

SCHLEY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Tuesday, January 10, 2017

The Schley County Board of Commissioners held their regularly scheduled monthly meeting January 10, 2017. Those present were Chairman Greg Barineau, Vice-Chairman Doug Jamieson, Commissioner Bill McClellan, Commissioner Brian Belcher, Commissioner Dennis Jones, County Manager Bill Sawyer and County Clerk Kathy Bruer.

ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Barineau called the meeting to order and welcomed all guests.

ITEM 2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Greg stated that the Agenda needed to be amended to add an 8B. Development Authority. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Vice-Chairman Jamieson and all were in favor.

ITEM 3. APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 13TH MINUTES

Vice-Chairman Jamieson made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 13th meeting. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion and all were in favor.

**ITEM 4. APPROVAL/DENIAL PURCHASES/CONTRACTS WITH ELECTED OFFICIALS
O.C.G.A. 36-1-14 (2016)**

Bill Sawyer stated that Title 36 stated that we should have approval for a standing Commissioner to do business with the County, and that their prices must be comparable with other vendors or lower. Therefore, the Board of Commissioners must vote to continue to use Southern Automotive and Bill McClellan's home improvement businesses. During the vote, each of these commissioners cannot vote for their own business. Vice-Chairman Jamieson made a motion to approve continuing to do business with Southern Automotive. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion, all were in favor. Brian Belcher did not vote. Vice-Chairman Jamieson made a motion to approve continuing to do business with Bill's Home Improvement business. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion, all were in favor. Bill McClellan did not vote.

ITEM 5: APPROVAL/DENIAL ADDING COUNTY MANAGER TO ACCOUNTS AT PEOPLES BANK OF GEORGIA

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve Bill Sawyer to sign county checks. Vice-Chairman Jamieson seconded the motion and all were in favor. Greg stated Bill should get his information to the bank as soon as possible.

ITEM 6. APPROVAL/DENIAL SELLING COUNTY PROPERTY: 314 SPIVEY STREET, 4.713 ACRES ON CANDY CANE LANE, THE OLD HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUILDING -438 BORAD STREET

Greg stated that the land on Candy Cane Lane was purchased to add another fire station at that location but that doesn't even make sense; there is no reason for us to keep that land. Since 4-H moved out of the old Health department building, we have no use for that building either. We will advertise to accept sealed bids in the newspaper. Currently this land is not on the tax digest so if we can sell, we'll begin receiving tax dollars.

ITEM 7. APPROVAL/DENIAL OF USDA PARITY RESOLUTION FOR REFINANCING PHASE II SCHLEY COUNTY WATER

Bill stated that the Resolution is not ready to sign now but needs a vote so that when it is ready we'll already have the voting process completed. Vice-Chairman Jamieson made a motion to

approve the USDA Parity Resolution for refinancing Phase II. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion, all were in favor. The interest will reduce from 4.375 to 2%. We will rollover everything and our monthly payments will be less than \$15,000.00 per month. For the Parity Resolution, the collateral and lien stay the same. We will refinance for 40 years at two-percent. This will supersede any previous bond. The bond validation will go before Judge Sizemore and the DA. Once signed by Judge Sizemore the Resolution will be validated within 7-10 days.

ITEM 8. APPROVAL OF BOARD APPOINTMENT – 2017 RECREATION AUTHORITY – JASON KANASAWA

Vice-Chairman Jamieson made a motion to appoint Jason Kanasawa to the Recreation Authority. Commissioner Belcher seconded the motion, all were in favor. (8B) Commissioner Jones made a motion to appoint Doug Jamieson to the Development Authority Board. Commissioner Belcher seconded the motion, all were in favor.

ITEM 9. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Public Works - Mark Royal stated that we went from drought to rainy weather which has caused some problems with a bridge on McMickle Road. He is getting quotes for repair work. They got the emulsion machine repaired and are ready to begin working on the railroad tracks in the county.

Schley County Utilities Authority - Art stated that they have two pending new services; he unlocked one meter and locked two. They installed a pressure regulator on Brown Road; issued three new 911 addresses, had 29 – 811 locates and had a major water main break out on Mt. Zion Road on December 30th. A 12” main ruptured; which caused minimal customer disturbance. Art said he had one new meter to put in and has already replaced 6-8; this will be an ongoing project.

Zoning - Bill stated that we have received 2 building permits, 70 inspections to date of which 36 were for houses and/or mobile homes.

ITEM 10. COUNTY MANAGER REPORT

Bill reported we have 28 full-time and 25 part-time employees. Art Barfield has been promoted to Utilities Superintendent and Clyde is now working on a “call as needed” basis.

ITEM 11. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Bill Sawyer presented the financials

Bill stated that we have a \$126,000 LMIG grant for road stripping. As soon as the weather breaks we will work on this. We have a \$180,000 to finish Concord Church Road. In October, we purchased an Ambulance. We took the first payment (\$80,000) out of Splost and will take the remainder out of General Fund and repay from Splost.

We currently have 523 water customers of which 70 are delinquent. Our past dues are at \$6,931.86.

We will take bids in May for the soil vapor extraction system, which will do methane testing. The system is \$250,000 of which the state will reimburse us about \$216,000. So, our net will be \$41,000. It will take about 6-12 months to get our money back.

The Sand Filter system will run us \$200,000 which will be a filter system on the Stevens Road well. We will pay monthly on this. It will help us by eliminating some flushing that we are currently having to do. This should be in place around October, 2017.

ITEM 12. MOTION TO ADJOURN

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

Attest:

Greg Barineau, Chairman

Kathy Bruer, County Clerk

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