



**PICKENS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES  
THURSDAY, JUNE 16, 2016  
5:30 P.M. – CONFERENCE ROOM – STE. 168**

- I. **Call to order**  
Commissioner 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 –**
  - A. **Under Consent Agenda - Signed Family Connection Resolution**
  - B. **Under Action Items - Unsupervised Youth Policy – Roper Park**
  - C. **Under Finance Report – Audit Report**
  - D. **Under New Business – Americorps Position – Pickens County Extension office**
  - E. **Under New Business – Deed - Road Dedication Vineyard Way off Hwy 136**
- IV. **Approval of Agenda with Amendments**  
Commissioner Barnes made motion to approve the Agenda with Amendments; Commissioner Denney seconded the motion; all voted aye.
- V. **Employee Recognition - None**
- VI. **Finance Report / Audit Report**  
CFO Faye Harvey gave a brief Finance Report stating that the May 2016 Financial Report reflects five months of the 2016 fiscal year. Expenditure budgets should be 41.7% or less. General Fund revenue collections for the period ending May 31, 2016 total \$5,024,834 or 21.09% of the amount budgeted. General Fund expenditures through May 31, 2016 are \$9,151,865 or 38.41% of budgeted amounts. Overall, expenditures are 3.29% under budget.

Beth Grimes of Bates, Carter & Co., LLP acknowledged that this is the third year they have performed the Audit and it has been nice working with everyone. She presented the Auditors' Report on the Financial Statements for year ended December 31, 2015 to the Board. She stated that the main focus was on the General Fund. A "Clean Opinion" was issued saying that

financial statements are presented fairly with generally accepted accounting principles. Internal controls were tested to ensure controls are effective. Findings related to internal controls are in the report and recommendations were issued to Probate Court and Magistrate Court. Included in the Financial Statement Audit: All departments, funds and elected officials; Development Authority as of December 31, 2015, and relied on another independent auditor's report for the Department of Public Health as of June 30, 2015. Ms. Grimes reported that revenues exceeded expenditures by \$589 thousand; Revenues increased 13% from prior year; Overall revenues under final budget \$259 thousand – Intergovernmental (Grants). Expenditures remained in line compared to 2014 expenditures and overall expenditures were below final budget \$848 thousand. SPLOST: Collected \$4 million in revenues and \$3.4 million was spent during 2015 for various County Projects. Long-Term Debt is 1.9 million. She said to be proud our debt is low – it demonstrates strength. The average debt for counties of similar size is \$9.6 million on average. GASB Statement No. 68 – Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions – effective for fiscal year 2015 – Pension liability accrued at the entity wide level for the first time. Net pension liability as of 12/31/2015 was \$2.7 million. Ms. Grimes stated that we have a healthy pension plan. She also said that eventually she would like to see the county use the taxes collected in December to fund the upcoming fiscal year rather than the previous year. Ms. Grimes said it would take \$7 million in contingency funds to achieve the goal. Commissioner Denney asked her how long it would take to get to that point. She said we still have a ways to go but could look at where we are at the end of next year. Ms. Grimes commended Mrs. Harvey for her hard work. The Audit report will be placed on the county's website – [www.pickenscountygga.gov](http://www.pickenscountygga.gov).

**VII. Consent Agenda**

A. Signed Resolution commending Georgia Family Connection for 25 years of service and commitment to the citizens of our state and sincere gratitude to Pickens County Family Connection which was founded in 1999 for its dedicated work connecting partners and improving the lives of children and families in our community.

**VIII. Old Business - None**

**IX. New Business**

A. Americorps Position – Pickens County Extension office  
County Extension Agent Rachel Wigington informed the Board that Georgia 4-H has offered Pickens County Extension the opportunity to have an Americorps position in their office. This would be a part time (17-18 hour/week) person who would be working with her as a 4-H assistant. The contract is only for one year which runs from September 2016 – August 2017. Americorps or Georgia 4-H State Staff would fund the majority of the position. They are asking the county to provide \$1,200 for the full year. If the new hire chooses to opt out of healthcare then the county would only need to fund \$300.00.

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

B. Deed – Road Dedication Vineyard Way off Hwy 136 – This was discussed in the June 2, 2016 Work Session. The road is up to county

standards. County Attorney Phil Landrum had a deed drafted for the Pools.

Commissioner Barnes made motion to accept Vineyard Way into the County Road System; Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted aye.

**X. Action Items**

**A. Approve Minutes**

**1) Regular Board Meeting – May 19, 2016**

Commissioner Barnes made motion to approve the May 19 minutes; Commissioner Denney seconded the motion; all voted aye.

**2) Work Session – June 2, 2016**

Commissioner Denney made motion to approve the June 2 minutes; Chairman Jones seconded the motion; all voted aye.

**B. Rezone Request**

**1) Bradford R. Geisen – 1.73 acres - Hubbard Road, Marble Hill, GA  
Parcel # 047-008-001  
Neighborhood Commercial (NC) to Highway  
Business (HB) (Amendment Number 105)**

The Planning Commission voted 6 yes & 0 no to approve the rezone request.

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

**C. Resolution for Declaration of Official Intent to Reimburse Cost of Acquiring Equipment with Tax-Exempt Financing – E-911 equipment; (2) Ambulances – two bids: BB&T and PNC Equipment Finance – Low bidder: BB&T – 1.930% interest – Amount of lease - \$571,056.00.**

Commissioner Barnes made motion to authorize the County Clerk to sign the Resolution and for the Chairman to sign necessary paperwork for financing with BB&T; Commissioner Denney seconded the motion; all voted aye.

**D. Statewide Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement**

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

**E. Fee Schedule Revision for permits and other items related to the Planning & Development department**

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

**F. Unsupervised Youth Policy – Roper Park**

This item was discussed in the June 2<sup>nd</sup> Work Session. Parks & Recreation Director Brian Jones told the Board that they want children to come to the Recreation center but some have been found in dugouts and have been seen coming from the barn. Also some parents drop them off for the entire day – and some have no lunch or money for the snack machines. The liability is huge for the County. The Community Center doesn't have an after school program, but the Boys & Girls Club has opened and they have after school programs. There is a place for them to go. He said that they want the children to come to the community center but those under 16 have to be supervised. The policy states: No youths younger than 16 years of age will be permitted at Roper Park without adult supervision. The adult supervising must be 18 years or older and is responsible for any and all minors during their visit to Roper Park.

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

**XI. Guests/Comments - None**

**XII. Executive Session**

**Chairman Jones stated that the Board was going into Executive Session for the following reasons: 1)To discuss or deliberate upon the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a public officer or employee, or to interview candidates for executive positions; (O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(b)(2)). 2) To consult and meet with legal counsel pertaining to pending or potential litigation, settlement, claims, administrative proceedings, or other judicial actions brought or to be brought by or against the County or an officer or employee or in which the officer or employee may be directly involved; (O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2(1)).**

**Chairman Jones made motion; Commissioner Barnes seconded; all voted aye to go into Executive Session at 6:23 p.m.**

**The Board and County Attorney returned from Executive Session at 6:37 p.m. stating that no action was taken.**

**Chairman Jones made motion to approve Executive Session minutes;  
Commissioner Barnes seconded the motion. All voted aye.**

**XIII. Adjourn**

**Chairman Jones made motion to adjourn; Commissioner Denney seconded the motion; all voted aye.**

**The meeting was adjourned at 6:38 p.m.**

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**These minutes were approved at the July 21, 2016 BOC meeting**