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

II. Prayer
Prayer was led by Chairman Jones.

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

IV. Amendments to Agenda
The following items were added to the Agenda:
A. Add Item “E” to Action Items – Authorize Chairman to Sign Tax Deeds

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

VI. Employee Recognition
The following employees were recognized at the meeting:
Fire Department (10 Years) – Tracy Reppert
Sheriff’s Department (10 Years) – Gina Padgett
Public Works/Department Head (30 Years) – Kim Quinton

VII. Consent Agenda
The following Proclamation was signed:
A. Sexual Assault Awareness Month Proclamation

VIII. Old Business
A. Jones Mountain Road Update
Progress is continually being made on Jones Mountain Road. The road is expected to be reopened in July.

B. Joint Resolution (City and County) Economic Development
A “Joint Resolution” for the City and County was proposed. The Resolution would include the outline for hiring an Economic Development Director. The focus would be on hiring a new Economic Development Director within 120 days as well as strategic planning. A motion was made by Commissioner Barnes to approve the Joint Resolution. Commissioner Denney seconded the motion; all vote aye.

C. Retirement Committee Update
The Retirement Committee continues to make progress. However, there are lots of details and cost that has to be considered. They will make their recommendations as soon as possible.
IX. New Business
   A. Universal Concepts
   Universal Concepts is the Company that handles the lighting of the Courthouse lawn. Jack Dunn presented an estimate for the additional lighting of two live trees and three deer to add to the decoration on the Courthouse lawn. It would be commercial grade lighting and professionally installed. The estimate is $6,975.00. Commissioner Denney made a motion to approve the additional lighting. Commissioner Barnes seconded; all voted aye.

   B. Tate Fire Station Bid Approval
   Bids were received for the new Tate Fire Station. After reviewing all the bids, Stewart Construction was the lowest bidder. A motion was made by Commissioner Barnes to accept the low bid from Stewart Construction. Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted aye.

   C. Public Works – Approval to Sign Demolition and Grading Bid
   Bids will be received on May 23, 2019 to move dirt and to demolish the current Public Works building. Work will need to begin as soon as possible. A request was made by John Nicholson to review the bids and authorize the Chairman to sign and accept the lowest bid for the work. Commissioner Barnes made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign and accept the lowest bid. Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted aye.

   D. Lease – Old Lawson Chevrolet Building
   A garage is needed during the construction phase of the new Public Works facility to do work on the vehicles and equipment. A lease for using a portion of the old Lawson Chevrolet building has been secured if approved by the Commissioners. Commissioner Barnes made a motion to approve leasing a portion of the building. Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted aye.

X. Finance Report
   The April 2019 Financial Report reflects four months of our 2019 fiscal year. Expenditure budgets should not exceed 33.3%. General Fund revenue collections for the period ending April 30, 2019 total $5,017,736 which is 17.84% of the amount budgeted. General Fund expenditures through April 30, 2019 are $8,052,806 or 28.63% of budgeted amounts. Expenditures are currently 4.67% under the budgeted amount. Line item budget reports were distributed to department heads and elected officials on May 15, 2019.

XI. Action Items
   A. Approve Minutes
      Commissioner Barnes made a motion to approve the following minutes:
      1) Board Meeting – April 18, 2019
      2) Public Road Meeting (Old Grandview Road) - April 18, 2019
      3) Work Session Minutes – May 2, 2019
      4) Called Meeting (Old Grandview Road) – May 2, 2019
      Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted aye.

   B. Rezone Request
      Commissioner Barnes made a motion to approve the following rezone requests:
      1) RZ-02-19-1261 - Brian Smith - Big Ridge Road, Talking Rock AG (Agricultural) to RR (Rural Residential) & Small Agricultural (SA) 27.20 Acres - Map/Parcel: 034-084-004
      2) SUSE-02-19-1262 - The Venue at Sharp Mountain David & Sheryl Collie - Rocky Ridge Road, Jasper Conditional Use Request - Special Events Venue - Agricultural (AG) 10 Acres - Map/Parcel: 039-081-002
Commissioner Denney seconded; all vote aye.

C. Resolution to Appoint Todd Morrissey to the Pickens County Board of Tax Assessors to Complete the Term of Nelson Mattern – Position A
   Commissioner Denney made a motion to appoint Todd Morrissey to the Tax Assessors Board. Commissioner Barnes seconded; all voted aye.

D. Resolution to Reappoint Valerie Peel to the Pickens County Library Board of Trustees
   Commissioner Denney made a motion to reappoint Valerie Peel to the Library Board. Commissioner Barnes seconded; all voted aye.

E. Authorize Chairman to Sign Tax Deeds
   Phil Landrum requested that the Board authorize the Chairman to sign tax deeds that the County has bought back at tax sales. Commissioner Barnes made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign tax deeds. 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 6:05 p.m.

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

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