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 - Credit Card Resolution – Elected Officials
B. Add Under Action Items D – Good Sam Construction Contract

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

V. Employee Recognition
There were no new employees to be recognized.

VI. Finance Report
CFO Faye Harvey reported that the July, 2017 Financial Report reflects the first seven months of the 2017 fiscal year. Expenditure budgets should not exceed 58.3%. General Fund revenue collections for the period ending July 31, 2017 total $8,002,653 or 31.34% of the amount budgeted. General Fund expenditures through July 31, 2017 are $13,397,001 or 52.46% of budgeted amounts. Overall, expenditures are 5.8% under the budgeted amount. Ms. Harvey also reported that budgets for 2018 are in process and are due on August 18, 2017.

VII. Consent Agenda
A. Signed National Health Center Week 2017 Proclamation
B. Signed Georgia Mountains Regional Commission – Letter of Intent
C. Signed Workers Compensation Safety Discount Verification Form

VIII. Old Business
A. LMIG “Road Paving Schedule” for 2018
Chairman Jones asked John Nicholson when the LMIG road list had to be turned into the State. John replied that the list does not have to be turned into the State until October. He also explained that LMIG is state money that is paving roads in Pickens County. Chairman Jones
also stated that paving work is being done this week on Camp Road and will be completed by tomorrow.

B. Capital Lease for Vehicles – Sheriff Department
Sheriff Donnie Craig has requested to purchase 10 new vehicles for the Sheriff Department. After much discussion, it was decided that it will be in the best interest of the County to authorize the purchase of the new vehicles and equipment. Commissioner Barnes made motion to approve the purchase, Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted aye.

C. Carlan Road - Fire Station
Two acres on Carlan Road have been identified as a perfect location for a Fire Station in that area. The property is owned by the Moss Family and they have agreed to sell the property to the County. An appraisal has been done and it was valued at $13,500 per acre. Once the Fire Station is built, the residents in this area will see a decrease in their ISO ratings. A ground breaking is set for Friday, August 18, 2017. Commissioner Barnes made motion to approve the purchase of the property for the Fire Station on Carlan Road, Commissioner Denney seconded; all vote aye.

IX New Business
A. Gilmer County – Water Distribution Agreement
Pickens County and Gilmer County are working on an interconnectivity agreement. This agreement would benefit both counties. Negotiations are still pending at this time.

B. Tax Digest – Approve 2017 Millage Rate
Faye Harvey discussed the “Current 2017 Tax Digest and 5 Year History of Levy” document that was published in the Pickens Progress. The millage rate for 2017 will be decreased from 7.95 mills to 7.883. Commissioner Barnes made motion to approve the new millage rate; Commissioner Denny seconded; all voted aye.

C. Reunification of Gilmer/Pickens Joint Development Authority
Chairman Jones requested approval to restart the Pickens/Gilmer Joint Development Authority. The restart of the Joint Development Authority would give both counties various opportunities offered by the State. Pickens County will need to appoint one new member. Chairman Jones would like to approve a Resolution to appoint Ryan Keeter as a Director. Commissioner Barnes made motion to approve Ryan Keeter as a Director to the Pickens/Gilmer Joint Development Authority. Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted aye.

X. Action Items
A. Approve Minutes
1) Regular Board Meeting – July 20, 2017
Commissioner Barnes made motion to approve the July 20, 2017 minutes. Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted aye.

2) Work Session Meeting – August 3, 2017
Commissioner Barnes made motion to approve the August 3, 2017 Work Session minutes. Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted aye.
B. Rezone Request - None

C. Credit Card Resolution – Elected Officials
   Faye Harvey recommended that the Board approve a Resolution based on O.C.G.A. 36-80-24 which requires all elected officials to sign a Credit Card Resolution to comply with the law. Commissioner Barnes asked if there had been any problem with the County purchasing policy. Ms. Harvey said there had been no problems. Commissioner Barnes made motion to approve the Credit Card Resolution to comply with the law. Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted aye.

D. Good Samaritan Construction Contract
   The Good Samaritan Center bid opening for the new Center was on June 15, 2017. Both Pickens County Commissioners and the Good Samaritan Board of Directors approved the bid on June 16, 2017. The Georgia Department of Community Affairs approved Cooper and Company as a sole source general contractor to the grant project on July 17, 2017. The contracts have been reviewed by both the Pickens County Attorney and Alston and Bird (Attorney for Good Samaritan Center). Cooper and Company also has a 100% Performance and Payment Bond. Brad Herren, a representative from Good Samaritan Center, was present at the meeting to answer any questions the Commissioners might have. He stated that construction could start next week and also wanted to make it clear that Pickens County has no funds in this project. Commissioner Barnes made motion to approve the contract, Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted aye.

XI. Executive Session
   Chairman Jones stated that the Board and the County Attorney need to go into an Executive Session for the following reasons: To consult and meet with legal counsel pertaining to pending or potential litigation, settlement, claims, administrative proceedings, or other judicial actions brought or to be brought by or against the County or an officer or employee or in which the officer or employee may be directly involved; (O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2(1)). Commissioner Barnes made motion to go into Executive Session; Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted aye. The Board went into Executive Session at 6:12 p.m. The Board reconvened at 6:42 p.m. stating that no action was taken. County Attorney, Phil Landrum, requested the Board approve the Executive Session. Commissioner Barnes made motion to approve the Executive Session, Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted aye.

XII. Guests/Comments
   Michele Cooper spoke regarding her thoughts on certain breeds of dogs. Roy Dobbs complimented Brad Herren and the people that work hard to make the Good Samaritan Center a success. Sharon Prather gave the Board a copy of an assessment that was done on her dog.
XIII. Adjourn
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

These minutes were approved at the October 19, 2017 BOC Meeting.

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