



**PICKENS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2015
5:30 P.M. – CONFERENCE ROOM – STE. 168**

- I. Call to order**
Chairman Jones called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
Commissioner Becky Denney and Commissioner Jerry Barnes were present.
- II. Prayer - Rob Jones**
Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Amendments to Agenda – Action Items – Board Appointments**
 - 1) Item F & Item G – Appointments to the Industrial Development Authority
 - 3) Item H – Appointment to the Planning Commission
 - 4) Item I, J, & K - Appointments to the Water & Sewer Authority
- IV. Approval of Agenda**
Commissioner Barnes made motion to approve the agenda with amendments; Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted aye.
- V. Employee Recognition**
Commissioner Denney presented pins and certificates to the following employees for their service: 1) Wayne Cooley – 21 yrs.; 2) Jason Angle – 18 yrs.; 3) Joseph Brackett – 15 yrs.; 4) Tonya Parks; 5) Mary Ann Sanders – 13 yrs.; 6) Robert Howard – 11 yrs.; 7) Michael Butler – 10 yrs.; 8) Kristy Easterwood – 14 yrs.; 9) Beverly Kilpatrick – 13 yrs.; 10) William Peace – 10 yrs.; 11) Eric Chalkiadi – 13 yrs..
- VI. Finance Report – CFO Faye Harvey stated that the October, 2015 Financial Report reflects 10 months of the 2015 fiscal year. Expenditure budgets should be 83.3% or less. General Fund revenue collections for the period ending October 31, 2015 total \$11,743,956 or 52.16% of the total amount budgeted. General Fund expenditures for fiscal year 2015 are \$17,493,760 or 77.70% of budgeted amounts. Overall, expenditures are 5.60% under budget. She reported budget variances as follows: 1) General Government buildings is over budget at 97.72%. Line items over budget include general maintenance and repairs, supplies and electricity. This budget may require a budget amendment at year end. 2) Probation and Drug Abuse Funds are over budget at 172.42%. This is a special revenue budget line, so**

revenues will increase to accommodate the expenditures. 3) EMA budget is over at 92.50%. One of the largest EMA expenditures – payment for the CodeRed system – was paid in January, 2015. The budget should equalize as the year progresses. 4) The County Marshal budget is at 86.57% due to purchase of vehicle and equipment. This was a budgeted item, but a large amount, the budget should equalize as the year progresses. Line item budget reports were distributed to department heads and elected officials on November 12, 2015.

Mrs. Harvey stated that she had a request for amendment of the FY 2015 General Fund Budget – Sheriff’s Office. Revenue: Sheriff’s Office – Grant Reimbursement - \$17,156; Sheriff’s Office Revenue – Prisoner Housing - \$190,500; Sheriff’s Office – Insurance Reimbursements for Damaged Property - \$14,593. Total Revenue = \$222,249. Expenditures: Increase Sheriff’s Office 2015 expenditure budget for grant purchases, inmate housing expense and vehicle replacements - \$221,349; Increase contingency due to increase in revenues - \$900.

Commissioner Barnes made motion to approve the Budget amendment; Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted aye.

VII. Consent Agenda

- A. Signed Domestic Violence Awareness Month Proclamation
- B. Commissioner Denney accepted check from Tim Reeve of GEMA – Public Assistance and Recovery Division – in the amount of \$80,088.45 for snow/ice storm damage – February 2015.
- C. Signed Memorandum of Agreement by and Between the Chief Elected Officials of Northwest Georgia.
- D. Signed Joint Proclamation between Pickens County and the City of Jasper for 2015 Pickens County Red Ribbon Week.
- E. Signed National American Indian Heritage Month Proclamation.
- F. Signed contract for employee health insurance (Blue Cross-Blue Shield)
- G. Nominated Sloan Elrod to serve another two year term on the Northwest Georgia Region 1 Emergency Medical Services Council. Term begins January 2016 and ends January 2018.
- H. Received check from GEMA in the amount of \$6,280.33. This is final reimbursement – disaster recovery. This was for the 2011 tornados.

VIII. Old Business - None

IX. New Business

Chairman Jones stated that he had been approached by State Property Division that the State Probation office needs office space and they would like to lease if space is available. Chairman Jones said there is office space of 348 sq. feet available in the Courthouse and the lease rate would be \$1.30 per sq. foot.

The State Properties Division is also looking at the building beside us. Chairman Jones said that once we get leases drawn up he will bring it back to the Board.

X. Action Items

A. Approve Minutes

1. Regular Board Meeting – September 17, 2015
2. Work Session – October 1, 2015
3. Called Meeting (Executive Session) October 6, 2015
4. Called Meeting (Executive Session) October 7, 2015
5. Work Session – November 5, 2015

Commissioner Barnes made motion to approve the Minutes of the September 17, October 1, October 6 and October 7 meetings; Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted aye.

B. Rezone Request

1. RZ-10-15-1183 Angela J. Burgess
 Antioch Church Road, Jasper
 Agricultural (AG) to Rural Residential
 (RR)
 019-082-005 – 2 acres (Amendment #95)

Commissioner Barnes made motion to approve the rezone request; Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted aye.

2. RZ-10-15-1184 David B. Posey
 Bethel Road, Talking Rock
 Suburban Residential (SR) to
 Agricultural (AG)
 017-001-002 – 28.6 acres – (Amendment
 #96)

Commissioner Barnes made motion to approve the rezone request; Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted aye.

Chairman Jones spoke in regard to a conditional use request for land classification for Tatum Acres. He stated the Planning Commission has 45 days to get it to the Board of Commissioners and the Board has 90 days from the date of receipt. Chairman Jones wants to gather more information before they make a decision. County Attorney Phil Landrum stated that permitting, which would require an application and fee, a less permanent grant of permission than a property right. He said that granting property rights cannot be denied once put into place and he was concerned they could pass on with the property in future sales. Mr. Landrum and Planning and Development Director Richard Osborne will be checking with other counties and will put something together they feel will be suitable and fair for our county and bring it back to the Board.

**Commissioner Barnes made motion to table this item;
Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted aye.**

- C. Authorize approval of advertisement of Proposed 2016 Budget.
Mrs. Harvey said a public copy is available and it will be on the
website at www.pickenscountyga.gov.**

**Commissioner Barnes made motion to approve advertisement of
Proposed 2016 Budget; Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted
aye.**

- D. Adopt Resolution to appoint Valerie Peel to the Pickens County
Library Board of Trustees to complete the remainder of a four-
year term which became vacant. The term ends June 30, 2019.
Commissioner Barnes made motion to adopt the resolution;
Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted aye.**
- E. Adopt Resolution to reappoint Larry Coleman to the Coosawatee
Regional Water & Sewerage Authority for a four year term
beginning June 1, 2015 and ending June 1, 2019.
Commissioner Barnes made motion to adopt the resolution;
Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted aye.**
- F. Adopt Resolution to reappoint Don Boggus, Jr. to the Industrial
Development Authority of Pickens County for a 6 year term
beginning September 9, 2015 and ending September 8, 2021.
Commissioner Barnes made motion to adopt the resolution;
Commissioner Denney seconded motion; all voted aye.**
- G. Adopt Resolution to appoint Lorrie Shaw to the Industrial
Development Authority of Pickens County for a six year term
beginning September 9, 2015 and ending September 8, 2021.
Commissioner Barnes made motion to adopt the resolution;
Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted aye.**
- H. Adopt Resolution to reappoint Clayton Preble to the Pickens
County Planning Commission for a four year term beginning
January 1, 2016 and ending December 31, 2019.
Commissioner Barnes made motion to adopt the resolution;
Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted aye.**
- I. Adopt Resolution to reappoint John Tatum to the Pickens County
Water & Sewer Authority for a three year term beginning
January 1, 2016 and ending December 31, 2018.
Commissioner Barnes made motion to adopt the resolution;
Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted aye.**
- J. Adopt Resolution to reappoint Jack Brown to the Pickens County
Water & Sewer Authority for a three year term beginning
January 1, 2016 and ending December 31, 2018.
Commissioner Barnes made motion to adopt resolution;
Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted aye.**

K. Adopt Resolution to reappoint Phillip O’Bryant to the Pickens County Water & Sewer Authority for a three year term beginning January 1, 2016 and ending December 31, 2018.

**Commissioner Barnes made motion to adopt the resolution;
Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted aye.**

XI. Guests/Comments

There were a couple of questions and comments from Brian Pritchard of Fetch Your News and a couple of citizens regarding the Tatum Farms request; conditional use permit; zoning of that property; event permit, etc.

Chairman Jones stated that he had received a letter, an Indication of Roundabout Support, from GDOT in reference to a roundabout at the intersection of Dragon Drive and Highway 53 East. GDOT Area I Engineer Sam Wheeler spoke in favor of the proposed roundabout at the last Pickens County Board of Education meeting. This was also recommended to the commissioners by GDOT as a way to reduce the number of crashes at that intersection. GDOT is asking the Board to agree to participate in the maintenance of the intersection – this would include full and entire cost of the electric energy used for any lighting installed and the maintenance thereof and any maintenance costs associated with the landscaping as approved by the local government and the Georgia Department of Transportation (After construction is complete).

**Commissioner Barnes made motion to sign the agreement;
Commissioner Denney seconded the motion; all voted aye.**

XII. Executive Session - None

XIII. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

These Minutes were approved in the December 17, 2015 BOC meeting.

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