COMMISSIONER’S MEETING
February 23, 2007
MINUTES

I. Call to Order
1. Commissioner Jones called the meeting to order.
2. Prayer
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Amendments to Agenda – None

II. Approved Minutes from January 26, 2007 meeting.

III. Reports from Committees and Departments
1. Norman Pope – Director of Planning and Development reported that building permits in January and February of this year are equal to or are more than those of last year.

IV. Consent Agenda
1. Adopted Resolution Amending the Pickens County Land Use District Ordinance (Ordinance #67) in regard to Parcel 032-062 composed of 60.71 acres from Rural Residential (RR) to Suburban Residential (SR) with the following condition attached: Any proposed change in zoning for the above referenced property in no way constitutes approval of any development of same property. Any proposal to develop the property would have to go through the review process outlined in the Pickens County Land Development Ordinance and may or may not be approved. (Amendment Number 23)
2. Bid opening for Recycling was held on January 25, 2007 @ 9:00 a.m. Bids are being reviewed.
3. Signed Proclamation resolving that the Pickens County Emergency Management Agency, in conjunction with the Georgia Emergency Management Agency, will assemble a community-based planning team, comprised of public and private sector representatives, to develop a Hazard Mitigation Plan for approval by the Sole Commissioner of Pickens County.
4. Signed an agreement between North Georgia Consulting Group, LLC and Pickens County for administrative services to effectively complete the
Hazard Mitigation Plan required by a Grant Pickens County has been awarded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and/or the Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA). The term of the agreement is 6 months – amount $12,500.00.

5. Signed National FFA Week Proclamation proclaiming the week of February 17 – 24 as FFA Week in Pickens County.

6. Adopted Resolution Amending the Pickens County Land Use District Ordinance Map in regard to Parcel 020A-028 composed of 1.12 acres from Highway Business (HB) to Suburban Residential (SR) – Amendment # 24.

7. Adopted Resolution Amending the Pickens County Land Use District Ordinance Map in regard to Parcel #048-002, 048-007, 048-008, 047C-017, 047C-018 composed of 303+/ acres from Agricultural (AG), Rural Residential (RR) to Suburban Residential Private Community (SRPC) with the following conditions attached: Amendment # 25.
   (A) A development of regional impact (DRI) must be submitted thru the North Georgia Regional Development Center to the State of Georgia Department of Community Affairs.
   (B) A traffic impact study to be conducted by Developer to determine the impact and needed improvements to the state and county road system.

8. Adopted Resolution Appointing Members to the Pickens County Comprehensive Plan Committee – Plan Review & Update – Twenty-seven members appointed to serve at the pleasure of the Commissioner. (See attached Resolution)

9. Signed software and service/maintenance agreement with EnerGov Solutions, LLC. Software cost - $28,496.00, Support & Maintenance Cost - $1,049.00/Qtr. (Administrative offices)

V. Old Business
None

VI. New Business
None

VII. Guests/Comments
Several citizens expressed the need for school tax exemption for seniors and wanted to know if anything is being done about it. Commissioner Jones answered questions and told them he has met with State Representative Tom Graves, Roy Dobbs (Chief Appraiser), and with members of the School Board and he is trying to come up with something acceptable to all citizens. Commissioner Jones said he has four days to get something to Representative Tom Graves and it has to go thru the House Senate, be signed by Governor Purdue and then could be placed on the Ballot here in March 2008.
VIII. Adjournment
Commissioner Jones adjourned the meeting at 9:40 a.m.