I. Commissioner Jones called the meeting to order.
   1. Prayer
   2. Pledge of Allegiance
   3. Amendments to Agenda - None
II. Approved Minutes from November 16, 2007 meeting.
III. Reports from Committees and Departments
   1. Greg Collis – Director of Public Works – reported that this year the Road Department has used the following resources for upkeep of county roads: 15,050 tons of gravel 111.95 tons of cold patch 1000 tons of asphalt for paving The mowing crew has mowed every road in Pickens County 4 times. The Community Service Worker Program has been utilized to pick up 512 bags of trash on county roadways. He also reported that the county Road Department is always on call for any road emergencies.
IV. Consent Agenda
   1. Signed contract with the Department of Transportation for 0.790 miles of Base and plant mix resurfacing on Upper Salem Church Road. (Project # PR000-S010-00(756)C1)
   2. Signed Service Agreement for Operations of Pickens County Transportation (M.A.T.S.) between the Pickens County Commissioner and North Georgia Community Action, Inc.
   3. Signed Agreement Between Pickens County and Killian Clark Partnership, Inc. of Ringgold, Ga. for the design of the renovation and addition to Burnt Mountain Center in Jasper, Georgia. Cost of $38,700.00.
   4. Signed Intergovernmental Agreement between Cherokee County and Pickens County for Paramedic and EMT-1 Training.
   5. Adopted Resolution In Support of Prescribed Fire.
   6. Signed Lease Agreement by and between Pickens County and North Georgia Community Action, Inc. to certify that the Pickens County building known as the Pickens County Senior Center located at 400 Stegall Drive, Jasper, Georgia, shall be made available for use as a Nutrition Site for the North Georgia Community Action, Inc. Nutrition Project for the Elderly, for the period from January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008.
7. Adopted Resolution amending the Pickens County Land Use District Ordinance (Ordinance #67) Map in regard to Parcel 031-003-001 composed of 71.25 acres from Agricultural (AG) to Rural Residential (RR) with the following conditions: Public water must be utilized within the proposed development. (b) Total number of lots will be limited to 31. (c) Primary access to proposed development must utilize Lance Road rather than Hidden Creek Circle. Amendment # 36.

8. Adopted Resolution amending the Pickens County Land Use District Ordinance (Ordinance #67) Map in regard to Parcel 031-016-021 composed of 1 acre from Agricultural (AG) to Suburban Residential (SR). Amendment #37.

9. Bid opening for dump truck was held in the Commissioner’s office @ 9:15 a.m. on Friday, December 21st. Two bids were received: Lawson Chevrolet of Jasper - $90,000; Nextran Truck Center of Kennesaw - $106,018.24 with a $1500 rebate which leaves $104,518.24. Bid was awarded to the low bidder, Lawson Chevrolet.

V. Old Business
   None

VI. New Business
   None

VII. Guests/Comments
   A Citizen inquired about any progress on Henderson Woods roads. The Commissioner said that they had met with John Smith and discussed the County hiring an engineer to look at the roads, if Mr. Smith would abide with whatever the independent engineer says.
   A guest commented that she did not like the Commissioner’s Meeting being during the workday, that it made it hard for people to come. The Commissioner said that it had been done that way for many years, but he would look into it.
   A guest asked the Commissioner to look at a decision that had been made about a rezoning request on Hwy 108. The Commissioner said he would review the case.
   Another guest commented that the Board had put a lot of discussion and thought into the vote to deny the rezoning request. The question was asked if the Dark Sky Ordinance had been looked into. The Commissioner said that he had checked on Cherokee County’s and that he is waiting to see how theirs works out if they get it passed. Some discussion was made about stray animals.

VIII. Adjournment
   Commissioner Jones adjourned the meeting at 9:25 a.m.