I. Call to Order
   Prayer
   Pledge of Allegiance

II. Minutes from last meeting were read and approved

III. Reports from Committees and Departments
1. Lois Bryant - Director of Pickens County Health Department – reported that almost 3/4ths. of their fiscal year is over. So far this year they have seen 6441 clients with 8509 visits to the Health Department. At this pace she feels their numbers will exceed last year’s. Over 3300 flu shots have been given this year. This was a record number. Many of the people who came into the Health Department this year were 1st. time users. She hopes that they received such good service that they will continue to use the Health Department. They do not know what the final budget will be from the current legislature. There will be budget cuts in several programs but they will not directly affect our Health Department – as far as staffing is concerned. The Health Department is one of the sponsors of the Health Fair and it is scheduled for June 4th this year at Appalachian Technical College. The Health Department has recently installed automatic doors to make the facility more handicap accessible. They have installed a satellite system which has brought more visitors to our County, from our District and also from the State. All of them are very impressed by the beauty of our County. Ms. Bryant thanked the Commissioner for keeping everything at their Department in such good repair.

2. Layne Arnold- Director of Emergency Services – reported that they have received 2483 calls for a period from March 1, 2005 through March 25: 246-EMS, 206 –Fire, 1,932 –Sheriff’s Office, and 99 miscellaneous calls. This is an unusual surge in call volume.

IV. Consent Agenda
1. Adopted a Resolution authorizing and designating the District Attorney Of the Appalachian Judicial Circuit as its designee for the purpose of contracting with the State of Georgia in order to comply with the provisions of O.C.G.A. 15-18-20.1 and the County shall pay over to the State of Georgia such money as budgeted for the salaries, payroll taxes,
benefits and retirement as are necessary to cover the compensation, retirement, benefits, travel and other expenses for such personnel.

2. Signed Department of Transportation Appendix 26 form to facilitate the Department’s grant with FAA for funds the Department will accept from FAA for Pickens County. The amount is $154,740. These funds represent 95% federal participation in the cost of the identified project. State funding in the amount of 2.5% is also available for eligible items.

3. Adopted a Resolution adopting a new pay scale for Pickens County Government employees.


V. Old Business
VI. New Business
VII. Guests/Comments
   None
VIII. Adjournment
   Meeting was adjourned at 9:17 A.M.