

**PIERCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING,  
JULY 07, 2009 AT 6:30 P.M.**

Board Member Present:

James Dennison, Chairman  
K. Neal Bennett, District 1  
Mike Streat, District 2  
Randy Dixon, District 3  
Aldeen Davis, District 4

News Media Present:

The Blackshear Times  
Pierce County Press

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Dennison called the regular monthly meeting to order at 6:32 P.M.

**INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Commissioner Neal Bennett gave the invocation and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 2009 MINUTES:** Commissioner Aldeen Davis made a motion to approve the June 2009 minutes with corrections made. Commissioner Mike Streat seconded the motion. Chairman Dennison voted aye. All Commissioners voted aye. Motion carried.

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**1. Earl Lawson-**Annual financial report for year ending 12/31/08-Mr. Lawson, county auditor, reported that the county is in excellent shape for the year ending December 31, 2008. Mr. Lawson stated that “I don’t have to tell you what the economy is like and many counties cannot say they are in good shape.” He noted that the commissioners and their department heads and employees have managed the county’s assets well.

**2. 2010 Census-**The Rev. Fer-Rell Malone of Waycross, representing the United States Census Bureau, gave a presentation on the national census which will take place in 2010. Rev. Malone stated that the head count will occur in the spring of next year. Forms will go out in March with a deadline of April 1, 2010. The Rev. Malone stressed that the local governments would be especially important in making sure their local citizens are counted. The Rev. Malone reported that a census office would be opening in Waycross in the next few months. That office will employ up to 1,500 counters to help with the census and will provide training.

**3. NACo-**Residents pharmacy benefits-Chairman Dennison announced a prescription benefit for county residents offered through the National Association of Counties (NACo). The benefit will provide up to 22% savings on prescriptions. Details on signing up will be announced later.

**4. Recreation Department-**June Financial Report- Recreation Director Randy Bass submitted June’s financial report to the board. Total income for the month of June was \$35,023.65. Mr.

Bass also reported on the previous year comparison. The total assets for the recreation department are up 64.9% from 2008.

## **PLANNING & ZONING**

**5. ROC Enterprises-**Requesting 14 lots in the Villages at Otter Creek subdivision be rezoned from SF to MF to allow for manufactured homes. Planning Commission recommends approval.

Amy Hitt, Code Inspector, presented the request to the board and explained that the multi-family designation is the only one in the code that will allow modular housing. Randy Crosby of ROC Enterprises explained that the subdivision has restrictive covenants and he has control over the growth of the subdivision. Commissioner Aldeen Davis made a motion to approve the request of ROC Enterprises to have 14 lots in the Villages at Otter Creek subdivision be rezoned from SF to MF to allow for manufactured homes. Commissioner Mike Streat seconded the motion. Commissioner Randy Dixon abstained due to a family connection. Commissioner Neal Bennett voted aye. Chairman Jim Dennison voted aye. Motion carried.

## **CONTRACTS**

**6. Intergovernmental Agreement for Recreation-**Review a proposal from the City of Blackshear for Pierce County to assume and have total responsibility for all public recreation services in Pierce County. Commissioner Mike Streat raised objections to several issues in the agreement, including the City of Blackshear's request to keep a seat on the Recreation department's advisory board. Commissioner Aldeen Davis agreed with Commissioner Streat. Commissioner Streat also expressed concerns that the agreement leaves the county responsible for all future liability even though the facilities will still be owned by the city. Commissioner Randy Dixon voiced his concern that the department will not have enough water for irrigation. Commissioner Dixon stated that "we need a deep well to supply the watering needs on the fields." Commissioner Aldeen Davis made a motion to allow County Attorney Franklin Rozier to send the intergovernmental agreement back to the city for language changes. Commissioner Randy Dixon seconded the motion. Chairman Dennison voted aye. All Commissioners voted aye. Motion carried.

## **BIDS**

**7. Code & Planning Development Department-**Bids are being accepted until August 04, 2009 for the purchase of a truck.

**8. Alvin Walker Road @ Alabaha River Tributary-**Accepting bids for a pre-fab bridge replacement until August 04, 2009.

**9. Striping & Paving Marking-21.31 miles on six (6) county roads:** Tyre Bridge Rd, Owens Rd, College Ave, St. Johns Church Rd, Hacklebarney Rd and Midway Church Rd.

## **NFC/LIBRARY PROJECT**

**10. Reimbursement Request from Library Grant-**Pay request for \$447,127.59 to be sent to the Director of Library Facilities at the Georgia Public Library Service for the reimbursement for monies spent on the Library project. Commissioner Aldeen Davis made a motion to approve the pay request for \$447,127.59 to be sent to the Georgia Public Library Services for reimbursement of monies on the Library project. Commissioner Mike Streat seconded the motion. Chairman Dennison voted aye. All Commissioners voted aye. Motion carried.

Having no further business, Commissioner Mike Streat made a motion to adjourn the July regular monthly meeting at 7:27 PM. Commissioner Randy Dixon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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