Chairman Robert Jones called the work session to order at 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Becky Denney and Commissioner Jerry Barnes were present.

Items Discussed:

1) LMIG “Road Paving Schedule” for 2018
   The LMIG Road Paving schedule was discussed. John Nicholson reported the list will be submitted to the State in October. Commissioner Barnes said he would like to add Ray Mountain Road on the paving list if possible.

2) Update on Paving for 2017
   John Nicholson said that paving for 2017 is moving forward and that he is pleased with the job that is being done. Commissioner Barnes also commended the Pickens County Road Department on the paving job being done by them on Cain Trail and Thompson Lane.

3) Capital Lease for Vehicles – Sheriff Department
   Sheriff Donnie Craig has requested 10 new uniform patrol vehicles with light bars and equipment for the Sheriff’s Department. The vehicles would be paid for through SPLOST. He is currently looking at the various options. Sheriff Craig said once these new vehicles can be purchased he will be removing some of the older vehicles (some with 200,000 + miles) from the fleet.

4) Georgia Mountains Regional Commission
   A Letter of Intent has been signed with the Georgia Mountains Regional Commission that will provide new aerial photography for Pickens County. Roy Dobbs explained this process is important to Pickens County and will also include LIDAR as well. LIDAR is a surveying technology that measures distance with laser.

5) Mabry Contract – Carlan Road Fire Station
   Chairman Jones reported that property has been identified on Carlan Road for a Fire Station. The property has been appraised and the owner is willing to sell the property to the County. Chairman Jones also stated that the Fire Station will be paid for with SPLOST funds.

6) Georgia Department of Agriculture – Random Inspections/Animal Shelter
   a) State Report dated July 12, 2017
   b) State Report dated July 24, 2017
c) State Report dated August 1, 2017
Chairman Jones provided three reports on random Animal Shelter inspections that were recently done by the State. The State documented that the Animal Shelter passed all requirements on all three inspections.

7) City of Calhoun – Water Distribution Agreement
Chairman Jones reported that the Calhoun Water Distribution Agreement has been finalized. This will provide an additional source of water for the County.

8) Gilmer County - Water Distribution Agreement (Preliminary)
The County is also working on a Water Distribution Agreement with Gilmer County. This Agreement will provide interconnectivity between both counties. Chairman Jones said we are still in the negotiation stage at this time.

9) Airport T-Hangers
Don Boggus, Chairman of the Airport Development Authority, requested the Board approve 2 sets of 5 hangers to be constructed on the north side of the Airport. It will require minimal site work. There is a shortage of hanger space in the market and each hanger that will be constructed has already been committed for. This issue will be placed on the agenda for the next BOC meeting.

10) Tax Digest
Faye Harvey provided a “Current 2017 Tax Digest and 5 Year History of Levy” report. There will be no increase in the millage rate for 2017. The Board reviewed the information and will vote on the millage rate at the next regular meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

These Minutes were approved at the August 17, 2017 BOC meeting.

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