



**PICKENS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
THURSDAY, APRIL 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. Chairman Jones recognized members of Leadership Pickens that were in attendance: Andrew Olsen, Sam Barber, Grady Pearson, Calleigh Jent, Lizzie Adams, Abbey Hardmen and Wesley Shelton
- II. **Prayer - Commissioner Jerry Barnes**
Pledge of Allegiance
- III. **Amendments to Agenda – Additions: 1) Under Consent Agenda – Item E; 2) Under New Business – Item A.; 3) Under Item X – Item D; Item E; Item F.**
- IV. **Approval of Agenda with Amendments**
Commissioner Barnes made motion to approve Agenda; Commissioner Denney seconded the motion; all voted aye.
- V. **Employee Recognition**
Commissioner Denney recognized the following employees for Years of Service: Jennifer Jordan – 20 years with the Clerk of Court’s office; Betty Jones – 20 years – Elections Office; John Nicholson – 10 years – Land Development; Angela Allen – 10 years Probation office – Barbara Bryant – 10 years – Road Department.
- VI. **Finance Report - CFO Faye Harvey reported that the March 2016 Financial Report reflects three months of the 2016 fiscal year. Expenditure budgets should be 25% or less. General Fund revenue collections for the period ending March 31, 2016 total \$3,185,326 or 13.37% of the amount budgeted. General Fund expenditures through March 31, 2016 are \$4,864,018 or 20.42% of budgeted amounts. Overall, expenditures are 4.58% under budget. Line item budget reports were distributed to department heads and elected officials on April 14, 2016.**
- VII. **Consent Agenda**
 - A. **Signed National Donate Life Month Proclamation**
 - B. **Signed Child Abuse Awareness Month Proclamation**
 - C. **Signed Sexual Assault Awareness Proclamation**
 - D. **Signed Health Fair Proclamation**
 - E. **Signed Service Agreement for Operations of Pickens County Transportation (M.A.T.S.) between the Pickens County Board of Commissioners and North Georgia Community Action, Inc.**
- VIII. **Old Business - None**

IX. New Business

Recreation Department – Drink Vendor

Assistant Director of the Recreation Department Seth Boyd stated that the Coca-Cola contract ends May 31st. He provided the Board with proposals from Pepsi & Coke. Pepsi has offered a better deal on prices and Pepsi will put their signs on scoreboards at no cost to the county. The County will also receive a larger commission from sales. Seth and Director Brian Jones recommend that the Board approve the Pepsi contract. Chairman Jones stated that the contract dates would need to be changed to calendar year and it can only be a one year contract. County Attorney Phil Landrum will do an addendum to that effect.

Commissioner Denney made motion to approve the Pepsi contract;
Commissioner Barnes seconded the motion; all voted aye.

X. Action Items

A. Approve Minutes

- 1) Regular Board Meeting – March 17, 2016
- 2) Work Session – April 7, 2016

Commissioner Barnes made motion to approve the Minutes of the March 17 meeting and the April 7 work session; Commissioner Denney seconded the motion; all voted aye.

B. Rezone Request

- 1) RZ-02-16-1195 Eddie Goodwin – Gibson Trail, Jasper
Agricultural (AG) to Small Agricultural (SA)
Parcel: 039-025 – 5.13 Acres
Amendment # 103

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

- 2) RZ-03-16-1196 Pickens County
Canton Road, Jasper
Suburban Residential (SR) to Highway Business
(HB).
Parcel: 065-002-003 – 5.13 acres
Amendment # 104

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

C. Paving Contract – Three bids were received for asphalt paving of 20 roads – the list is attached to these Minutes. – Bids received: C.W. Mathews - \$896,820.45; Blount - \$831,248.00; and low-bidder - Johnson Paving - \$735,748.94.

Commissioner Denney made motion to award the bid to Johnson Paving; Commissioner Barnes seconded; all voted aye.
Commissioner Denney asked Chairman Jones about Cove Road. He stated that it is in better shape than any of the ones
Chairman Jones stated that the Road Department is going to go back to Henderson Mountain Road and then the edge of Pettit Road and then Lawson Federal and Fortner.

D. Fee Schedule Revision Request – Planning & Development

This item was tabled until more research is done.

E. Upgrade to Access Control System – The system used for employees to enter the building has to be upgraded. They no longer work on our system.

Commissioner Barnes authorized Chairman Jones to sign paperwork for the upgrade; Commissioner Denney seconded the motion; all voted aye.

F. Vote on CASA continuation grant proposals

Dianne Scoggins, Director of Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of the Appalachian Circuit provided the Board with handouts regarding their program and the grant proposals. Mrs. Scoggins said that CASA saves a million dollars a year with their volunteers. They have 77 volunteers who are screened and trained. They serve as a voice for children. She thanked the Board for Pickens County being their fiscal agent. They have received Federal Grant since 2002. One grant is \$99,543.00 – Federal: \$74,657.25 with Cash Match: \$24,885.75. The other grant is \$40,213.70 – Federal: \$30,161.02 with Cash Match: \$10,053.68

Commissioner Denney said they do a great service.

Commissioner Barnes made motion to approve the continuation;

Commissioner Denney seconded the motion; all voted aye.

XI. Guests/Comments

Bart Connelly – regarding the paving contract – how many miles in these 20 roads? Chairman Jones said they did their bid by tons of asphalt but he could get that information from John Nicholson on Monday.

Mr. Connelly also asked what the cost was on the upgrade of the access control system - \$6,113.85 wired and \$6,194.97 wireless.

XII. Adjourn

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:10 a.m.

These Minutes were approved in the May 19, 2016 BOC meeting.

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