I. Call to order
Chairman Jones called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

II. Prayer - Tucker Green
Pledge of Allegiance

III. Amendments to Agenda
A. Add Under Action Items C - Text Amendment (Chapter 34) Health and Sanitation
B. Add Under Action Items D – City of Calhoun Water Contract

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 for 10 years of service with 911.
Commissioner Denney recognized Vaughn Kelley for 10 years of service with the Sheriff Department. (Vaughn was not able to attend the meeting and will be recognized at the August 17, 2017 meeting.)

VI. Finance Report
CFO Faye Harvey reported that the June, 2017 Financial Report reflects the first six months of the 2017 fiscal year. Expenditure budgets should not exceed 50%. General Fund revenue collections for the period ending June 30, 2017 total $6,707,802 or 26.3% of the amount budgeted. General Fund expenditures through June 30, 2017 are $11,600,457 or 45.5% of budgeted amounts. Overall, expenditures are 4.5% under the budgeted amount.

At this time, Ms. Harvey made a request for an Amendment to the fiscal year 2017 General Fund Budget. She requested to increase the Fire Department revenue to recognize revenue from a Trauma Grant for 2017; and increase the Fire Department expenditure line for medical supplies for Trauma Grant purchases. A request was made to increase the Sheriff Department revenue to recognize revenue from a SORNA Grant and from an insurance reimbursement for a damaged vehicle. This would increase the Sheriff Department expenditure line for capital outlay. A request was made to increase the Road Department revenue to recognize revenue from an insurance reimbursement for storm damage; and increase the expenditure line for repairs and maintenance. A request was also made to increase the Road Department capital outlay budget for the Price Creek Road Bridge project to cover the total cost of the project. A request was made to decrease contingency expenditure budget line from $419,312 to $347,512. A motion was made by Commissioner Barnes to approve Ms. Harvey’s request for an Amendment, Commissioner Denney seconded and all voted aye.
VII. Consent Agenda - None

VIII. Old Business
A. Bid Packages – Generators
   Bids were received for three stationary generators and one portable generator.
   Bids were received from GenSpring Power and Power Solutions Unlimited.
   GenSpring Power submitted the lowest bid for the Kohler generators. A motion
   was made by Commissioner Barnes to accept the bid from GenSpring Power;
   Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted aye.

B. LMIG “Road Paving Schedule” for 2018
   A list of the roads to be paved with LMIG funds for 2018 was submitted.
   Chairman Jones suggested that the item be tabled until a further date to make
   sure Commissioner Barnes and Commissioner Denney had an opportunity to
   review the list of roads.

IX. New Business
A. Pickens County Extension/4-H – Funding for a Part-time Assistant
   A request was made by the Pickens County Extension Office for a part time 4-H
   Program Assistant. The Northeast District Extension Office will fund 50% of
   the cost; the Board of Education will fund 25% of the cost and Pickens County
   will fund 25% of the cost. Chairman Jones suggested that the Part-time
   Assistant be approved provided that the Board of Education approves their
   25%. Commissioner Barnes made a move to approve the Part-time Assistant
   contingent upon the Board of Education approving their 25%. Commissioner
   Denney seconded; all voted aye.

B. Capital Lease for Vehicles – Sheriff Department
   The Sheriff Department has requested to purchase ten new vehicles. The
   money to pay for the vehicles will be SPLOST money. Sheriff Craig was not
   available to attend the meeting due to the passing of a family member, therefore
   the Commissioners decided to table the issue until Sheriff Craig could be
   present to answer questions.

C. Resolution Appointing Brian Armour – Board of Tax Assessors (Position E)
   David Smith has resigned his term on the Pickens County Board of Tax
   Assessors (Position E) effectively immediately. Brian Armour has indicated his
   willingness to serve and complete the term of Mr. Smith beginning July 20, 2017
   and ending on December 31, 2021. A motion was made by Commissioner
   Barnes to appoint Brian Armour to the Board of Tax Assessors; Commissioner
   Denney seconded; all voted aye.

X. Action Items
A. Approve Minutes
   1) Regular Board Meeting – June 15, 2017
      Commissioner Barnes made motion to approve the minutes of the June 15,
      2017 meeting. Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted aye.

B. Rezone Request
   Keith and Rita Sturges:
   1562 Philadelphia Road
   Highway Business (HB) to Suburban Residential (SR)
   0.57 Acres
   Parcel 030C 065
   A request was made by Keith and Rita Sturges to rezone property located at
   1562 Philadelphia Road. The Planning Commission voted on July 10, 2017 to
   unanimously recommend approval for the rezone from Highway Business to
   Suburban Residential. A motion was made by Commissioner Barnes to
   approve the rezone; Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted aye.
C. Text Amendment (Chapter 34) Health and Sanitation
   It has been recommended by the State that Pickens County adopt the State
   rules and regulations for Health and Sanitation (Chapter 34) to the Pickens
   County Code of Ordinances. This will allow authorized individuals to write
   citations to the Magistrate Court for not installing or repairing failing septic
   systems. Commissioner Barnes made motion to accept the changes to Health
   and Sanitation (Chapter 34); Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted aye.

D. City of Calhoun – Water Contract
   An intergovernmental Agreement for Water Distribution between the City of
   Calhoun and Pickens County was discussed. This interconnection has long
   term benefits to both water systems. A motion was made by Commissioner
   Denney to accept the contract provided that the County Attorney, Phil
   Landrum, reviews the contract and agrees the contract is in order.
   Commissioner Barnes seconded; all voted aye.

XI. Guests/Comments
   There were several guests at the meeting who spoke out regarding what they believe
   are horrible conditions at the Animal Shelter that is run by the County. They
   expressed displeasure with the recent termination of a Shelter employee. They
   stated the animals are not being cared for properly and expressed concerns over
   how certain breeds might be handled. After much deliberation regarding the
   Animal Shelter, Chairman Jones said that some of the ideas the group had brought
   forth should be looked into.

XII. Adjourn
   There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

These minutes were approved at the August 17, 2017 BOC Meeting.

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