



**PICKENS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**MINUTES**  
**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2016**  
**5:30 P.M. – CONFERENCE ROOM – STE. 168**

- 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 - Chairman Jones**  
**Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. **Amendments to Agenda – 1) Add Under Action Items - Appointment to the Pickens County Planning Commission (Item C); 2) Add under New Business – Tax Deed**
- IV. **Approval of Agenda**  
Commissioner Barnes made motion to approve the Agenda with Amendments; Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted aye.
- V. **Employee Recognition – Commissioner Denney presented Roger Mulkey a pin and certificate for his 10 years in the Road Department.**
- VI. **Finance Report - – CFO Faye Harvey reported that the September 2016 Financial Report reflects nine months of the 2016 fiscal year. Expenditure budgets should be 75% or less. General Fund revenue collections for the period ending September 30, 2016 total \$9,566,836 or 40.16% of the amount budgeted. General Fund expenditures through September 30, 2016 are \$17,135,834 or 71.92% of budgeted amounts. Overall, expenditures are 3.08% under budget. Line item budget reports were distributed to department heads and elected officials on October 14, 2016 and copies of line item budget reports are available for review.**
- VII. **Consent Agenda**  
**Signed Domestic Violence Awareness Month Proclamation**
- VIII. **Old Business - None**
- IX. **New Business**
  - A. **Voluntary Cemetery Preservation Commission – Material from Greg Trammell was presented to the Board members. Chairman Jones’s recommendation was they need to take time to look at this.**  
Commissioner Barnes made motion to table; Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted aye.
  - B. **Tax deed – County Attorney Phil Landrum stated that a piece of property had in error been sold at a tax sale and the party that acquired the property is deeding it back. The County will have to do a deed also.**  
Commissioner Barnes made motion to authorize Chairman Jones to sign the corrective deed; Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted aye.
- X. **Action Items**
  - A. **Approve Minutes**
    - 1) **Regular Board Meeting – September 15, 2016**
    - 2) **Work Session – October 6, 2016**

Commissioner Barnes made motion to approve Minutes from September 15 meeting and October 6 Work Session; Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted aye.

**B. Rezone Request**

- 1) **RZ-08-16-1210 – William Edward Simmons**  
2514 Hwy 515 South, Jasper, GA  
Highway Business (HB) to Suburban Residential (SR)  
Parcel 053B-019 – 5.17 Acres

The Board discussed this item. The county comprehensive plan states that the Hwy 515 corridor is for commercial business. There is a dwelling on it now – it is grand-fathered in. Mr. Simmons wants to rezone so he can secure a VA loan to build another residence for his Mother. The BOC has up to 90 days to make a decision on this. Commissioner Barnes made motion to table; Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted aye.

- 2) **Text Amendment - Changes to Chapter 74 Code of Ordinances – Utilities Revisions & Modifications – Current policies and standards need minor changes. This will bring us up to current policy and legal standards.** Commissioner Barnes made motion to approve; Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted aye.

- C. **Appoint Lee Thrasher to the Pickens County Planning Commission**  
Commissioner Denney asked about his background and if he had experience that would qualify him for the planning commission. Neither Commissioner Denney nor Commissioner Barnes know Mr. Thrasher and wanted to meet him before the appointment is made.  
Chairman Jones made motion to table; Commissioner Barnes seconded; all voted aye.

**XI. Guests/Comments**

Chairman Jones said he would like to ask permission to move forward regarding the Senior School Tax Exemption. He would like to know from the Board of Education what the cost would be to the non-seniors if the seniors were provided an exemption. He said the law says the Governing Authority will have to increase the tax. He stated we need discussion as to what impact it would have. He asked the County Attorney to prepare a letter requesting a meeting with the Board of Education. Phil Landrum said he will draft a letter to propose a meeting between the Board of Commissioners and the Board of Education to help get productive dialogue between both Boards.

County Attorney Phil Landrum also announced that Springbank and Tickanetley Timber dismissed both of their lawsuits. He praised the Tax Assessors' office for their help and good record keeping and the great job of the legal team.

**XII. Adjourn**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

These Minutes were approved at the November 17, 2016 BOC meeting.

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