PICKENS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
THURSDAY – JULY 16, 2020
5:30 P.M. – CONFERENCE ROOM – STE. 168

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 led by Chairman Jones.

IV. Amendments to Agenda
   A. Add “B” Under Action Items - Approve Greg Long to Water & Sewer Authority Board

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: Tina Head of the Sheriff Department received an award for 10 years of service; and Kelly Schell was recognized for 20 years of service with the 911 Center.

VII. Consent Agenda
There were no consent items.

VIII. Old Business
None at this time.

IX. New Business
   A. Alcohol Beverage License Renewals
      The Wine and Beer Board would like to discount the 2021 renewal rates by 25%. After discussing the costs associated with the discount, Commissioner Barnes made a motion to approve the discount for 2021 only; Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted aye.
   B. North Georgia Community Action, Inc. MOU
      North Georgia Community Action Agency presented a Memorandum of Understanding for operation of the Mountain Area Transit System (MATS) for Pickens County. Commissioner Barnes made a motion to approve the MOU. Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted aye.
   C. Business Associate Contract – MSI Benefits Group
      MSI has requested Pickens County to sign a Business Associate Contract which supports HIPPA and allows MSI to use our information to find savings and products. A motion was made by Commissioner Barnes to sign the contract. Commissioner Denney seconded the motion; all voted aye.

X. Finance Report
The May 2020 Financial Report reflects five months of our 2020 fiscal year. Expenditure budgets should not exceed 41.7%. General Fund revenue collections for the period ending May 31, 2020 total $8,167,931 which is 27.13% of the amount budgeted. General Fund expenditures through May 31, 2020 are $12,260,973 or 40.7% of budgeted amounts. Expenditures are currently 1% under the total budgeted amount. Line item budget reports were distributed to department heads and elected officials on June 12, 2020. Ms. Harvey, Finance Director, requested the Board to cancel all existing VISA and MasterCards for the County. She expressed this is in the best interest of the County. Commissioner Barnes made a motion; Chairman Jones seconded the motion.
XI. Action Items
   A. Approve Minutes
      Commissioner Barnes made a motion to approve the following minutes:
      * Regular Meeting – June 18, 2020
      * Called Meeting – June 23, 2020
      Commissioner Denney seconded the motion; all voted aye
   B. Approve Greg Long to Water & Sewer Authority Board
      The Water and Sewer Board has a vacancy with the passing of Phillip O’Bryant. Previously Jeff Downing was appointed to the Board, however, he is not eligible to serve due to living outside of Pickens County.

XII. Guests/Comments
   Questions were asked by three Sheriff’s office employees regarding how operations would work without the use of credit cards. Ms. Harvey answered their concerns.

XIII. Adjourn
   There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

These minutes were approved at the July 16, 2020 BOC Meeting.

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