I. Call to order
Chairman Jones called the meeting to order.

II. Prayer
The prayer was led by the Golden Rule Youth Group.

III. Pledge of Allegiance
The Pledge of Allegiance was also led by the Golden Rule Youth Group.

IV. Amendments to Agenda - None

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

VI. Employee Recognition
Melinda K. Walker was recognized for 10 years of service with the Public Defender's Office.

VII. Consent Agenda - None

VIII. Old Business - None

IX. New Business
A. Animal Shelter Proposal
Pickens County has received a proposal from the Animal Medical Clinic to assume the responsibilities of the Animal Shelter. Dr. Chester and Will Bell gave a presentation regarding same. There are many unanswered questions and more information is needed in order to consider this proposal.

X. Finance Report
The November, 2017 Financial Report reflects eleven months of the 2017 fiscal year. Expenditure budgets should not exceed 91.7%. General Fund revenue collections for the period ending November 30, 2017 total $20,880,348 or 81.77% of the amount budgeted. General Fund expenditures through November 30, 2017 are $21,340,331 or 83.6% of budgeted amounts. Overall expenditures are 8.1% under the budgeted amount. Line item budget reports were distributed to department heads and elected officials on December 11, 2017.
XI. Action Items

A. Approve Minutes

1) Regular Board Meeting – November 16, 2017
   Commissioner Barnes made motion to approve the November 16,
   2017 minutes. Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted aye.

2) Work Session Meeting – December 7, 2017
   Commissioner Barnes made motion to approve the December 7,
   2017 minutes. Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted aye.

B. Rezone Request - None

C. Approve Proposed Fiscal Year 2018 Budget
   A public hearing was previously held on the proposed Fiscal Year
   Budget for 2018. A motion was made by Commissioner Barnes to adopt
   the budget; Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted aye.

D. Approve Ambulance Remount Interest Rate
   Faye Harvey requested the Board approve an interest rate for the
   ambulance remounts. BB&T has provided the lowest rate.
   Commissioner Barnes made motion to approve the interest rate from
   BB&T; Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted aye.

E. Big Canoe Water and Sewer Authority Act
   Members of the Big Canoe Community previously presented a draft
   document to the Board for the development of a Big Canoe Water and
   Sewer Authority. Once approved by the State, the Big Canoe Water and
   Sewer Authority would be a governmental body with cumulative
   powers. A draft of the document will be sent to Rick Jasperse at the
   State level. The document must first be approved by both Pickens
   County and Dawson County. Commissioner Denney made motion for
   Pickens County to approve the document to create the new Authority;
   Commissioner Barnes seconded; all voted aye.

F. Fire Protection – Bids
   Cliff's Fire Extinguisher Company was the low bidder with regard to
   handling the sprinklers, alarms, etc for the County. Commissioner
   Barnes made motion to approve the contract with Cliff's Fire;
   Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted aye.

G. With regard to the following Resolutions (G through L); Commissioner
   Barnes made motion to approve all the appointments for the allotted
   terms; Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted aye.
   Resolutions for Planning Commission for 4 year term:
   a) Jim Fowler
   b) Pat Holmes

H. Resolutions for Board of Tax Assessors for 5 year term:
   a) Nelson Mattern
   b) Freda Trammel
I. Resolutions for Board of Appeals for 3 year term:
   a) W. A. Meaders
   b) Don Martin
   c) Ron Barnes
   d) Bill Cagle
   e) Bart Connelly

J. Resolutions for Pickens-Gilmer Joint Development Authority for 4 year term:
   a) Todd Payne
   b) Gerry Nechvatal

K. Resolutions for Pickens-Bartow Joint Development Authority for 6 year term:
   a) Lorrie Shaw
   b) John Pool

L. Resolution for Pickens County Development Authority for 6 year term:
   a) Bob Payne

M. Approval of Fiscal Agent – Family Connection
   Family Connection requested that Pickens County continue to serve as the fiscal agent for 2018. Family Connection provides a vital service to the community. Commissioner Barnes made motion to approve Pickens County as the fiscal agent for Family Connection for 2018; Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted aye.

N. Appoint Public Defender – Juvenile Court
   County Attorney, Phil Landrum, requested that the Board appoint Glenna Stone as a Public Defender for Juvenile Court. Commissioner Barnes made motion to appoint Glenna Stone; Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted aye.

XII. Guests/Comments
   Bart Connelly questioned the timing of the ambulance remounts. The company handling the remounts had issues getting the chassis for the replacements. However, the process is moving forward.
   Mike Flynn spoke and explained that he does farm animal rescues. He stated Dr. Chester has been a wonderful help to him and he wanted to voice his support for Dr. Chester.

XIII. Adjourn
   There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.