

SCHLEY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Wednesday, September 12, 2017

The Schley County Board of Commissioners held their regularly scheduled monthly meeting September 12, 2017. Those present were Chairman Greg Barineau, Vice-Chairman Doug Jamieson, Commissioner Dennis Jones, Commissioner Bill McClellan, Commissioner Brian Belcher, 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. INVOCATION

Commissioner Jones gave the invocation.

ITEM 3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Vice-Chairman Jamieson a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Belcher and all were in favor.

ITEM 4. APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 8TH MINUTES

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 8th meeting. Vice-Chairman Jamieson seconded the motion and all were in favor.

ITEM 5. APPROVAL/DENIAL TAN RESOLUTION

Bill stated this is the time of year that we may have to borrow money to carry us over until tax revenues begin coming in. We have loan documents of \$300,000.00 we can borrow, as needed in \$50,000 increments. Once taxes come in we will pay the money back and regardless the money must be paid back no later than December 31st. This is not saying we will get any of the money, it's just if we feel we must have it. Bill stated that we still owe \$150,000 for SVE system. Greg stated that it costs us about \$186,000 monthly to run the county. Since we spent \$257,000 on the ambulance and \$250,000 on the SVE, we have less spendable income than in years past. Bill recommended approval of the Note. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the TAN note. Commissioner Belcher seconded the motion; all were in favor with Chairman Barineau abstaining from the vote.

ITEM 6: UPDATE ON SVE SYSTEM & CONTRACT

Bill stated that due to the weather the contractors have stopped work. They are expected to complete the job within the next few weeks and then we will receive a Notice of Release; we still owe them \$146,000. Once we receive the release we will immediately request a refund from the EPD.

ITEM 7. APPOINTMENT TO DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH & DEVELOPMENT DISABILITIES BOARD

Angeli Smith previously served on this Board and wanted to come off; Bill stated he had been attending the meetings but they are the same time as our Board of Commissioner meetings so he can no longer attend. He has no recommendation of anyone to serve. Bill stated that the meeting is in Thomaston and whoever is appointed must realize that; they will get mileage reimbursement. Chairman Barineau suggested the topic be tabled until next month.

ITEM 8. APPOINTMENT OF SHARON WATSON AS CONSUMER ADVOCATE FOR CONSUMERS OF HEALTH SERVICES

Bill stated that this would be a replacement for Sandra Kay Royal and Sharon Watson has agreed to serve. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the appointment of Sharon Watson. Vice Chairman Jamieson seconded the motion; all were in favor.

ITEM 9. APPROVAL OF BUILDING PERMIT FEES

There was discussion about the current building permit fees for the county. We do not use the International Residential Code. We charge thirty-five cents per square foot. And \$125 fee for any inspection to include electrical, plumbing, air conditioning, etc. Commissioner McClellan thinks we should not charge a fee to replace a roof. Chairman Barineau stated that if someone goes from a shingle roof to a tin/metal roof, it can change the value of the house. We want to be able to recoup those increased tax dollars. Bill stated that Sumter County charges for pole barns; we do not. We also charge \$500 to move a mobile home within the county. After discussion, it was decided that if an inspector must come out there will be a fee; if not – if it's a replacement, we will not charge. Vice-Chairman Jamieson made a motion if there is new construction, the fees will remain as they are today. If anything needs an inspection, there will be a fee. We will not charge a fee for a pole barn unless there will be electricity, which will require an inspection. A new roof will not have a fee. A skid building will be classified as a pole barn and there will be no fee. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Belcher; the motion carried with a unanimous vote.

ITEM 10. APPROVAL/DENIAL OF 2017/2018 FISCAL YEAR MILL RATE

Bill stated that the millage rate will stay the same as last year and read the millage rate proposal. Vice-Chairman Jamieson made a motion to approve the proposed millage rate. Commissioner Belcher seconded the motion; all were in favor.

ITEM 11. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Fire/EMS -Duane Montgomery stated they had been busy with the storm. He requested that if anyone knows of any elderly people that could/would be affected with power outages and/or medical needs, to please let him know so that can get generators to them. It's helpful if they know before-hand.

Public Works - Mark Royal stated they are starting their last round of mowing for the year. They have installed five driveways. They are working on the old Hwy 19 drainage problems and are opening the dirt roads that were closed during the storm.

Water – Art Barfield stated he has installed three new meters; two new taps with two pending, replaced one, locked 1 meter and unlocked 3. Has completed 41 locates; and created 1 new 911 address.

Zoning – Bill stated there were 17 inspections, 6 new permits and Rusty Taylor is requesting that water lines be installed on Deer Road.

ITEM 12. COUNTY MANAGER REPORT

Bill stated there was damage at the Library, Health Department and DFACS for a total of \$1,000. There was also discussion about LMIG money and Commissioner Jones asked that Ebenezer be put on the list. Bill stated it will take approximately \$600,000 to repair Ebenezer; he also stated that from the Marion County line to the guardrail would be about \$260,000 and would be three-fourths of the road. Commissioner Jones made a motion to add Ebenezer to the list of projects to be considered. Commissioner McClellan seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Vice-Chairman Jamieson asked that when we had available funds he thinks we should get a couple generators that would be mounted on trailers and could be moved to various locations. He stated that we are projected to have a rough winter and these would go a long way in helping the community get through it. He said they would be about \$1,500 each. Chairman Barineau asked Jamieson to get a quote and they would review.

ITEM 10. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Bill Sawyer presented the financials.

ITEM 11. MOTION TO ADJOURN

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

Attest:

Greg Barineau, Chairman

Kathy Bruer, County Clerk

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