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

1. Department Updates
Currently, local contractor Jimmy Stewart is working on constructing the new Tate Fire Station through SPLOST (Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax) funding. Local contractor Noland Construction is removing the outdated building and grading the property off Camp Road that houses Public Works. The new property layout will be more suitable to the needs of Public Works. After that phase of construction is complete bids will go out to construct a new facility to house Public Works. Paving bids for phase one are currently being accepted. The bid deadline is June 20th at 1pm. The county will be resurfacing roads in two phases this year, phase one in the summer and phase two in the fall. Phase one includes 10.36 miles of roads to be resurfaced. Additionally, the stabilization of Jones Mtn. Rd. is on schedule with plans to have both lanes open to traffic in July.

During the month of May, the Pickens Animal Shelter brought in 79 new animals, and 84 went out through various forms of adoption. Animal Control responded to 20 cases. The Department of Planning and Development issued 48 new building permits. The Water Department installed six new meters. The 911 Operations Center received 1,677 total calls, 705 were medical responses or fire related. Public Works paved Town Creek Trail and are performing routine road maintenance throughout the county. The Pickens County Recreation Department started its annual Summer Camp which will run through August 2nd. Also, the county pool is now open with hours of operation Tuesday – Saturday from 11am until 5pm and on Sunday from 12pm until 6pm.

2. Community Center – Vending Contract
Pepsi has offered to give the Recreation Department $5,000 to secure the contract for one year plus 30 percent on vending machine sales. Pepsi will increase vending sales from $1.50 to $1.75 for all 20 ounce beverages. Coke is proposing to provide two scoreboards with maintenance or $6,000 for the one year contract and 35 percent of vending machine sales. Coke will keep vending sales at $1.50. Pepsi will require a truck fundraiser; Coke’s truck fundraiser is optional. The Board will vote on the contract at the regular meeting on June 20, 2019.
3. **GebCorp Benefits Update**
A committee was formed to review the increased cost of the unreduced early retirement option and to consider the projected cost of Retiree Medical Insurance and the impact on departmental budgets. The committee is waiting on some in-depth information from Phil Landrum and GebCorp at this time. After all the information has been reviewed, the committee will make their recommendations to the Board.

4. **Economic Development Update**
A Joint Resolution that includes the outline for hiring an Economic Development Director has been implemented by the County and City. Commissioner Denney reported the process was going well. The focus is on hiring a new Economic Development Director within 120 days as well as strategic planning. The group had a teleconference with The Chason Group which will assist in the selection process. There are six people on the Committee; three for the County (Commissioner Denney, Don Boggus and Todd Payne) and three for the City (Dr. Sonny Proctor, Brandon Douglas and Kirk Raffield). Commissioner Denney and Dr. Proctor will serve as co-chairs.

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

These Minutes were approved at the June 20, 2019 meeting.

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