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

II. **Prayer**
Prayer was led by Chief Magistrate Judge Allen Wigington.

III. **Pledge of Allegiance**
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Jones.

IV. **Amendments to Agenda**
The following items were added to the Agenda:
A. Add Under Action Items “C” - Appoint Members to Board of Family & Children Services
B. Add Under Action Items “D” - Contract with North Georgia Community Action (MATS)

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

VI. **Employee Recognition**
Jody Poole was recognized for 10 years of service with the Fire Department. Michael Kimbrell was also recognized for 10 years of service with the Water Department.

VII. **Consent Agenda**
There were no consent agenda items at this time.

VIII. **Old Business**
A. **Jones Mountain Road Update**
Progress is continually being made on Jones Mountain Road. The road is expected to be completely reopened before August 15th.

B. **Joint Resolution (City and County) Economic Development Update**
Continued efforts are being made to move forward with the hiring of a new Economic Development Director. There will be more updates in the near future.

C. **Early Retirement Benefit Option Update**
The Retirement Committee has studied various scenarios regarding the Defined Benefit Plan. The Committee recommended ERIP Rule of 80 (Amortization 20 Years). All eligible employees would be offered a one time opportunity to retire early if their age plus years of service equals the Rule of 80. There are eight employees that would qualify. Commissioner Barnes made a motion to approve the Early Retirement Benefit Option. Commissioner Denney seconded the motion; all voted aye.

IX. **New Business**
A. City of Jasper - Request to Amend Service Delivery Map
The City of Jasper authorized and has requested to amend the Service Delivery Map for water and sewer services. The boundaries of the map will be amended to reflect the City will service the Worley Crossroads area and the County will service the Hill City area. Commissioner Barnes made a motion to amend the Service Delivery Map; Commissioner Denney seconded the motion; all voted aye.

B. UGA Extension 2019 - 2020 Contract
The University of Georgia Board of Regents wishes to continue their contract with Pickens County for the 4-H Extension Office. There are no changes to the current contract. The term of the Agreement shall be renewed from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020. Commissioner Barnes made a motion to approve the contract with UGA; Commissioner Denney seconded the motion; all voted aye.

C. Georgia Forestry Commission - Pickens County Airport Agreement
An intergovernmental Agreement between Pickens County and the Georgia Forestry Commission was presented at the meeting. The contract calls for Pickens County to allow Georgia Forestry a 24 hour on site aviation operation at the airport. This was deemed beneficial to both parties. Commissioner Barnes made a motion to approve the contract with Georgia Forestry; Commissioner Denney seconded the motion; all voted aye.

X. Finance Report
The June 2019 Financial Report reflects six months of our 2019 fiscal year. Expenditure budgets should not exceed 50%. General Fund revenue collections for the period ending June 30, 2019 total $7,525,811 which is 26.74% of the amount budgeted. General Fund expenditures through June 30, 2019 are $12,834,509 or 45.6% of budgeted amounts. Expenditures are currently 4.4% under the budgeted amount. Line item budget reports were distributed to department heads and elected officials on July 11, 2019.

XI. Action Items
A. Approve Minutes
Commissioner Barnes made a motion to approve the following minutes:
1) Board Meeting – June 20, 2019
Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted aye.

B. Rezone Request
Commissioner Denney made a motion to table the following two rezone requests:

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<td>Zachary Alvord &amp; Chase Alvord</td>
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<td>Highway Business (HB) to Agricultural (AG)</td>
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<td>230 Old Mill White Ext, Jasper</td>
<td>Conditional Use Request - Special Events Venue - Agricultural (AG)</td>
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Commissioner Barnes seconded the motion; all voted aye.

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Pleasant Hill Road, Talking Rock
Suburban Residential (SR) to Agricultural (AG)
Map/Parcel: 019-151 Split
709 ft (.02 Acre)
Commissioner Denney seconded the motion; all voted aye.

C. Appoint Members to Board of Family & Children Services
DFACS has made a request to reappoint Kathy Bruce and Martha Pool to the DFACS Board. They have also requested to appoint Kayla Kinser to fill the vacancy of Shelly Cantrell. Commissioner Barnes made a motion to approve all three of the appointments; Commissioner Denney seconded the motion; all voted aye.

D. Contract with North Georgia Community Action (MATS)
The Service Agreement for the operation of the Mountain Area Transportation System covering July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 was presented. A motion was made by Commissioner Barnes to renew the contract; Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted aye.

XII. Guests/Comments
There were no additional comments.

XIII. Adjourn
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

These minutes were approved at the August 15, 2019 meeting.

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