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 - Rev. Edwin Weaver
Pledge of Allegiance

III. Amendments to Agenda – 1) Remove #2 under Item B (Chapter 74 Utilities Revisions & Modifications) 2) Add to Item IX. New Business: Citigroup placement agent for Development Authority of Pickens County GA Revenue Bonds, Series 2016; 3) Price Creek Road Bridge Replacement bid - This replaced # 2 under Item B.

IV. Approval of Agenda
Commissioner Barnes made motion to approve the Agenda; Commissioner Denney seconded the motion; all voted aye.

V. Employee Recognition - None

VI. Finance Report – CFO Faye Harvey reported that the August 2016 Financial Report reflects eight months of the 2016 fiscal year. Expenditure budgets should be 66.7% or less. General Fund revenue collections for the period ending August 31, 2016 total $8,508,982 or 35.72% of the amount budgeted. General Fund expenditures through August 31, 2016 are $14,675,232 or 61.6% of budgeted amounts. Overall, expenditures are 5.1% under budget. Line item budget reports were distributed to department heads and elected officials on September 12, 2016 and copies of line item budget reports are available for review.

VII. Consent Agenda - None

VIII. Old Business - None
IX. New Business
A. Authorize Chairman Jones to sign acknowledgment engaging Citigroup Global Markets, Inc. to serve as placement agent re; Development Authority of Pickens County GA Revenue Bonds, as required by Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (MSRB) Rule G-17.
Commissioner Barnes made motion to authorize Chairman Jones to sign acknowledgment; Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted aye.

X. Action Items
A. Approve Minutes
1) Regular Board Meeting – August 18, 2016
2) Called Meeting – August 29, 2016
3) Work Session – September 1, 2016
Commissioner Barnes made motions to approve the Minutes of the August 18, August 29, and September meetings; Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted aye.

B. Rezone Request
1) Conditional Use Request -RZ-07-16-1209 - Sandy Dunn & Wanda Blalock
   9934 Hwy 53 West
   Talking Rock, GA
   Special Events Venue
   034-099-002 – 43 acres

   Commissioner Barnes made motion to approve rezone request with the condition that all events shall cease at or before 10:00 p.m.; Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted aye.

2) Price Creek Bridge Bid
   Only one bid was received. The BOC looked over the bid and will be asking for more bids.

3) Text Amendment regarding commercial outdoor firing/shooting ranges
   Commissioner Barnes made motion to approve; Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted aye.

4) RLF Talking Rock Properties requested text amendment regarding Subdivisions having lot sizes 10 acres or greater in gated communities could have gravel private streets with a minimum of 40 feet right-of-way (Code requires residential developments to be on paved streets with minimum 60 feet right-of-way.)

   Commissioner Denney made motion to Deny the request; Commissioner Barnes seconded; all voted aye.

C. Approve Drug & Alcohol Policy Update
   Commissioner Barnes made motion to approve the Employee Drug & Alcohol Policy update; Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted aye.

D. Approve and adopt millage rate
   Commissioner Barnes made motion to increase the millage rate by .75% “reluctantly”; Commissioner Denney abstained; Chairman Jones seconded the motion to approve and adopt the millage rate at 7.95 mills.

XI. Guests/Comments
   A few Citizens expressed their disappointed in raising the millage rate.

XII. Executive Session - None

XIII. Adjourn
   Chairman Jones adjourned the meeting at 6:17 p.m.

These Minutes were approved at the October 20, 2016 BOC meeting.

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