1. Department Updates

Johnny Nicholson, EMA Director, reported that Governor Kemp requested a volunteer crew with an emergency vehicle from each county in the State to assist during Hurricane Dorian. Pickens County dispatched a volunteer crew; however the crew was not needed. Johnny thanked Jeremy Jones and Allen Wigington for their assistance.

During the month of August, the 911 Operations Center received 1,746 total calls, 766 were medical responses or fire related. The Water Department installed 17 new meters. The Department of Planning and Development issued 48 new building permits. The Pickens Animal Shelter brought in 89 new animals, and 92 went out through various forms of adoption. Animal control responded to 13 cases.

Subcontractor crews resurfaced Appalachian Court, Appalachian Circle, Johnson Road, Bethany Road, Upper Dowda Mill Road and Cagle Road. They will next resurface Parker Road, Keeble Creek, Quail Walk, and a portion of Bent Tree Drive to complete phase one of the paving projects. Bids are currently being accepted for phase two of paving projects. Phase two includes: 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.

PCRD basketball registration is now open until October 13th. Instructional league (4-6 years old) costs $35, all other leagues (7-8 years old and above) costs $75. Late registration will be available October 14-16 for a $10 late fee.

Finance Director, Faye Harvey, discussed the advertisement of the Tax Digest and Five Year History. She also stated that 2020 budget information will be due from department heads on September 16th.

Phil Landrum discussed the possibility of the Reinhardt Cauble School of Nursing being relocated to Pickens County on D. B. Carroll Street. If approved, he requested the County budget funds to pay for the Utilities on the building. He stated that Reinhardt was willing to award five scholarships to Pickens County students that are eligible for the
nursing program. He also said that the students will benefit the local economy. There were questions from the Commissioners and the issue will be voted on a Called Meeting of the Board.

2. General Discussion
There were no additional comments.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

These Minutes were approved at the September 19, 2019 meeting.

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