

SCHLEY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Tuesday, March 13, 2018

The Schley County Board of Commissioners held their regularly scheduled monthly meeting March 13, 2018. 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. INVOCATION

Commissioner Jones gave the invocation.

ITEM 3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

ITEM 4. APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 13TH MINUTES

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

ITEM 5. APPOINTMENT OF BHDB BOARD MEMBER

Bill stated that Kristy Smith, from the Health Department, has the application and thinks she is going to accept the appointment.

ITEM 6: DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Fire/EMS – Duane stated the had 56 calls last month; he feels the flu season is nearing the end. He stated they have been spraying the ambulances trying to prevent any sickness for the EMT's. He continues to work with Genesis on reporting; everything should be completed by March 31st. They are working on software that will tie in to the hospitals so if someone is having a cardiac arrest, the cardiologist would have the information from the ambulance and be set up and ready to go when the patient gets to the hospital. The fire class is now down to 6 candidates. On April 2nd he and some others are attending a Damage Assessment Class and Duane suggested to Doug that who are interested in CERT (Citizens Emergency Response Team) should attend as well. Dennis stated he's interested in attending, as well. Duane stated it would be good to do a "Train the Trainer" class so ongoing training can be done.

Public Works - Mark Royal stated they are installing road signs throughout the county. They hauled several loads of dirt to the Rec field for the new playground installation, started excavating along Mt. Zion Road, and using the Grapple to clean debris on right of ways. Mark stated they are going to plane the asphalt on LaCrosse Road. Bill McClellan asked about Green Road down close to Hwy 19; he said when it rains there is a bad drainage problem. Mark said they have done some work there, but they have more to do.

Water – Art Barfield stated the water usage is down some this past month as the City has one of their wells back running. He continues to flush water mains as needed, repaired a leak at the old commissioners building. He installed seven new taps, with one pending, locked 3 meters and unlocked 2. To cut down on non-payments Art locked 17 meters and unlocked 15 after the payment was received. Has completed 40 locates and six new 911 addresses

Zoning – Bill stated we had four applications; all stick-built homes. Bill stated the Brandie Wilson case on 153 is now a state environmental health case. Zoning will meet again on the 26th to discuss solar panels and come up with an Ordinance for the Commissioners to approve.

ITEM 7: COUNTY MANAGER REPORT

Bill stated a list of SPLOST projects is in the packet for review; it contains both the county and city projects, if approved, it will go on the ballot in November. Dennis asked why a boom mower was not listed as part of the equipment in item six. It was explained that other equipment would include that; he insisted that a boom mower be listed; it will be added. Commissioner Jones made a motion to accept the list of SPLOST projects with change for the November ballot. Commissioner Belcher seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Bill stated the Budget Calendar was also included in the packet, for review. Vice-Chairman Jamieson made a motion to approve the budget calendar. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Bill stated we are experiencing problems with arrears on both garbage and water. The garbage arrears are \$67,810 and water is \$7,000; many years ago, the Commissioners obligated us to have Waste management for trash removal. Every month we are having to transfer money from the general fund to sanitation to cover these costs. In Sumter County, they add the trash bill to the tax bills each year; Lee County did the same, but it was a disaster. We had advised our previous Magistrate Judge to put liens on people's property who had not paid their bills, but we didn't do a good job of collecting the fees. Bill is asking for direction on how to handle these arrears at this point. Vice Chairman Jamieson made a motion to work with the new Magistrate Judge to put liens on property to begin collecting arrears. Seconded by Commissioner McClellan. Bill will get with Judge Mitzi Way to begin the process.

ITEM 8: FINANCIAL REPORTS

Bill Sawyer presented the financials; he stated that with the LMIG money we should be able to start repairing/resurfacing Concord Church Road. We should have a bid package ready to go within 30 days.

Chairman Barineau introduced Mr. Hershel Smith, a retired pilot who is running for State Representative post 138. Mr. Smith talked about his interest in running for the position being vacated by Bill McGowan.

ITEM 9. MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION O.C.G.A.48-5-295

Vice-Chairman Jamieson made a motion to go in to Executive Session. Commissioner Belcher seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

ITEM 10. MOTION TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

Vice-Chairman Jamieson made a motion to return to Regular Session. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion, and all were in favor. Vice Chairman Jamieson made a motion to have TAS come in and make a presentation. Commissioner Jones amended the motion by adding that we have at least two other companies made bids as well. Commissioner McClellan seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Chairman Barineau stated that Vanessa Wall has agreed to serve on the Board of Equalization. Vice Chairman Jamieson made a motion to appoint Vanessa to the BOE, seconded by Commissioner Jones. All were in favor.

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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