



SCHLEY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Minutes

Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at 6:30 pm

1. CALL TO ORDER

Minutes:

Chairman McClellan called the meeting to order.

2. INVOCATION

Minutes:

Commissioner Jones gave the invocation.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Minutes:

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the Agenda as presented, seconded by Commissioner Pilcher and all were in approval.

4. APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 12TH MINUTES

Minutes:

Vice-Chairman Belcher made a motion to approve the October 12th Minutes, seconded by Commissioner Pilcher and all were in favor.

5. APPROVAL/DISCUSSION 2022 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Minutes:

Doug Jamieson presented the 2022 Holiday Schedule. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the schedule as presented, seconded by Commissioner Pilcher and the motion was approved.

6. RESIGNATION AND APPOINTMENT TO MIDDLE FLINT BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE BOARD

Minutes:

Doug Jamieson stated we had received a resignation letter from Margaret Melton from the MF Behavioral Board. We have also received a letter from the Board asking for a replacement to be named. Doug talked to Sue Hite and she is interested. Sue will call them to get more information. We will table until next month.

7. UPDATE/DISCUSSION OF GYMNASIUM PROJECT

Minutes:

Doug stated that he has been getting pricing on buildings for the gym We need to decide if we want to go with an 80' x 120' or 80' x 150'. The building price alone is going to be between \$250k to \$500k. In addition, the concrete pad will run \$8 a square foot, erection costs will be \$8.50 per square foot. Doug has no concrete estimate on HVAC, electrical, plumbing or site work. Doug stated that the lead time is roughly seven months right now. So when we get to the point we feel like we have the money we will lock in the price. Commissioner Jones asked Doug to contact Tyson about pricing as well. Once we are ready to order, we will then do site work.

Commissioner Jones said he felt we should lock in a price as soon as possible because of the costs keep rising. Doug asked how they wanted the building facing now. It was determined East/West. Doug will continue to get quotes and we will move forward as soon as we can.

8. APPROVAL/DISCUSSION ZONING BOARD VACANCIES

Minutes:

Doug stated that we have had two resignations on the Zoning Board; both Eddie Watson and Ken Wilson. Doug has talked to Jimmy Harrison and he is willing to join. Commissioner Jones made a motion to appoint Jimmy Harrison to the Zoning board, seconded by Commissioner Pilcher and all were in favor. Doug mentioned that Roger Bivins name had been given to him as the other replacement, but he had not heard from him. Jack Clark stated he had talked to Roger on Sunday and Roger said he would serve. Vice-Chairman Belcher made a motion to appoint Roger Bivins to the Zoning board, seconded by Commissioner Jones and all were in favor.

9. APPROVAL/DISCUSSION SCHLEY COUNTY UTILITIES AUTHORITY BOARD OPENING

Minutes:

Doug stated that Ken Wilson had also resigned from the Utilities board. He stated that Jamie Crozier had said she would be willing to serve on another board as well as Tiffany Lloyd. Vice-Chairman Belcher said Jack Clark would be willing to serve as well. Vice-Chairman Belcher made a motion to appoint Jack Clark to the Utilities board, seconded by Commissioner Jones and all were in favor.

10. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

a. FIRE / EMS

Minutes:

Duane stated that the call volume was up last month. He said the normal volume is around 70 calls a month, they are getting 25-30 more. The fire calls are normal. They completed the pump service testing and everything went well with that. They did the hose testing and do have to replace a hose. They are continuing to do hydrant flushing and inspections. Duane is working on EMS Protocols. They will be doing their pre-fire training soon.

Duane said he has been looking at the home assist, non transport and mutual aide calls. Duane proposed to have a mutual aid agreement with Marion and Macon County so when Schley does assist them, they will at least get paid for wear and tear and fuel. It would be a mutual thing where they would get paid too if they assist. In addition, they are getting continuous calls to go assist someone who fell or have a fever, etc. but refuse transport. Duane proposes to come up with a scale and charge those repeat offenders too. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve a service fee to be charged, seconded by Commissioner Pilcher and all were in favor. This billing process will be handled internally.

b. PUBLIC WORKS/SCHLEY COUNTY UTILITIES AUTHORITY

Minutes:

Art stated that water usage was up this past month. The water department locked one meter, repaired two leaks, installed four new services, replaced one meter box, replaced two faulty meters, completed 25 locates for 811 and created three new 911 addresses. Road: They should finish up mowing in another week or so. Repairs have started to Englishville and Candy Cane Lane. A grader ran on several roads throughout the county. They hauled sand and gravel and repaired culverts, holes, installed driveways, and removed trees. All vehicles were serviced and checked for antifreeze. A representative from EPD came on November 3rd to inspect the landfill, they requested that they clean in and around the sediment pond and install a sediment marker. They have mowed and weed-eated at the property and no other deficiencies were notated.

c. RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Minutes:

Jack reported that Brooke Belcher had sent the financials. Jack stated that he distributed a quote to all the Commissioners. He never heard back from Americus Fence but did get a quote from Georgia Fence. It is for \$22,800. He stated that the City is giving \$7500. Doug asked what he is looking for from the County. Jack stated that he has applied for the \$5,000 grant from Sumter EMC. Right now, the Rec department is on the hook for \$15,300. Jack said he'd appreciate anything the county would pay. Vice-Chairman Belcher made a motion for the county to pay \$7,500, matching the city. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion and all were in favor.

11. COUNTY MANAGER REPORT

a. EMA DIRECTOR / ZONING / FINANCIALS

Minutes:

Doug stated that we have a lot of new homes building built in Schley County and a lot of them are big homes. He said he is running into a problem with setbacks that were established in 2015; when these lots were sold, there were no setbacks. He has a house right now that they paid \$40k for the lot but if we stick

to the current guidelines, a house cannot be built there. Commissioner Jones stated he felt those people should be grandfathered in. Everyone was in agreement that that is how it will be handled. Doug said he received a call from someone with the Health Department and they are asking for more funding. She stated that a lot of businesses who have previously contributed have cut their donations. They are asking for \$12-\$23,000 more this year. Doug will dig further into it and get more information. He said we would have to cut some place else to help with this. Doug said he talked to Tammi Wainwright about her coming off the Tax Assessor Board; she understands the reasoning. Doug had talked to Frank Butcher and told him we need a contract with the Chief Appraiser and discussed the issues we are having to include not meeting dates, etc. Nothing has been done. Jamie Crozier is replacing Tami Wainwright and Doug has talked to Garry Greene about replacing Frank. Doug stated that he and Kathy Bruer had been on a conference call with Municode and we agreed with all of their suggestions. One thing that will happen is all fees will come out of the Ordinances and we will need to have a Resolution for the fees. We will do a general overall approval for the Ordinances. They did provide a Table of Contents as well. Doug stated that he thinks we have gotten more work done this year with LMIG than every before. We still have a little money left. He suggested that the Commissioners begin thinking about what they want done next year. Doug then said that Paul Rakel, our Engineer, has given him a list of roads and estimated costs for repair. Doug mentioned that Shane had said we are about to have a lot of inmate medical expenses. The wife of the alleged murder in the county a couple weeks ago has been admitted to Phoebe Main in Albany. Muckalee Creek Bridge is on the list to be repaired. This will be funded with TIA monies. We have done some investigation on the Ebenezer Bridge work. We paid the State \$65,000 to purchase right of ways; we have been told that if it doesn't cost as much as previously charged, we will get a refund.

12. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Minutes:

There being no further business, Commissioner Jones made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Vice-Chairman Belcher and all were in favor.

Approved by:

Bill McClellan
Chairman

Attested by:

Kathy Bruer
Clerk