



**PICKENS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, AUGUST 18, 2016
5:30 P.M. – CONFERENCE ROOM – STE. 168**

- I. **Call to order**
Chairman Robert Jones called the meeting to order; Commissioner Becky Denney and Commissioner Jerry Barnes were present.
- II. **Prayer - Bart Connelly**
Pledge of Allegiance n- Led by Kris Stancil
- III. **Amendments to Agenda - None**
- IV. **Approval of Agenda**
Commissioner Barnes made motion to approve the Agenda; Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted aye.
- V. **Employee Recognition**
Commissioner Denney presented certificates for years of service to the following employees of the Sheriff's Office: Marcelle Young – 10 yrs.; R. Shane Padgett – 20 yrs.; Dana Waller – 10 years.
- VI. **Finance Report**
CFO Faye Harvey reported that the July 2016 Financial Report reflects seven months of the 2016 fiscal year. Expenditure budgets should be 58.3% or less. General Fund revenue collections for the period ending July 31, 2016 total \$7,541,544 or 31.65% of the amount budgeted. General Fund expenditures through July 31, 2016 are \$12,961,539 or 54.4% of budgeted amounts. Overall, expenditures are 3.9% under budget. Line item budget reports were distributed to department heads and elected officials on August 11, 2016 and copies of line item budget reports are available for review. She stated that 2017 proposed budget requests are due to the Finance Department August 19 and that she has received some of them already. Budget meetings will be held in October.
- VII. **Consent Agenda**
 - A. **Signed Safe Digging Day Proclamation**
- VIII. **Old Business - None**
- IX. **New Business**
 - A. **Signed Law Enforcement Appreciation Day Proclamation**
- X. **Action Items**
 - A. **Approve Minutes**
 - 1) **Regular Board Meeting – July 21, 2016**
 - 2) **Work Session – August 4, 2016**Commissioner Barnes made motion to approve the July 21 minutes and the August 4 minutes; Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted aye.
 - B. **Rezone Request**
 - 1) **Rezone – RZ-06-16-1205 – Jerry & Mary Jane Elrod**
325 Jerusalem Church Road, Jasper
Highway Business (HB) to Rural Residential (RR)
Parcel 032-054-001 – 8 acres
The Planning Commission voted 7 yes and 0 no to approve.

- Commissioner Barnes made motion to approve the rezone request;
Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted aye.
- 2) Rezone – RZ-0-16-1206 – Lamar Cantrell for Charles T. Cagle
3863 Waleska Hwy 108, Jasper
Agricultural (AG) to Small Agricultural (SA)
Parcel 064-097 Split – 5.03 acres
The Planning Commission voted 7 yes and 0 no to approve.
Commissioner Barnes made motion to approve the rezone request;
Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted aye.
- C. Whispering Creek Water Agreement
Commissioner Barnes made motion to authorize Chairman Jones to sign the Agreement; Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted aye.
- D. Alcohol special events text amendment
Commissioner Barnes made motion to approve the amendment; Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted aye.
- E. Smoking ban at Roper Park – Recreation Board and Director recommend full ban.
Commissioner Denney made motion to approve a full smoking ban at Roper Park; Commissioner Barnes seconded; all voted aye.
- F. Pickens County Water & Sewer Board per diem
Commissioner Denney made motion to change the per diem from \$30 to \$50;
Commissioner Barnes seconded; all voted aye.
- XI. Guests/Comments
Bart Connelly asked for the location of Whispering Creek.
Whispering Creek is between North Gate & South Gate – near Big Canoe.
- XII. Executive Session
Chairman Jones stated that the Board and the County Attorney were going into Executive Session for the following reasons: 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)).
Commissioner Barnes made motion to go into Executive Session;
Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted aye. They went into Executive Session at 5:58 p.m.
The Board reconvened at 7:01 p.m. stating that no action was taken.
- XIII. Approval of Executive Session Minutes
Commissioner Barnes made motion to approve the minutes; Chairman Jones seconded the motion; all voted aye.
- IV. Adjourn
Chairman Jones made motion to adjourn; Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted aye. The meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

These Minutes were approved at the September 15, 2016 BOC meeting.
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