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

1. Department Updates

Chairman Jones announced that Richard Osborne had resigned and has accepted a new position with the City of Adairsville.

During the month of September, Public Works completed resurfacing Harrington Road, Pea Ridge Road, and a portion of Fortner Road. They also completed tar and graveling Rocky Ridge Road. Subcontractor paving crews completed the final phase of the 2018 paving contract. They resurfaced: Nalley Drive, Poole Avenue, Solomon Avenue, Jones Avenue, Griffith Avenue, Lanier Avenue, Little Avenue, Wood Street, Spring Place Drive, Beth Avenue, White Oak Drive, Sweet Gum Circle, East Holly Lane, West Holly Lane, Dogwood Trail, Red Oak Lane, Popular Lane, and Charles Avenue. The Water Department installed eight new meters. Planning and Development issued 40 new building permits. The Pickens County Recreation Department is still offering basketball registration until October 14th. A late registration period will be available October 15th-17th. The basketball skills evaluations will take place on October 22nd, 23rd, and 25th, practices will begin on October 29th. Pepsi has donated money to the Recreation Department that will be spent on playground equipment.

EMA Director, John Nicholson announced that Public Safety Day at Jasper Home Depot is a free event that will take place on Saturday, October 27th between 10am and 2pm. Pickens County Fire/EMS, Emergency Management Agency, Sheriff’s office, Jasper Fire and Police, and others will all be on hand to provide safety demonstrations and tips. All citizens are encouraged to attend.
It was announced that the Budget Meetings will be held on October 23rd, 24th and 25th.

2. **2018 Tax Digest Approval Letter**
   Darrin Satterfield reported the State of Georgia has examined the tax digest for Pickens County that was submitted on September 21, 2018. The State has determined the digest is in proper form and meets all the certifications required by law.

3. **Pickens County Benefits Review**
   A review of the employee benefits was discussed. MSI Benefits Group, Inc. received quotes from other carriers with regard to benefits. A report from MSI indicates there will be no increase in the cost of the benefits for 2019. Therefore, it is recommended that the County continue their coverage with Blue Cross. This will be voted on at the Board of Commissioners Meeting on October 18, 2018.

4. **General Discussion**
   The cost of Speed Limit signs with solar powered flashing lights was discussed for placement at various intersections.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

These Minutes were approved at the October 18, 2018 meeting.

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