



**PICKENS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
JULY 21, 2016
5:30 P.M. – CONFERENCE ROOM – STE. 168**

- I. **Call to order**
Vice-Chair Becky Denney called the meeting to order; Commissioner Barnes was present. Chairman Jones was on vacation.
- II. **Prayer - Commissioner Barnes**
Pledge of Allegiance – Led by Commissioner Barnes
- III. **Amendments to Agenda - None**
- IV. **Approval of Agenda**
Vice-Chair Denney made motion to approve the agenda; Commissioner Barnes seconded the motion.
- V. **Employee Recognition**
Stanley Mulkey from the Road Department was recognized for 10 years of service.
- VI. **Finance Report**
CFO Faye Harvey reported that the June 2016 Financial Report reflects six months of the 2016 fiscal year. Expenditure budgets should be 50% or less General Fund revenue collections for the period ending June 30, 2016 total \$5,978,271 or 25.09% of the amount budgeted. General Fund expenditures through June 30, 2016 are \$11,180,678 or 46.933% of budgeted amounts. Overall, expenditures are 3.07% under budget. Line item budget reports were distributed to department heads and elected officials on July 14, 2016 and copies of line item budget reports are available for review. Mrs. Harvey provided the board members with a copy of the budget calendar.
- VII. **Consent Agenda - None**
- VIII. **Old Business - None**
- IX. **New Business**
 - A. **Vice Chair Denney read the Proclamation designating Pickens County as a Purple Heart County and proclaiming August 7, 2016 as Purple Heart Day in Pickens County honoring the service and sacrifice of our nation's men and women in uniform wounded or killed by the enemy while serving to protect the freedoms enjoyed by all Americans. A few Purple Heart recipients were present to accept the Proclamation. Marvin Garner, Commander of the Military Order of the Purple Heart Chapter 525 said, "We are proud that you have asked us here and you honored our brothers and sisters who were killed and wounded while serving their country." The head of the Ellijay chapter of the Military Order of the Purple Heart invited anyone who had been awarded a Purple Heart or a member of their family, to join their chapter. The County will purchase and place four permanent Purple Heart signs on Hwy 515 and Hwy 53 near the county line.**
- X. **Action Items**

A. Approve Minutes

- 1) Regular Board Meeting – June 16, 2016
- 2) Called Meeting – June 21, 2016
- 3) Work Session – July 7, 2016

Vice Chair Denney made motion to approve the June 16 minutes; the June 21 minutes and the July 7 minutes; Commissioner Barnes seconded; all voted aye.

B. Rezone Request

- 1) MariEllen and Roger Schultz – 3.30 acres – Soquilli Trail off Hickory Cove Road
Parcel#027-042-002 Split
Agricultural to Estate
Residential
Amendment #106

The Planning Commission voted 5 yes and 0 no to approve the rezone request.

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

- 2) Pickens County Staff - requesting a change in the land use classification of Rural Residential (RR) to Highway Business (HB) on 2.83 acres located at 1124 Camp Road, Jasper, GA. The intended purpose of the request, if approved, would be to correct zoning on this parcel on which an auto service business (Turner Tire) has been located since approximately 1989 and surrounding parcels owned by the same are already zoned Highway Business (HB). The Planning Commission voted 5 yes and 0 no to approve the rezone request on the 2.83 acre parcel contained on tax map parcel #JA20-013. (Amendment # 107)

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

- 3) Tommy Quick – 1 acre - Henderson Mountain Road, Fairmount, Georgia
Rural Residential (RR) to Suburban Residential (SR) Amendment # 108

The intended purpose of the rezone request, if approved, is to divide a 3.868 parcel into two parcels (a one acre tract and 2.868 tract) in order to construct a home on the one acre parcel for an employee.

The Planning Commission voted 5 yes and 0 no to approve the rezone request on the 1 acre parcel contained on tax map parcel #058-061-001 Split.

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

C. Reappoint Michael White to the Pickens County Family and Children Services Board for a five year term beginning July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2021.

Vice Chair Denney made motion to reappoint Mr. White; Commissioner Barnes seconded; all voted aye.

D. Resolution to appoint the following persons to the Pickens County Airport Authority for four year terms beginning July 22, 2016 and ending July 21, 2020:

Don Boggus

David Johnson

Ed Wood

Paul Boring

Jerry Edwards (Pickens County Development Authority appointee)

Vice Chair Denney made motion to adopt the appointing Resolution;

Commissioner Barnes seconded; all voted aye.

E. Award bid for two permanent generators for pump stations located at 694 Pearl Johnson Rd., Fairmount, GA and 4299 Jerusalem Church Rd., Jasper, GA. – for emergency use. Two bids were received: GenSpring Power 0 \$82,413.75 and Byrd Electric Service - \$107,940.00

Vice Chair made motion to award the bid to the lowest bidder, GenSpring Power; Commissioner Barnes seconded; all voted aye.

- F. Bureau Veritas revised inspection agreement
Planning & Development Director Richard Osborne requested for the Board of Commissioners to approve a revised inspections service agreement with Bureau Veritas. Since 2015, Bureau Veritas staff has conducted non-residential inspections for Pickens County. Residential development has increased to a point that the one Planning & Development residential inspector needs assistance on days when he is out of the office due to vacation, training, or illness. By expanding the agreement for Bureau Veritas staff to provide on-call residential inspections, it will result in significant savings for Pickens County as opposed to hiring an additional full-time inspector.
Vice Chair Denney approved the revised inspections service agreement; Commissioner Barnes seconded; all voted aye.

XI. Guests/Comments

1. Jeff Squires - Mr. Squires provided a presentation related to the proposed future development of Dollar General at Cove Road and Grandview Road. There was a large group in attendance from that area that by a "show of hands" do not want the development in their area.
2. Doug Dorsey asked the BOC if Dollar General does come in, will they lower their property tax because their property value will decrease.

XII. Adjourn

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

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These Minutes were approved at the August 18, 2016 BOC meeting