Board of Commissioners
Work Session
Minutes
May 2, 2019 10:00 a.m.
Commission Conference Room – Ste. 168

Chairman Jones called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

1. Department Updates

The construction of Moss Fire Department off Carlan Road is complete excluding a few finishing touches and a grand opening is imminent. Bids to construct a new Tate Fire Station were opened on April 30th and the winning bid will be awarded at the next Board of Commissioners meeting. Additionally, Pickens County Public Works is accepting bids for site work at their location off Camp Road. The bid deadline is May 23rd at 2pm with a mandatory pre-bidders meeting on May 13th at 1pm.

During the month of April, the 911 Operations Center received 1,725 total calls, 702 were medical responses or fire related. The 911 Operations Center has acted to access data from RapidSOS Clearinghouse through RapidLite a secure tool available at no cost. This RapidLite resource will allow dispatchers to receive fast and accurate location data from 911 callers who are using iPhones and Android phones. This will allow Pickens County 911 to provide the best possible service to the citizens.

Also, in April, the Water Department installed five new meters. The Department of Planning and Development issued 52 new building permits. The Pickens Animal Shelter brought in 65 animals, and 54 went out through various forms of adoption. Animal Control responded to 26 cases. Public Works is continuing to prep roads and replace pipes for the upcoming paving season. The Recreation Department is concluding successful baseball, softball, and t-ball seasons. The PCRD swimming pool is scheduled to open on May 30th. PCRD will also offer Summer Camp beginning on June 3rd. The Camp is open Monday thru Friday from 7am-6pm (closed the week of July 4th). The cost is $25 per day or $75 per week.

2. GebCorp Benefits
A committee was formed to review the increased cost of the unreduced early retirement option and to consider the projected cost of Retiree Medical Insurance and the impact on departmental budgets.

3. Resale Tax Sale Lots

Phil Landrum discussed the Land Bank and the issue of resale tax lots. He would like to move forward with that issue as soon as possible.

4. Economic Development

A Joint Resolution that includes the outline for hiring an Economic Development Director was discussed. Both the City and County look forward to moving ahead in this capacity.

5. General Discussion

There were no additional comments.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

These Minutes were approved at the May 16, 2019 meeting.

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