

SCHLEY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Tuesday, November 8, 2016

The Schley County Board of Commissioners held their regularly scheduled monthly meeting November 8, 2016. Those present were Vice-Chairman Doug Jamieson, Commissioner Sandra Kay Royal, Commissioner Angeli Smith, Commissioner Dennis Jones, County Manager, Bill Sawyer and County Clerk Kathy Bruer. Absent: Chairman Greg Barineau.

ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chairman Jamieson called the meeting to order and welcomed all guests.

ITEM 2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Royal and all were in favor.

ITEM 3. APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 11TH MINUTES

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 11th meeting. Bill Sawyer asked to amend the minutes to reflect the cost of the pickup truck costing \$30,000 rather than previously approved \$19,000. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and all were in favor.

ITEM 4. GEORGIA FORESTRY UPDATE

Brent McCarty presented his annual Forestry update.

ITEM 5: DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Duane stated their call volume has increased they have had 60 responses. Since it has been so dry it is a concern of major fires. Their goal is to protect the structure, not the land; grass will grow back. Mark stated they had completed moving on the state contract. They continue to have some equipment failure and repairing as needed. They have put granite rock on the railroad tracks. They are making a list of missing signage and will begin getting the signs made and back in place as soon as possible. Commissioner Jones asked Mark if they would go out Ebenezer close to the church and see what can be done with the dip in the road.

ITEM 6. COUNTY MANAGER REPORT

Bill stated we sent another letter to USDA and are waiting to hear back from them. Bill expects them to come back one or two more times. We have had three permits for building new homes. We have hired a part-time building inspector. Bill stated that we received a letter from Solid Waste that our rates will increase in January by about \$.18 per container. Last year we ate the increase. It will cost the county about \$2,200. Vice-Chairman Jamieson made a motion to not increase the rates, to let the county eat this increase as well, seconded by Commissioner Royal and all were in favor.

ITEM 12. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Bill Sawyer presented the financials. He stated that we are working on the following items: Soil Vapor Extraction system (\$200,000), which we will get some of the money back, the sand filter with GEFA (\$200,000) and approximately \$253,000 on an ambulance. We had ordered an ambulance but the company had bankrupted; we have another on order and it will be approximately 45 days. We will take \$100,00 out of SPLOST and the rest out of general fund. As money comes in to SPLOST, we will repay general fund; this should take about seven and one-half months. Bill stated we need a motion to finance as presented. Commissioner Jones

asked about a grant; it was explained until we are current with our USDA loan (after one year) we cannot apply for any grants. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the presented financing seconded by Commissioner Jones, and all were in favor. We are currently paying \$15,000 per month to USDA, and the Ameris loan interest of \$68,000 is due next month.

Vice-Chairman Jamieson asked that a copy of the bank financials be included in the books each month.

Bill stated that we will discuss LMIG in December, we have received some money but should get additional. Vice-Chairman Jamieson stated that he had found a good deal on an ambulance through government surplus but it went quickly. He asked the lady to keep us in mind; Doug stated that if we tell them what we are looking for they can notify us when something comes up. Doug stated that we need a dump truck. Mark stated we need a small crawler and even an excavator. Doug said he would be on the lookout. Dennis said we should prioritize our list.

ITEM 13. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Commissioner Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Royal seconded and all were in favor.

Attest:

Greg Barineau, Chairman

Kathy Bruer, County Clerk

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