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

II. **Prayer**
Prayer was led by Tyler Mitton.

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

IV. **Amendments to Agenda**
The following amendments were added to the Agenda:
A. Add “Item A” Under Finance (Approve Budget for 2020)
B. Add “Item N” Under Action Items (Appoint Member to Airport Authority - Wendall Turner)
C. Add “Item O” Under Action Items (Economic Development Funding – 50%)

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 for the month of December: Jody Clark, Zeb McAllister and Richie Weaver – 10 years with the Fire Department. Trena Jones – 20 years with the Recreation Department.

VII. **Consent Agenda**
The following Proclamations were signed:
A. Signed Red Ribbon Week Proclamation
B. Signed Retired Educators Proclamation
C. Signed DAR Veterans Day Proclamation

VIII. **Old Business**
None at this time.

IX. **New Business**
None at this time.

X. **Finance Report**
The November, 2019 Financial Report reflects eleven months of our 2019 fiscal year. Expenditure budgets should not exceed 91.7%. General Fund revenue collections for the period ending November 30, 2019 total $20,387,319 which is 72.2% of the amount budgeted. General Fund expenditures through November 30, 2019 are $24,998,630 or 88.53% of budgeted amounts. Expenditures are currently 3.2% under the budgeted amount. Line item budget reports were distributed to department heads and elected officials on December 13, 2019.
A. **Approve Budget for 2020**
Commissioner Barnes made a motion to approve the 2020 Budget; Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted aye.

XI. **Action Items**
A. **Approve Minutes**
Commissioner Barnes made a motion to approve the following minutes:
1) Board Meeting – November 21, 2019
2) Called Meeting (Public Budget Hearing) – December 5, 2019
3) Work Session – December 5, 2019
Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted aye.

B. **General Liability and Property Insurance Carrier**
The General Liability and Property Insurance policy for 2020 was discussed. More information was needed to make a decision. Therefore, a called meeting on Monday, December 23, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. will be held to vote on this issue after further review.
C. **Approve BOC Work Session and Meeting Schedule for 2020**

Lesa Thomason presented a BOC Meeting Schedule for 2020. The Work Sessions are held on the first Thursday of the month at 10:00 a.m. and the Regular BOC Meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month at 5:30 p.m. All meetings are held in Suite 168 at 1266 East Church Street, Jasper, Georgia. Commissioner Barnes made a motion to approve the schedule. Commissioner Denney seconded the motion; all voted aye.

D. **Appoint Vice Chairman for BOC for 2020**

Commissioner Denney made a motion to appoint Commissioner Jerry Barnes as Vice Chairman for 2020. Chairman Jones seconded the motion; all voted aye.

E. **Reappoint County Clerk (Lesa Thomason); Deputy County Clerk (Karen Wheeler) and County Attorney (Phil Landrum)**

A motion was made to reappoint Lesa Thomason as County Clerk; Karen Wheeler as Deputy Clerk and Phil Landrum as County Attorney. Commissioner Barnes made a motion to approve the reappointments. Commissioner Denney seconded the motion; all voted aye.

F. **Board Appointments:**

Commissioner Barnes made a motion to approve the following Board appointments. Commissioner Denney seconded the motion; all voted aye.

The following individuals were appointed or reappointed to a Board position:
- Reappoint Water & Sewer Board Members: Tim Jordan and Tommy Shaw
- Appoint Water & Sewer Board Member: James Green
- Appoint Beer & Wine Board Member: Steve Moranos
- Appoint Board of Assessors Member: Shane Fendley
- Reappoint Planning Commission Member: Clayton Preble
- Reappoint Mental Health Advisory Council Member: Judge Alan Morris
- Reappoint Recreation Board Members: Cay Reece, David Finney, Chad Goss, Tyler Mitton, Suzanne Plumley and Cory Eubanks
- Reappoint Pickens/Gilmer Joint Development Authority Member: Ryan Keeter
- Appoint Airport Authority Member: Wendall Turner

G. **Economic Development Funding (50% of Total Funding)**

Phil Landrum announced that Green Suttles has been hired as the new Economic Development Director. The City and County split the total cost for the position 50/50. He requested the County give him the authority to draft an IGA which will formalize the Agreement. Commissioner Barnes made a motion to draft the IGA; Commissioner Denney seconded the motion; all voted aye.

H. **Rezone Request**

None at this time.

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 January 16, 2020 meeting.

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