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

II. Prayer
Prayer was led by Richard Osborne.

III. Pledge of Allegiance
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Robert Keller.

IV. Amendments to Agenda
A motion was made by Commissioner Denney to add the following Amendments under Rezone Requests to the Agenda:
   a) Rezoning case RZ-12-17-1233 (Parcel 009-078-00)
   b) Rezoning case RZ-1-18-1234 (Parcel 065-086)
   c) Conditional use case RZ-1-18-1235 (Parcel 012-002-002)
   d) Text Amendment case TA-12-17-11 (Chapter 4 Advertising and Signs)

Commissioner Barnes seconded the motion; all voted aye.

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

VI. Employee Recognition
Lee Sanders was recognized for 20 years of service with the Fire Department. Constance Turcotte was recognized for 10 years of service with the Finance Department.

VII. Consent Agenda
A Proclamation was signed for the Optimist Club of Jasper declaring February 1st “Optimist Day” in Pickens County.

VIII. Old Business
EMA Generator Grant – Update
John Nicholson confirmed that he has met with GEMA and Pickens County should receive a grant for approximately $185,000 to complete purchases of generators.

IX. New Business
Pickens County and City of Jasper - Economic Development Council
The Economic Development Council By-Laws may need to be reviewed. A motion was made by Commissioner Denney to table this issue as more time is needed to do research. Commissioner Barnes seconded; all voted aye.
X. Finance Report

The January, 2018 Financial Report reflects one month of the 2018 fiscal year. Expenditure budgets should not exceed 8.33%. General Fund revenue collections for the period ending January 31, 2018 total $740,641 or 2.84% of the amount budgeted. General Fund expenditures through January 31, 2018 are $1,417,191 or 5.44% of budgeted amounts. Overall expenditures are 2.89% under the budgeted amount. Line item budget reports were distributed to department heads and elected officials on February 9, 2018.

XI. Action Items

A. Approve Minutes

1) Regular Board Meeting – January 18, 2018
Commissioner Barnes made motion to approve the January 18, 2018 minutes. Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted aye.

2) Called Meeting – January 18, 2018
Commissioner Barnes made motion to approve the January 18, 2018 Called Meeting minutes. Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted aye.

3) Work Session Meeting – February 1, 2018
Commissioner Barnes made motion to approve the February 1, 2018 minutes. Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted aye.

4) Called Meeting – February 1, 2018
Commissioner Barnes made motion to approve the January 18, 2018 Called Meeting minutes. Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted aye.

B. Rezone Request

A motion was made by Commissioner Barnes to rezone the following:
Rezoning case RZ-12-17-1233
Paula Blanton
131 Talking Rock Falls NE
Rural Residential (RR) to Small Agricultural (SA)
Parcel 009-078-001
Approximately 5.91 acres
Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted aye.

A motion was made by Commissioner Barnes to rezone the following:
Rezoning case RZ-1-18-1234
Terry West
168 Cardinal Rd
Neighborhood Commercial (NC) to Small Agricultural (SA)
Parcel 065-086
Approximately 5 acres
Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted aye.

A motion was made by Commissioner Barnes to rezone the following:
Conditional use case RZ-1-18-1235
Ben Jones
462 Cedar Springs Hollow
Agricultural (AG) district
Parcel 012-002-002
Approximately 10.75 acres
Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted aye.
A motion was made by Commissioner Barnes to rezone the following:
  - Text Amendment case TA-12-17-11
  - Readoption of Pickens County Code of Ordinances
  - Chapter 4 Advertising and Signs
Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted aye.

C. Pickens County Water & Sewer Authority – Rate Increase Request
Pickens County Water and Sewer Board has requested that a minimum be added to the rate table. This minimum would be $9.00 per thousand above 10,000 gallons to cover water usage from 2 inch meters and above that would cause Pickens County to go over their daily water allocation with Gordon County Water and Cherokee County Water per their contractual agreements. A motion was made by Commissioner Barnes to approve the rate increase as stated; Commissioner Denney seconded; all vote aye.

D. Board of Tax Assessors – Sam Brannen Agreement
The Board of Tax Assessors would like to retain Sam Brannen for legal representation and litigation counsel. A rate scheduled was proposed. Phil Landrum said that Mr. Brannen was well known for his work in this area. Commissioner Barnes made motion to approve the Agreement with Sam Brannen; Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted aye.

XII. Guests/Comments
Larry Wilson, a representative from PACA, announced the formation of the Southern Appalachian Folk School. Beginning in February of 2018, the school will begin offering classes in a wide variety of folk art and crafts. They will begin by offering weekend and retreat style classes. As the school grows, they plan to provide week long classes. They are located at 255 Chambers Street in downtown Jasper; and their website is safsa.org.

XIII. Adjourn
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

These minutes were approved at the March 15, 2018 BOC Meeting.

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