



**PICKENS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
THURSDAY, MAY 18, 2017
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 Jerry Barnes and Commissioner Becky Denney were present.
- II. Prayer - Allen Wigington**
Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Amendments to Agenda**
 - A. Add under Action Items - Item D - Deed to Transfer Property on Cove Road from Pickens County to City of Jasper**
 - B. Add under Action Item E - On-line Water Bill Payments – Constellations**
 - C. Add under Action Items F – Water Board Authority – Proposed Water Rate Increase**
 - D. Add under Action Items G – University of Tennessee and Georgia DNR American Black Bear Study**
- IV. Approval of Agenda**
Commissioner Barnes made motion to approve the Agenda with amendments; Commissioner Denney seconded; all vote aye.
- V. Employee Recognition**
Commissioner Denney presented Jerry Walker with a 20 year service award.
- VI. Finance Report**
CFO Faye Harvey reported that the April, 2017 Financial Report reflects the first four months of the 2017 fiscal year. Expenditure budgets should not exceed 33.3%. General Fund revenue collections for the period ending April 30, 2017 total \$4,581,113 or 17.97% of the amount budgeted. General Fund expenditures through April 30, 2017 are \$7,710,973 or 30.24% of budgeted amounts. Overall, expenditures are 3.06% under the budgeted amount. Line item budget reports were distributed to department heads and elected officials on May 12, 2017. Mrs. Harvey noted that the 2016 audit will be presented at the work session on June 1, 2017.

- VII. Consent Agenda**
 - A. Signed National School Nurse Day Proclamation**
 - B. Signed Foster Parent Appreciation Month Proclamation**
- VIII. Old Business**
 - A. Amending Chapter 58 (Solid Waste) of the Code of Ordinances of Pickens County, Georgia**

Commissioner Barnes made motion to amend Chapter 58 (Solid Waste) of the Code of Ordinances to enforce the amendment going forward as of May 18, 2017. Chairman Jones seconded the motion; and Commissioner Denney voted no.
- IX. New Business**
 - A. Possible Funding for “A Forward View”**

Commissioner Denney made motion to approve funding for the planning study “A Forward View.” Commissioner Barnes seconded; all vote aye.
 - B. Requested Revised “School Attendance” Ordinance (Section 42)**

Commissioner Barnes made motion to amend the “School Attendance” Ordinance (Section 42); Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted aye.
- X. Action Items**
 - A. Approve Minutes**
 - 1) Regular Board Meeting – April 20, 2017**

Commissioner Barnes made motion to approve the April 20, 2017 Regular Board Meeting minutes. Commissioner Denney seconded; all vote aye.
 - 2) Work Session – May 4, 2017**

Commissioner Barnes made motion to approve the May 4, 2017 Work Session minutes. Commissioner Denney seconded; all vote aye.
 - 3) Called Meeting – May 4, 2017**

Commissioner Barnes made motion to approve the May 4, 2017 Called Meeting minutes. Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted aye.
 - B. Rezone Request - None**
 - C. Resolution Reappointing Member to Library Board**

Commissioner Barnes made motion to reappoint Bill Miller to the Library Board. Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted aye.
 - D. Deed to Transfer Property on Cove Road from Pickens County to City of Jasper**

Commissioner Denney made motion to transfer property on Cove Road to the City of Jasper. Commissioner Barnes seconded; all voted aye.
 - E. On-line Water Bill Payments – Constellations**

Commissioner Barnes made motion to approve the on-line water bill payment contract with Constellations. Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted aye.
 - F. Water Board Authority – Proposed Water Rate Increase**

The Water Board Authority proposed a minimum increase of \$1.00 per connection per month. Commissioner Barnes made motion to approve the water rate increase. Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted aye.
 - G. University of Tennessee and Georgia DNR - American Black Bear Study**

The University of Tennessee and the Georgia DNR needs approval to access property owned by Pickens County off Church Yard Road for a bear study. Commissioner Barnes made motion to approve; Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted aye.

- XI. Guests/Comments**
Jeff Squires asked a question regarding the enforcement of the Solid Waste Ordinance that was passed at the meeting. Chairman Jones responded that violations could be handled by the County Marshall.
- XII. Adjourn**
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

These Minutes were approved in the June 15, 2017 BOC Meeting.

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