

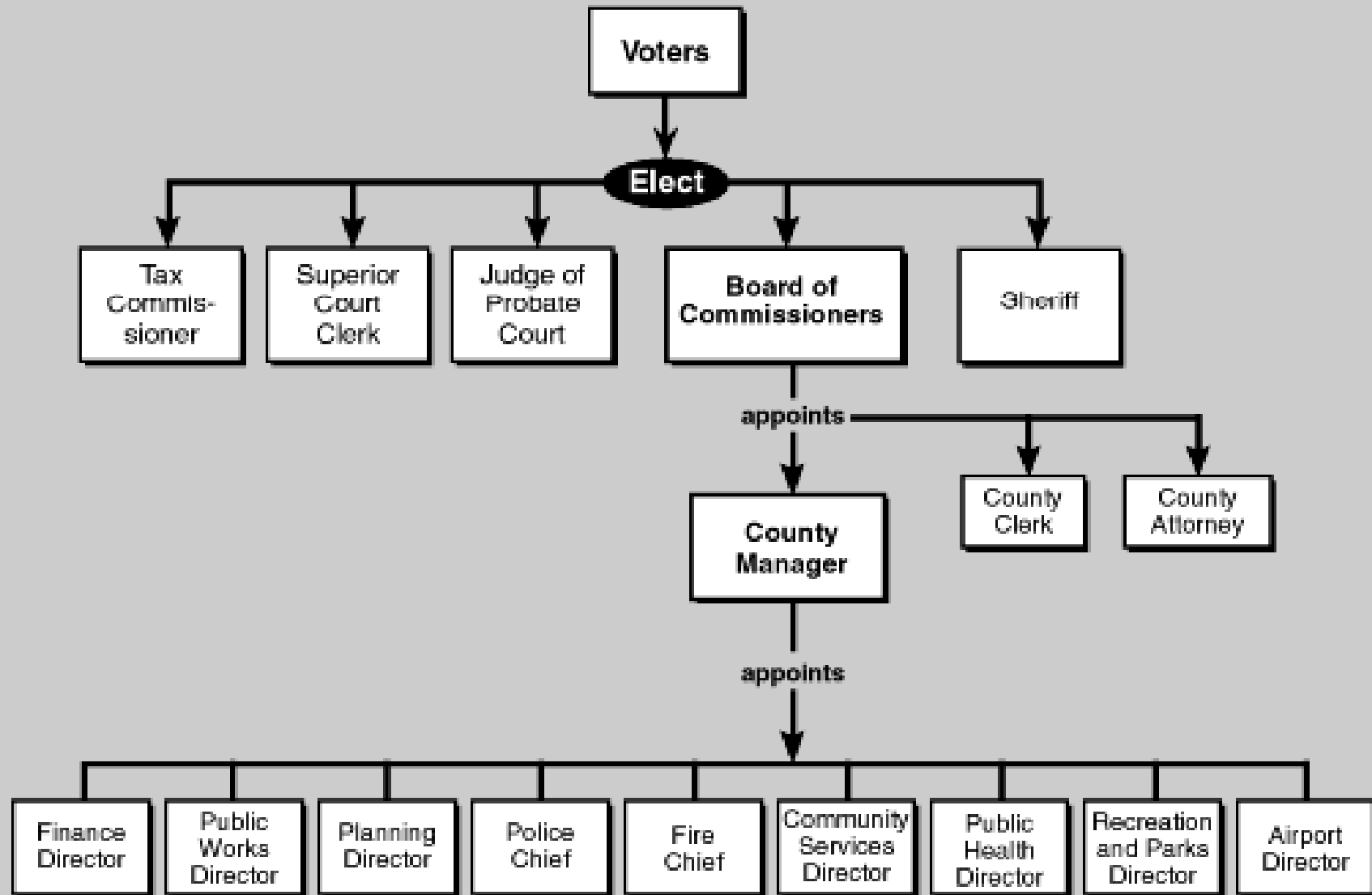
# Pickens County Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC)



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PROPOSED DRAFT FOR  
A MULTI-PERSON  
COMMISSION

# Commission-Manager





# November 2010 Ballot

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YES or  NO

“Shall the governing authority of Pickens County be changed from a single commissioner form of government to a board of commissioners composed of a chairperson and four additional commissioners, all of whom shall be part-time, and a full-time county manager.”



# November 2012 District Commissioner Requirements

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- Residents of their respective districts for at least 12 consecutive months
- 21 years of age or older
- Elected by the electors of their respective districts



# November 2012 Chairperson Requirements

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- Resident of Pickens County for at least 24 consecutive months
- 25 years of age or older
- Elected at large



## Initial Staggered Terms of Office

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- Commissioners from Districts 1 and 3: Jan 1, 2013 to Dec 31, 2014
- Chairperson and Commissioner from Districts 2 and 4: Jan 1, 2013 to Dec 31, 2016



# Duties of the Board of Commissioners

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- To establish policies, rules, and regulations
- To levy taxes
- To make appropriations
- To fix rates and charges for services provided by the county
- To authorize the incurring of indebtedness
- To order work done where the cost is to be assessed against benefited property



## Duties of the Board of Commissioners (Continued)

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- To authorize and execute contracts
- To establish, alter, open, close, build, repair, or abolish public roads, bridges, and ferries, according to law
- To establish, abolish, or change election precincts & militia districts according to law
- To accept the provisions of any optional statute where the statute permits its acceptance by the governing authority



# Duties of the Board of Commissioners (Continued)

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- To exercise all powers, duty, and authority formerly imposed upon or vested in the commissioner of Pickens County in respect to zoning and planning
- To create and change the boundaries of special taxing districts authorized by law
- To fix the bonds of county officers where same are not fixed by statute
- To enact any ordinances or other legislation which the county may be given authority



## Duties of the Board of Commissioners (Continued)

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- To determine capital improvement priorities
- To call elections for the voting of bonds
- To exercise all of the power & authority formerly vested in the sole commissioner
- To appoint retained legal counsel and an independent county auditor
- To require all county officers to report on the financial affairs of their respective offices



# Duties of the Chairperson

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- Calling meetings of the board
- Preparing proposed agenda and presiding
- Representing the county at ceremonies
- Submit motions to the board
- Appointing members and chairpersons to committees as approved by the board
- Performing such other duties as shall be delegated by the board



# Board Meetings

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- Minimum of 1 regular meeting each month
- Preceded at least 7 days prior by a minimum of 1 work session
- All meetings shall be open to the public
- All regular meetings during evening hours
- Additional meetings called by chairperson or any 3 commissioners
- At first meeting each year board elects vice chairperson



## Board Member Vacancies

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- At least 180 days remaining requires a special election
- Less than 180 days remaining the board shall appoint a qualified person



# Salaries, Expenses, Benefits and Incentives

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- Part time district commissioner salary of \$10,200.00 per year
- Part time chairperson salary of \$13,200.00 per year
- Reimbursed for reasonable expenses incurred as approved by the Board



## Salaries, Expenses, Benefits and Incentives (Continued)

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- At their own expense may participate in county sponsored health & retirement programs
- Certified Commissioners Training program an additional \$100 per month
- Advanced Training program yet another \$100 per month



# Full time County Manager

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- Serves at the pleasure of the board
- BA/BS in public admin or related field
- At least four years experience in county or city management
- Compensation, expenses, and benefits as fixed by the board
- Administers the day-to-day affairs
- Shall not be an elected official of any county or municipality



# County Budgets and Audits

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- Chairperson shall submit budget annually to the board for their approval
- Two budget public hearings at least seven days apart
- No expenditures except in accordance with the county budget
- Certified public accountant for continuous audit of finances
- Same person or firm shall not perform audit more than four consecutive years



# Remaining Timeline

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- Nov 2009 – CAC approves recommended version of legislation and sends to state representatives
- Jan 2010 – General Assembly considers legislation & upon approval sends to Governor
- Apr 2010 - US Department of Justice clears legislation IAW Voting Rights Act
- Nov 2010 – Voters decide on form of government
- Nov 2012 – If approved, multiple commissioners elected
- Jan 2013 – If approved, multiple commissioner take office

# Discussion, Questions and Answers



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