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

II. Prayer
Prayer was led by Sheriff Donnie Craig.

III. Pledge of Allegiance
Chairman Jones led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Amendments to Agenda
A motion was made by Commissioner Barnes to add the following item to the Agenda:
A. Add “De-annexation Letter/Zach Bennett” under Action Items “H”
Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted aye.

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

VI. Employee Recognition
Steven Andrews was recognized for 10 years of service in Public Works; and Shelia Hyde was recognized for 10 years of service with the Magistrate Court.

VII. Consent Agenda
There was no consent agenda at this time.

VIII. Old Business
There was no old business at this time.

IX. New Business
A. Audit Presentation for 2017
   Bates, Carter & Company gave a detailed audit presentation for the year ended December 2017. In their opinion, the accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements is sufficient and appropriate. Faye Harvey, Finance Director was praised for the work she has done for Pickens County.

X. Finance Report
The May, 2018 Financial Report reflects five months of the 2018 fiscal year. Expenditure budgets should not exceed 41.7%. General Fund revenue collections for the period ending May 31, 2018 total $5,319,001 or 20.42% of the amount budgeted. General Fund expenditures through May 31, 2018 are
$9,954,924 or 38.65% of budgeted amounts. Overall expenditures are 3.05% under the budgeted amount. Line item budget reports were distributed to department heads and elected officials on June 11, 2018.

XI. Action Items

A. Approve Minutes
   1) Regular Board Meeting – May 17, 2018
      Commissioner Barnes made a motion to approve the May 17, 2018 minutes. Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted aye.
   2) Work Session Meeting – June 7, 2018
   3) Commissioner Barnes made a motion to approve the June 7, 2018 minutes. Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted aye.

B. Rezone Request
   The following two rezone requests were recommended for approval by the Planning and Development Commission:
   1. Dusty Eaton
      Pleasant Hill Road, Talking Rock, GA
      Agricultural (AG) to Suburban Residential (SR)
      4.17 Acres
      032-005 Split
   2. Ronnie Ray
      Hwy 515 North, Jasper, GA
      Agricultural (AG) to Highway Business (HB)
      8.5 Acres
      053D-079-003

   After discussion, Commissioner Barnes made motion to approve both of the rezone requests. Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted aye.

C. Ambulance Remount Bids
   Three bids were received for the ambulance remounts. Taylor Made submitted the lowest bid. Commissioner Barnes made motion to approve the bid from Taylor Made. Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted aye.

D. Generator for Health Department
   The Health Department is in need of a generator. They are requesting the County pay one-half of the cost. Bids were submitted and GenSprings Power was the lowest bid. Commissioner Barnes made a motion to approve this action; Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted aye.

E. Village on Blackwell Creek
   The owners of the Village on Blackwell Creek are requesting that Pickens County reconvey the water distribution system back to the developer. After much discussion, Commissioner Denney made a motion to approve this action, Commissioner Barnes seconded; all voted aye.

F. Ludville Community Center
   Wildwood Nursing Home has requested to purchase the Ludville Community Center to use as offices. This building is still needed as a voting precinct for the County. An appraisal has been done but more research is needed before a decision can be made. This item has been tabled at this time.
G. Intergovernmental Agreement – Indigent Defense
Judge Jan Wheeler and County Attorney, Phil Landrum, requested that an Intergovernmental Agreement be signed between Pickens, Gilmer and Fannin for the provision of indigent defense regarding dependency cases. After much discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Barnes to allow Chairman Jones to sign the Agreement. Commissioner Denney seconded the motion; all voted aye.

H. De-annexation Letter/Zach Bennett
A request was made by Zach Bennett to allow him to de-annex his property from Talking Rock to Pickens County. The property in question is 125.65 acres in the Town of Talking Rock, parcel 020-080. The property is on Highway 136 and also has frontage on Emory Road. A motion was made by Jerry Barnes to allow this property to be brought back into Pickens County provided the Town of Talking Rock allows the de-annexation. Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted aye.

XII. Guests/Comments
Brian Pritchard, of Fetch Your News, made comments regarding the Intergovernmental Agreement for Indigent Defense between the counties. His thoughts were regarding Fannin County. Phil Landrum addressed his concerns.

XIII. Adjourn
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

These minutes were approved at the July 26, 2018 meeting.

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