COMMISSIONER’S MEETING
THURSDAY, JUNE 23, 2011
4:00 P.M. – CONFERENCE ROOM – STE. 168
M I N U T E S

I. Commissioner Jones called the meeting to order.
   1. Prayer
   2. Pledge of Allegiance
   3. Amendments to Agenda – Items 2 & 3 under New Business

II. Approved Minutes from May 26, 2011 meeting

III. Reports from Committees and Departments

Bob Howard – Fire Chief/EMA Director – reported that in the first six months of this year
Pickens County Fire has responded to 46 structure fires, have completed 1897 state approved
training hours (man hours); have had minor equipment problems and only 1 minor injury to date;
re-grouping program has produced 18 more volunteer fire fighters – the class started the end of
April and they tested out 2 weeks ago. Programs completed to date: narrow banding of radio
frequencies; Fire Education - Fire Prevention Week in May – we won this last year – part of a
grant; have completed pump test on all the fire trucks and have completed hose testing; just began
hydro testing – a little behind due to the weather. Chief Howard reported that they have an order
in for a new air and light trailer which will be paid for by a grant. It will be used at fire scenes to
refill breathing apparatus of fire fighters so they can go into burning structures. He also reported
that Grandview’s ISO class has changed from 9/10 to a 5/9 which will help the residents in the
Grandview Fire District lower their insurance rates. He said that Mr. Jones sort of pushed to get
that thru. Chief Howard said he would be in Cherokee County tomorrow where Cherokee and
Pickens will be reviewed by the CDC for operational plans for health emergencies. He said they
are still working with FEMA in reference to the April tornadoes and that FEMA is supposed to be
finished and gone on Tuesday.

IV. Consent Agenda
   1. Held bid opening for Pickens County Community Center Gym Equipment and Telescoping
      Bleachers on June 15, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. Two bids were received: H.E. Hodge Co., Inc. -
      $106,572.00; AALCO – $110,000.00. Bid was awarded to the low bidder, H.E. Hodge
      Co., Inc.

   2. Signed Proclamation designating June 19 – 26 as Amateur Radio Week in Pickens County.

V. Old Business
   None

VI. New Business
   1. Signed Agreement for Transportation Enhancement Activities between the Department of
      Transportation State of Georgia and Pickens County. Project CSTEE-0008-00 (190),
      Pickens County – Construction of SR 53 @ Tate Depot in Pickens County and adopted
      Authorizing Resolution for said project

   2. Adopted Resolution creating the “Educational Incentive Fund” of Pickens County
3. Adopted Resolution that Chapter 42 of the Code of Ordinances Pickens County, Georgia is amended with modifications as follows:  A. The current Chapter 42-2 is hereby replaced with the revised Chapter 42-2; B. Chapter 42-3, Truancy, is hereby created.

VII. Guests/Comments
Kirk Kondos reported that 64 Veterans have been processed through the VA satellite office. Their office hours are: 9am – 5pm on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Nancy Smith resident of Brooks Hollow said during the storms the fire, police, everyone out there went above and beyond and it was sincerely appreciated by the Brooks Hollow residents. It helped the residents to be reassured that they were going to be all right and they felt safe because they knew someone was watching. She said community efforts were great. The Commissioner also thanked the Red Cross for their help and for paying the bills for those that had to stay in motels due to medical reasons, etc.

VIII. Adjournment
Commissioner Jones adjourned the meeting at 4:18 p.m.

The Commissioner’s meeting was videotaped and may be viewed in its entirety at [www.KnowPickens.com](http://www.KnowPickens.com)