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

II. Prayer
Tucker Green led the prayer.

III. Pledge of Allegiance
Tucker Green also led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Amendments to Agenda
A motion was made by Commissioner Barnes to add the following items to the Agenda:
A. Add Item B Under Consent Agenda - Signed Proclamation “Keep Pickens Beautiful”
B. Add Item B Under New Business - Jack Dunn/Lori Fulwood (Light Presentation)
C. Add Item E Under Action Items - Annual Readoption of Official Land Use Intensity Map
D. Add Item F Under Action Items - Board of Education Lease
Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted aye.

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

VI. Employee Recognition
Curtis Clark was recognized for 10 years of service with the Fire Department.

VII. Consent Agenda
Two Proclamations have been signed. They are as follows:
A. Signed Rotary “Heart” Proclamation
B. Signed “Keep Pickens Beautiful” Proclamation

VIII. Old Business
A. Pickens County/ City of Jasper – Economic Development Council
Commissioner Denney reported that a committee had been formed and has recommended that the Economic Development Director be a separate role from the Chamber Director. The committee also recommended the County continue funding its portion of the Economic Development role. Commissioner Denney made a motion to continue funding the Economic Development role going forward. Commissioner Barnes seconded; all voted aye.

IX. New Business
A. FY19 Accountability Court Grants – Renewals
Angela Norris requested the Board authorize the signing of the Accountability Court Grants. Commissioner Barnes made motion to approve the Grants; Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted aye.
B. Jack Dunn/Lori Fulwood (Light Presentation)
Lori Fulwood with Universal Concepts presented a Holiday Decorating Package to the Board for downtown Jasper. This package would include a new 18 foot Christmas tree with LED commercial grade lights and a 4 foot 3D star topper. Other items can be purchased as well. After hearing the presentation, there were questions regarding the exact cost, maintenance and warranty. This item will be tabled for a future date.

X. Finance Report
The February, 2018 Financial Report reflects two months of the 2018 fiscal year. Expenditure budgets should not exceed 16.7%. General Fund revenue collections for the period ending February 28, 2018 total $2,020,087 or 7.76% of the amount budgeted. General Fund expenditures through February 28, 2018 are $3,477,638 or 13.36% of budgeted amounts. Overall expenditures are 3.34% under the budgeted amount. Some revenues received and expenditures paid in February 2018 were accrued back to fiscal year 2017. Line item budget reports were distributed to department heads and elected officials on March 9, 2018. The December 2017 Final Financial Report with Accruals was also presented.

XI. Action Items
A. Approve Minutes
1) Regular Board Meeting – February 15, 2018
Commissioner Barnes made motion to approve the February 15, 2018 minutes. Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted aye.
2) Work Session Meeting – March 1, 2018
Commissioner Barnes made motion to approve the March 1, 2018 Work Session minutes. Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted aye.
B. Rezone Request
There were no rezone requests.
C. Gilmer County Water & Sewerage Authority Agreement
The status of the Water Agreement between Gilmer and Pickens County was discussed. Phil Landrum stated that more time was needed to complete this Agreement. Commissioner Denney made a motion to table this item until the Agreement is complete; Commissioner Barnes seconded; all voted aye.

D. Georgia Department of Transportation – Memo of Understanding
An “Off System Safety Projects Memorandum of Understanding” has been presented to the County and to the City from GDOT. This Memorandum states that GDOT will work in connection with the City and County to install signs along Cove Road. Commissioner Denney made motion to sign the Agreement; Commissioner Barnes seconded; all voted aye.

E. Annual Readoption of Official Land Use Intensity Map
It is appropriate to readopt the Official Land Use Intensity Map on a regular basis, approximately once a year. This map reflects the land use (zoning) districts for properties in unincorporated Pickens County. The most recent map was adopted by the Board of Commissioners in March 2017. The updated map includes only minor changes. In particular, rezonings approved by the Board of Commissioners and parcel splits that occurred in 2017. Commissioner Barnes made motion to approve the Official Land Use Intensity Map; Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted aye.

F. Board of Education – Lease
Phil Landrum spoke to the Board about the County leasing the Jasper Elementary School building for a regional training facility for the Sheriff’s office. The entire building would be used for a training facility except for the lower hall which would be leased by the Mountain Education Center. Phil asked the Board to approve signing the lease with the Board of Education. Commissioner Barnes made motion to sign the lease; Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted aye.

XII. Guests/Comments
Commissioner Jones gave a reminder that Pickens County Government is collaborating with Keep Pickens Beautiful for “Tire Amnesty April”. This recycling program allows for any Pickens family to recycle four tires (off the wheel) for free. The tires can be recycled at the Pickens Recycling Centers off Camp Road and Cove Road throughout the month of April.

XIII. Adjourn
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.
These minutes were approved at the April 19, 2018 BOC Meeting.

Commission meetings are videotaped and may be viewed at www.knowpickens.com