



**PICKENS COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S MEETING
SEPTEMBER 25, 2008
4:00 P.M. - COMMISSIONER'S CONFERENCE ROOM
MINUTES**

- I. **Commissioner Jones called Meeting to Order**
 1. Prayer
 2. Pledge of Allegiance
 3. Amendments to Agenda - None
- II. **Approved Minutes from August 28, 2008 meeting.**
- III. **Reports from Committees and Departments**
 1. **Melinda Logan – Director of Parks & Recreation**

Reported that Baseball/Softball All-Stars – 9/10 Girls went to Bremen, GA won district – undefeated and went on to State in Baxley, GA to finish 4th in state with a record of 1-2. The 9/10 Boys went to Bremen, GA got runner-up district – got beat in championship game by Bremen and went on to the state tournament to get beat once again by Bremen. The 11/12 Girls went to Trion, GA and were runner up in district. The 11/12 Boys went to Haralson County and came home with a 1-2 record. The 13/14 Girls went to Tallapoosa and went 0-2. She reported that Summer Camp was successful with up to 75 kids attending. They had a new camp director this summer, Tabitha Grant, and she did an outstanding job and she looks forward to having her back again next summer. Men's League Softball – They have 7 teams in the league and games are played on Sunday afternoons. They are halfway through with the season with things running smoothly at this point. Soccer – 31 teams this season (about 5 more teams than last year). They use the outfields of field #1, 2, 3 for practices & games. They have also added 2 new fields on the lower part of the park to help with the growth. Soccer games began this week & will run through the 2nd week in November. Basketball registration begins October 6th and will end October 17th.
- IV. **Consent Agenda**
 1. Approved purchase of an excavator from Goss Tractor. Cost \$69,500.
 2. Approved purchase of an asphalt paver from ROADTEC. Cost \$147,274.
 3. Approved request for construction of Telecommunication Tower and Associated Structures – 10939 Hwy 53 West, Pickens County with the following Condition: A buffer of Leyland Cyprus will be placed at the length of property Line except where there are existing trees at the expense of the applicant. This must be done before erection of the tower.
 4. Signed Proclamation proclaiming September 2008 as National Alcohol

And Drug Addiction Recovery Month in Pickens County and the City of Jasper.

- 5. Signed Automatic Aid Agreement between Dawson County, Georgia Fire Stations 5 & 6 and Pickens County, Georgia Fire Station 9, Yellow Creek VFD, a fire department of the State of Georgia.**
- 6. Signed Resolution to Transmit the 2008 Solid Waste Management Plan to the North Georgia Regional Development Center to Initiate State Review.**

V. Old Business

VI. New Business

Commissioner Jones announced that he has formed a Recreation Real Estate Acquisition Committee to look at acquiring land near the Recreation Department. The members of the committee are: John Trammell, Don Boggus, Paul Nealey, Kathy Bruce, Dan Pool and Andrea Logan.

VII. Guests/Comments

Citizen asked for more information on some Agenda items and information was given by Commissioner Jones. He also had a question about the Recreation Budget. Commissioner Jones explained that the Recreation budget is not based on the sales tax but was funded by the County and from registration fees from the student who is playing. Our charge is \$60.00 per child. Neighboring counties south of us charge as much as \$250.00 per child. When asked if the Recreation Project could take place before the Courthouse Project the County Attorney, Phil Landrum replied No, that it had to be done after the Courthouse Project. Commissioner Jones said it is a state law. It is set up as a Tier: such as, There is a Tier I, Tier II, etc. The Courthouse Project is in Tier I and Recreation is in Tier 2 category. Angela Mitchell, reporter for the Pickens County Progress, asked Commissioner Jones what automatic aid was and he replied that automatic aid between fire departments when there was a fire in the community they would be able to contact the other areas to help with the situation. Today is the first day that Grandview Station #5, on Cove Road, went on-line – 24/7 with 2 full-time firemen. It has 24/7 ambulance Service and has had for about two years.

Evan Moorehouse commented that automatic aid is when you send a signal out to Station 9 it also goes to Stations 5 & 6. Mutual Aid is when you call And ask for help.

VII. Adjournment

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

Robert P. Jones
Sole Commissioner

ATTEST:

County Clerk