



**PICKENS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 2016  
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 - Chairman Jones**  
Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Amendments to Agenda – 1) Add Board Appointment to Action Items (Item K)**
- IV. Approval of Agenda**  
Commissioner Barnes made motion to approve the Agenda with amendment; Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted aye.
- V. Employee Recognition**  
Commissioner Denney presented pins and certificates to the following employees for their service: 1) Zachary Crow – 10 yrs.; Misty Johnson – 10 yrs.; 3) Jason Tanner – 10 yrs.
- VI. Finance Report – CFO Faye Harvey reported that the December 2015 Financial Report reflects twelve months of the 2015 fiscal year. Expenditure budgets should be 100% or less. General Fund revenue collections for the period ending December 31, 2015 total \$21,738,493 or 95.61% of the total amount budgeted. General Fund expenditures for fiscal year 2015 are \$21,391,813 or 94.12% of budgeted amounts. Overall, expenditures are 5.88% under budget. There will be amounts accrued back to FY 2015, both revenues and expenditures. All budgets, by classification, are under budget; but some individual departments exceed their budgeted amount. When all accruals are complete Mrs. Harvey will compile a final report and recommend budget amendments where they are needed. Line item budget reports were distributed to department heads and elected officials on January 15, 2016.**
- VII. Consent Agenda**  
None
- VIII. Old Business**
  - A. Resolution Re-Adopting the Official Land Use Intensity Map of Pickens County, Georgia, as established in the Code of Ordinances of Pickens County, Georgia, Chapter 67-6.1. Planning and Development Director Richard Osborne stated that zoning for private properties doesn't change.**  
Commissioner Barnes made motion to adopt the Resolution; Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted aye.
- IX. New Business - None**
- X. Action Items**
  - A. Approve Minutes**
    - 1) Regular Board Meeting – December 17, 2015
    - 2) Work Session – January 7, 2016Commissioner Barnes made motion to approve the Minutes of the December 17 and January 7 meetings; Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted aye.

**B. Rezone Request**

**1. Conditional Use request to allow a special events venue:**

**Doug & Lynda Tatum  
620 Camp Creek Station Road - Jasper  
Parcel #046C-001 – 75 acres**

Chairman Jones made motion to approve the conditional use recommended by the planning commission with the following caveat: He stated that based on his conversations with the county attorney he would delete the four conditions that the planning commission has recommended. Because of the issues raised before the planning commission in its hearing regarding the noise levels and time of day of those noise levels and because this property is abutting a residential land use intensity district, he would have his motion be for the approval of the conditional use request for the purposes of holding weddings, special events, and similar outdoor meetings of the public on the Tatum property; however, said public events shall not be permitted to continue after 11:00 p.m. He stated that 10:30 was the time recommended by the planning commission but he believes this to be a reasonable method to control this activity with regards to its location and relation to the neighborhood.; Commissioner Barnes seconded; all voted aye.

**2. Rezone – RZ-12-15-1189**

**Timothy Butler/Jacqueline C. Payne  
11024 Highway 53 West, Talking Rock  
Highway Business (HB) to Rural  
Residential (RR)  
034-080 and 034-080-001 - 3.257 Acres**

Commissioner Barnes made motion to approve the Rezone Request; Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted aye.

**C. Election of Board Vice Chair for 2016**

Chairman Jones made motion to appoint Commissioner Denney as Vice Chair; Commissioner Barnes seconded; all voted aye.

**D. Appoint County Attorney**

Chairman Jones made motion to appoint Phil Landrum as County Attorney; Commissioner Barnes seconded; all voted aye.

**E. Appoint County Clerk**

Chairman Jones made motion to appoint Deborah Watson as County Clerk; Commissioner Barnes seconded; all voted aye.

**F. Appoint Deputy County Clerk**

Chairman Jones made motion to appoint Paula Peace as Deputy County Clerk; Commissioner Barnes seconded; all voted aye.

**G. Approval of meeting place, times, dates for 2016 – Meetings will remain at same location and work sessions will be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday at 10:00 a.m. of each month and regular meetings will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 5:30 p.m. as previous.**

Commissioner Barnes made motion to approve the meeting calendar; Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted aye.

**H. Contract for water monitoring at Long Swamp Creek at Reavis Mountain Road and Sharp Mountain Creek at Dowda Mill Road**

This item was tabled as recommended by the Planning & Development staff. Planning and Development as well as the water department have been discussing the water monitoring with Georgia EPD staff and are waiting for more information. Planning and Development Director Richard Osborne said the ultimate goal is to save Pickens County money while fulfilling the written conclusions of Georgia EPD in terms of monitoring based on the Watershed Protection Plan and other factors.

**I. Authorize Chairman to sign the MATS 2016-2017 grant for transportation service**

**Commissioner Barnes made motion to authorize Chairman Jones to sign the MATS grant paperwork; Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted aye.**

**J. Resolution to Appoint Richard Osborne County Legislative Coordinator for Pickens County.**

**Commissioner Barnes made motion; Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted aye.**

**K. Resolution Appointing Shelley Cantrell to the Pickens County Board of Family and Children Services. Term ending June 30, 2019.**

**Commissioner Barnes made motion to approve appointment; Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted aye.**

**XI. Guests/Comments**

**Citizen asked why the curfew time was changed from 10:30 p.m. which was the time the Planning Commission approved. Chairman Jones stated he believed this to be a reasonable method to control this activity with regards to its location and relation to the neighborhood.**

**XII. Adjourn**

**The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.**

**These Minutes were approved at the February 18, 2016 BOC meeting**

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