



**PICKENS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES  
THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 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 - Tucker Green**  
Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Amendments to Agenda**
  - A. Add under Action Items – Item E – Good Samaritan Health & Wellness Center Construction Bid Proposal**
  - B. Add under Action Items – Item F – Grandview Water Treatment Plant (Project No. 210043)**
  - C. Add under Action Items – Item G – Cancel BOC Work Session for July 6, 2017**
- 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 recognized Casey Pickett with a 10 year service award. (Casey Pickett was on vacation and was not in attendance. She will be recognized at the next meeting.)
- VI. Finance Report**  
CFO Faye Harvey reported that the May, 2017 Financial Report reflects the first five months of the 2017 fiscal year. Expenditure budgets should not exceed 41.7%. General Fund revenue collections for the period ending May 31, 2017 total \$5,661,375 or 22.2% of the amount budgeted. General Fund expenditures through May 31, 2017 are \$9,706,881 or 38.7% of budgeted amounts. Overall expenditures are 3% under the budgeted amount. Line item budget reports were distributed to department heads and elected officials on June 13, 2017.
- VII. Consent Agenda**
  - A. Signed “Family Connection” Contract for 2018**

**VIII. Old Business**

**A. Pickens County 2017 Asphalt Paving Project Bids**

With regard to the paving bids, Chairman Jones stated the bids were reviewed closely and each one meets the criteria for gravel size, tact, etc. Northwest Georgia Paving submitted the lowest bid. Commissioner Barnes made motion to approve the lowest bid (Northwest Georgia Paving); Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted aye.

**IX. New Business**

**A. LMIG “Road Paving Schedule” for 2018**

Chairman Jones stated that work is still being done for LMIG and the schedule for next year is not complete.

**B. Bid Packages – Generators**

Pickens County will be taking bids for three permanent generators for pump stations located at Henderson Mountain Road, McClain Mountain and Hwy 53 West. A portable generator is also needed. Bid packages can be picked up from John Nicholson and must be returned by 1:00 p.m. on June 23, 2017.

**X. Action Items**

**A. Approve Minutes**

**1) Regular Board Meeting – May 18, 2017**

Commissioner Barnes made motion to approve the May 18, 2017 minutes. Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted aye.

**2) Work Session – June 1, 2017**

Commissioner Barnes made motion to approve the June 1, 2017 Work Session minutes. Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted aye.

**B. Rezone Request – None**

**C. Presentation of 2016 Audit by Bates, Carter & Associates**

At this time, Beth Grimes, Audit Partner with Bates, Carter and Company and Amanda Wilkson, Lead Auditor for Pickens County presented the Audited Financial Statements for the Year Ended December 31, 2016 to the Board. A “Clean Opinion” was issued stating that financial statements are presented fairly with generally accepted accounting principles. This is the highest rating you can receive. The County’s assets exceeded its liabilities by \$52,949,455 (net position) for the year reported. This represents an increase of \$1,277,288 from the previous year. Total net position is comprised of the following: Net investment in capital assets equaled \$49,606,338. Net position of \$3,060,636 are restricted for debt service, capital outlay or by other constraints imposed by law or regulations. At the end of 2016, unrestricted net position balance increased by \$840,140 from (\$557,659) to \$282,481. The County’s governmental funds reported total ending fund balance of \$10,633,244. This compares to the prior year ending fund balance of \$8,568,253 showing an increase of \$2,064,991 during the current year. At the end of 2016, unassigned fund balance for the County’s governmental funds was \$7,312,571. Of note, the auditors mentioned that Pickens County debt was significantly low. The auditors

commended Mrs. Harvey for her hard work. The Audit report will be placed on the County's website – [www.pickenscountyga.gov](http://www.pickenscountyga.gov). A motion was made by Commissioner Barnes to accept the Audited Financial Statements for 2016; Commissioner Denney seconded and all voted aye.

**D. Resolution Appointing Amy Burgess Smith to the Industrial Development Authority of Pickens County**

Commissioner Barnes made motion to appoint Amy Burgess Smith to the Industrial Development Authority of Pickens County.

Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted aye.

**E. Good Samaritan Health & Wellness Center Construction Bid Proposal**  
Good Samaritan Health & Wellness Center received one bid to complete the required work on the center that was started by another contractor but not finished. A bid of \$1,920,000 was submitted by Cooper & Company General Contractors. Commissioner Barnes made motion to accept the contract. Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted aye.

**F. Grandview Water Treatment Plant (Project No. 210043)**

Turnipseed Engineers has provided the Board two sets of funding applications to be submitted to the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority for the proposed Grandview Lake Water Treatment Plant and related improvements which are described as follows: Phase One – application to the GEFA Water Supply Loan Program for \$2,600,000 to construct the dam improvements and the water treatment plant. Phase Two – application to the GEFA Georgia Fund Program for \$1,413,000 to construct the necessary distribution improvements. The scope of the work has been divided into phases to conform to GEFA program limits and to improve the net interest rate available. If these funding applications are approved, the documents will be hand delivered to GEFA as soon as tomorrow. It was noted that the Grandview Property Owners have also committed to make payments for a specified amount of time. Moving forward with these two phases will give Pickens County a reservoir. Commissioner Denney questioned how soon these repairs could be started. Chairman Jones indicated that depending on the Core of Engineers; work could be started as soon as a month and a half. Commissioner Barnes made motion to accept the two funding applications presented. Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted aye.

**G. Cancel BOC Work Session for July 6, 2017**

Chairman Jones recommended that the BOC Work Session for July 6, 2017 be cancelled. Commissioner Denney made motion to cancel the July 6, 2017 Work Session. Commissioner Barnes seconded; all voted aye. The next regular BOC Meeting will be on July 20, 2017.

**XI. Guests/Comments**

Bart Connelly asked if he could have a copy of the Audited Financial Statements. Faye Harvey replied that she had brought extra copies for anyone that would like to have one at the meeting; and reminded all that the report is also on the website.

**XII. Adjourn**

**There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.**

**These Minutes were approved at the July 20, 2017 BOC Meeting.**

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