Chairman Jones requested prayer for Cassie Defoor, an employee with the Sheriff Department that is in critical condition due to a medical procedure.

Chairman Jones called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

1. Department Updates
   During the month of February, storms and torrential rain contributed to washouts on Jones Mountain Road and Dean Trail off Carver Mill Road. Public Works replaced pipes and repaired Dean Trail within a couple days. However, Jones Mountain Road is a much larger and complex issue. Pickens County Government acquired several engineers to assess the damage and is receiving potential repair estimates. They are currently seeking assistance from both state and federal agencies to mitigate local costs. The Commissioners plan to move ahead with repair efforts as soon as all viable options are considered, and funding is secured. Additionally, the severe weather caused over 60 downed trees which Public Works is actively cleaning up.

   The other county departments also had a very busy month with many projects on the horizon. The Pickens County Recreation Department had 528 kids sign up for t-ball, baseball, and softball which will make up 46 teams. Opening Day is scheduled for Saturday, March 23rd at 10:00 a.m. The Department of Planning and Development issued 43 new building permits. The Water Department installed 10 new meters. The Pickens Animal Shelter brought in 60 animals, and 58 went out through various forms of adoption. Animal Control responded to 24 cases.

   Sheriff Donnie Craig reported that thefts continue to be a problem. He stated that his department is working hard to keep our community safe. He reported that Cassie Defoor, an employee of the Sheriff Department, will soon be moved to the Shepherd Spinal Center. She has shown some improvement, but prayers are needed for her and her family.
2. **Criteria for Speed Bumps**
   A criterion for speed bumps was discussed and will be looked at going forward.

3. **General Discussion**
   There were no additional comments.

   **There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.**

   **These Minutes were approved at the March 21, 2019 meeting.**

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