquiries about the laws; 3 lost or stolen animals; 2 animal attacks; 1 rabid animal; 26 stray or abandoned animals; 21 animal transports; 1 trapped animal. Sheriff Craig also reported they now have a work detail program that Cpl. Lingerfelt started the program the last week of January 2009. The inmates have worked over 2151 man hours and picked up 120 miles of roadways. The work detail has picked up 1857 bags of trash and 142 tires. The detail has also worked countless man hours assisting with work on county property with general maintenance duties and lawn care. Commissioner Jones commented that Cpl. Lingerfelt is also looking over community service workers on Saturdays which has cut down on 16 hours overtime in the Road Department
- IV. Consent Agenda
  1. Signed Memorandum of Understanding Between Pickens County, Georgia, Acting Through the Pickens County Health Department and the Pickens County Government And the Pickens County Board of Education for the Designation and Use of the Harmony Elementary School Campus as a Point of Dispensing (POD) During a Public Health Emergency or Crisis.
  2. Signed Proclamation between Pickens County and the City of Jasper declaring September as National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month.
  3. Adopted Budget Amendment which was discussed at previous public hearings. Change was basically due to reduction in LOST (Local Option Sales Tax) collections. \$1,027,066.
- V. Old Business

None
- VI. New Business
  1. Adopted Resolution imposing a 9-1-1 charge on Voice Over Internet Protocol (VoIP) Connections Within Pickens County, Georgia.
  2. Grants – 1) Pickens County has received a \$13,000 grant from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Grant Program. This grant was obtained by the Sheriff's Office to develop Community Programs. 2) Pickens County Government has received a \$50,000 grant from

the Department of Justice Office of Justice Programs. This grant was obtained by the Appalachian Judicial Circuit to fund the Appalachian Mental Health Court Task Force. 3) Pickens County Government has received a \$292,450 grant from the Governor's Office for Children and Families under the Caring Communities System of Care Grant Program. This Grant will fund a System of Care developed by Pickens County Development Partnership. Press Release was in this week's issue of the Pickens Progress.

3. Signed 2010 Census Partner Proclamation proclaiming that Pickens County Government is Committed to partnering with the U.S. Census Bureau to help ensure a full and accurate count in 2010.

VII. Guests/Comments

Commissioner Jones was asked if Pickens County has to match any of the grants listed in New Business. Mechelle Champion, Finance Director, reported that the \$13,000 grant was fully funded, the Judicial circuit asked all 3 counties (Pickens, Gilmer, Fannin) to match \$3,000 each on the \$50,000 grant, and there is no cash match on the \$292,450 grant.

Commissioner Jones was asked how many PODS we have in Pickens County. Chief Bob Howard answered that we have three: Harmony Elementary, Hill City Elementary, and Mt. Zion. He said requirements with the State is that we have 1 Memorandum of Understanding. The others are verbal. There was discussion about the Gordon County Agreement regarding Animal Control and Sheriff Craig indicated they are working on some other options. Commissioner Jones said this will expedite the building of a facility. Clayton Preble commended the Sheriff for the good job he is doing. Commissioner Jones added that he appreciates the Sheriff and his working to stay in Budget.

VIII. Adjournment

Commissioner Jones adjourned the meeting at 4:20 p.m.