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

1. Department Updates

Faye Harvey reported that 2020 budgets will be ready for presentation to the Board at the November meeting.

During the month of October, the 911 Operations Center received 1,841 total calls, 859 were medical responses or fire related. The Pickens Animal Shelter brought in 61 animals, and 72 went out through various forms of adoption. Animal Control responded to 16 cases.

Rodney Buckingham reported that The Department of Planning and Development issued 46 new building permits for the month of October. The Water Department installed seven new meters. Subcontractor crews completed resurfacing phase two of the 2019 paving projects. The following roads were resurfaced: Pleasant Hill Road, Hill Circle, Willow Lane, Pinhook Road, Ludville Road, Family Acres, Meadow Lane, Hillcrest Drive, Jay Moss Lane, Roper Road, Gibson Trail, Black Knob Church, and Upper Bethany Road. In addition to routine maintenance, Public Works is preparing the salt brine operation for the winter months.

Brian Jones reported that Basketball registration has concluded at Pickens County Recreation Department. A total of 384 kids signed up, making a total of 43 teams from instructional to 12-year-old leagues. Games will start on December 2nd and run through the end of January.

Matt Bidwell, with MSI Benefits Group, gave a detailed report regarding employee benefits. After much discussion, it appeared that CIGNA is the most cost effective program being offered for 2020. The Board will vote on the issue at a called meeting on November 8, 2019.

2. General Discussion

There were no additional comments.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.
These Minutes were approved at the November 21, 2019 meeting.

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