



**PICKENS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2016
5:30 P.M. – PICKENS ROOM**

- I. **Call to order**
Chairman Jones called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Commissioner Becky Denney and Commissioner Jerry Barnes were present.
- II. **Prayer - Rev. Edwin Weaver**
Pledge of Allegiance
- III. **Amendments to Agenda – 1) Remove #2 under Item B (Chapter 74 Utilities Revisions & Modifications) 2) Add to Item IX. New Business: Citigroup placement agent for Development Authority of Pickens County GA Revenue Bonds, Series 2016; 3) Price Creek Road Bridge Replacement bid - This replaced # 2 under Item B.**
- IV. **Approval of Agenda**
Commissioner Barnes made motion to approve the Agenda; Commissioner Denney seconded the motion; all voted aye.
- V. **Employee Recognition - None**
- VI. **Finance Report – CFO Faye Harvey reported that the August 2016 Financial Report reflects eight months of the 2016 fiscal year. Expenditure budgets should be 66.7% or less. General Fund revenue collections for the period ending August 31, 2016 total \$8,508,982 or 35.72% of the amount budgeted. General Fund expenditures through August 31, 2016 are \$14,675,232 or 61.6% of budgeted amounts. Overall, expenditures are 5.1% under budget. Line item budget reports were distributed to department heads and elected officials on September 12, 2016 and copies of line item budget reports are available for review.**
- VII. **Consent Agenda - None**
- VIII. **Old Business - None**
- IX. **New Business**
 - A. **Authorize Chairman Jones to sign acknowledgment engaging Citigroup Global Markets, Inc. to serve as placement agent re; Development Authority of Pickens County GA Revenue Bonds, as required by Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (MSRB) Rule G-17.**
Commissioner Barnes made motion to authorize Chairman Jones to sign acknowledgment; Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted aye.
- X. **Action Items**
 - A. **Approve Minutes**
 - 1) **Regular Board Meeting – August 18, 2016**
 - 2) **Called Meeting – August 29, 2016**
 - 3) **Work Session – September 1, 2016**

Commissioner Barnes made motions to approve the Minutes of the August 18, August 29, and September meetings; Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted aye.

B. Rezone Request

- 1) Conditional Use Request -RZ-07-16-1209 - Sandy Dunn & Wanda Blalock
9934 Hwy 53 West
Talking Rock, GA
Special Events Venue
034-099-002 – 43 acres

Commissioner Barnes made motion to approve rezone request with the condition that all events shall cease at or before 10:00 p.m.; Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted aye.

- 2) Price Creek Bridge Bid
Only one bid was received. The BOC looked over the bid and will be asking for more bids.
- 3) Text Amendment regarding commercial outdoor firing/shooting ranges
Commissioner Barnes made motion to approve; Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted aye.
- 4) RLF Talking Rock Properties requested text amendment regarding Subdivisions having lot sizes 10 acres or greater in gated communities could have gravel private streets with a minimum of 40 feet right-of-way (Code requires residential developments to be on paved streets with minimum 60 feet right-of-way.)

Commissioner Denney made motion to Deny the request; Commissioner Barnes seconded; all voted aye.

C. Approve Drug & Alcohol Policy Update

Commissioner Barnes made motion to approve the Employee Drug & Alcohol Policy update; Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted aye.

D. Approve and adopt millage rate

Commissioner Barnes made motion to increase the millage rate by .75% “reluctantly”; Commissioner Denney abstained; Chairman Jones seconded the motion to approve and adopt the millage rate at 7.95 mills.

XI. Guests/Comments

A few Citizens expressed their disappointed in raising the millage rate.

XII. Executive Session - None

XIII. Adjourn

Chairman Jones adjourned the meeting at 6:17 p.m.

These Minutes were approved at the October 20, 2016 BOC meeting.

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