



**PICKENS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 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 introduced visitors from Pickens Youth Leadership: Craig Williams; Cameron Williams; Jenny Morris; Carrie Ash and Julianne Payne.
- II. Prayer - Chairman Jones**
Pledge of Allegiance – Craig Williams & Cameron Williams (Boy Scouts – Troop 62 – Cumming)
- III. Amendments to Agenda:** 1) Under Item IX. New Business – Discussion of Adopting and Amending Chapter 4 of the Pickens County Code of Ordinances. (Advertising and Signs); 2) Under Item VII. Consent Agenda – Signed Keep Pickens Beautiful Proclamation; 3) Signed Pickens FERST Week Proclamation
- 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:**
1) Kathy Quinton – 10 yrs. with the Sheriff’s Department; 2) Randy Kirk – 10 yrs. with the Public Works Department.
- VI. Finance Report - CFO Faye Harvey reported that the February 2016 Financial Report reflects two months of the 2016 fiscal year. Expenditure budgets should be 16.7% or less. General Fund revenue collections for the period ending February 29, 2016 total \$2,020,859 or 8.48% of the amount budgeted. General Fund expenditures through February, 2016 are \$3,060,224 or 12.84% of budgeted amounts. Overall, expenditures are 3.86% under budget. Line item budget reports were distributed to department heads and elected officials on March 10, 2016 and copies of line item budget reports are available for review.**
Mrs. Harvey stated that she had a Request for Amendment of the FY 2016 General Fund Budget. 1) Increase Tax Commissioner 2016 Expenditure budget for office furniture and equipment - \$12,000; 2) Increase Probate Judge 2016 Expenditure budget for purchase of new fingerprint machine - \$4,500. The State is providing the Tax Commissioner’s office with new printers – each station has to have two. To accommodate this, they need more room. This will be the first upgrade since the move to this building. The Probate Judge’s office does fingerprinting for firearm permits and they have been using an old machine the Sheriff’s office provided them. The Sheriff’s office is going to share the cost of the new machine.

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

VII. Consent Agenda

- A. Signed Georgia County Internship Program Grant Agreement by and between the ACCG and Pickens County. The Grant will pay an intern up to 200 hours at \$10.00 per hour for work performed between May 1, 2016 and September 1, 2016. This is at no cost to the county. The intern will be helping in the Planning & Development office. Pickens County received this Grant last year as well. Planning and Development Director Richard Osborne reported that they are taking applications now and will be setting up interviews. This is typically for college students who are interested in some aspect of this department.
- B. Signed Proclamation designating the week of February 20-27, 2016 as FFA Week.
- C. Signed Keep Pickens Beautiful Proclamation designating April as Great American Clean up month. Keep Pickens Beautiful will be celebrating its 27 years in existence.
- D. Signed Pickens FERST Week Proclamation.

VIII. Old Business - None

IX. New Business

- A. Amendments to Chapter 4 Advertising and Signs, Article I. in General, Section 4-35 of the Pickens County Code of Ordinances – Richard Osborne presented application from county staff regarding Maximum height of freestanding signs and maximum sign areas. Mr. Osborne said his office has researched several surrounding counties. The suggested provisions are as follows: maximum height of freestanding sign shall be: 20 feet if located on property with road frontage on State Route 515; 15 feet if located on property with road frontage on State Route 5; State Route 5 Business; State Route 53; State Route 108; State Route 136; State Route 136 Connector; and State Route 372. Maximum sign areas: 100 square feet if located on property with road frontage on State Route 515.; 50 square feet if located on property with road frontage on State Route 5; State Route 5 Business; State Route 53; State Route 108; State Route 136; State Route 136 Connector; and State Route 372.; 32 square feet if located on property with road frontage on any other public road. The Planning Commission recommended these provisions in their meeting Monday, March 14.

Commissioner Barnes made motion to approve the Resolution adopting and amending Chapter 4 of the Code of Ordinances of Pickens County, Georgia; Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted aye.

X. Action Items

A. Approve Minutes

- 1) Regular Board Meeting – February 18, 2016
- 2) Work Session – March 3, 2016

Commissioner Barnes made motion to approve the Minutes of the February 18 meeting and the March 3 Work Session; Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted aye.

B. Rezone Request

- 1) Rezone – RZ-01-16-1191 – Bryan & Misty Johnson – Carlan Road, Jasper Suburban Residential (SR) to Agricultural (AG) Parcel: 057-011 – 67.735Acres – Amendment 101

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

- 2) Rezone RZ-01-16-1192 – Tom Shaw – Carlan Road, Jasper Suburban Residential (SR) to Rural Residential (RR) Parcel: 057-011-001 – 67.725 Acres – Amendment 102

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

C. Security cameras for Administration Building

Commissioner Barnes made motion to authorize Chairman Jones to get prices and move forward on the cameras; Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted aye.

XI. Guests/Comments

Marshal Jim Harvey asked Bart Connelly if Keep Pickens Beautiful was going to do the free tire disposal in the month of April and if they are going to advertise it. Mr. Connelly said they were for the whole month of April. He stated that residents will be able to dispose of four off-rim passenger tires for NO CHARGE at the Camp Road Recycle Centers and it will be advertised.

Rena Kirk commented regarding the need of security in the Tax Commissioner's office.

XII. Adjourn

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

These Minutes were approved at the April 21, 2016 BOC meeting.

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