

**SCHLEY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**Tuesday, June 12, 2018**

The Schley County Board of Commissioners held their regularly scheduled monthly meeting June 12, 2018. Those present were: Vice-Chairman Doug Jamieson, Commissioner Bill McClellan, Commissioner Brian Belcher, Commissioner Dennis Jones, County Manager Bill Sawyer, and County Clerk, Kathy Bruer. Excused absence: Chairman Greg Barineau.

**ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**ITEM 2. INVOCATION**

Commissioner Jones gave the invocation.

**ITEM 3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

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

**ITEM 4. APPROVAL OF THE MAY 8<sup>TH</sup> AND MAY 23<sup>RD</sup> MINUTES**

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the minutes from the May meetings. Commissioner McClellan seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

**ITEM 5. FISCAL YEAR 2018/2019 BUDGET REVIEW**

Bill stated since this meeting was advertised it will be our morning public hearing and we will need to schedule another for the afternoon. That meeting has been scheduled for June 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. Bill discussed the Revenues, Expenses and the Special Fund Revenues. The budget increased \$186,000 over last year. We should get the paperwork this week to sign for the \$213,000 refund from DNR. Bill stated we have received documents from our Chief Appraiser and we will get some increase on property taxes. The Expenses must equal the Revenues. The Bond payment and Ameris Bank Loan are part of the expenses, but we are up to date on all payments. Until we get about 900 customers on the Water System the General Fund will have to continue to subsidize. Bill stated we have not borrowed any money yet and if we get the \$213,000 soon we may not have to.

**ITEM 6: DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Fire/EMS – Duane said they had 68 calls last month; it's beginning to pick up. He said they have received their second round of Trauma Grants and he wants to earmark that for portable digital radios and move away from analogue. He said we've had a few fires and had to have the helicopter twice. He is going to get with AirEvac to determine loading zones in Schley County rather than having to transport patients all over the county. He stated the firefighter training class is almost over and we'll have three new firefighters. They completed all the physicals at the high school and will help cook at Pecan Village this Friday. They will do wellness checks while there.

Doug asked about Code Red – a system that can notify citizens in case of emergencies, outages, etc. Doug will get with the company and set up a meeting for the Commissioners to review their presentation.

Public Works - Mark Royal stated they are continuing to mow the ROWs but are behind due to weather.; all state roads are completed for the first round. Boom mowing on Stevens Road has been completed. They have made repairs to several roads. Because of the storms there has been several trees down that has to be moved out of the roads. They have three summer workers this summer.

Water – Art Barfield stated the water usage was up this past month. The gas pipeline project continues, and he hasn't had any problems; they are identifying all water lines before they dig, and it is helping Art a lot. He flushed several lines, repaired one meter, and installed one new service. Art has one tap pending, unlocked two meters for new tenants, locked six meters for non-pay, unlocked two of those. He and Gloria are continuing to work on past dues and have arrears down to under \$8,000. Completed 26 locates and created one new 911 address. Art attended the GA Rural Water Association summer conference in Jekyll Island and he and Mark went to visit a site to see a green sand filter system and visited the manufacturing facility where they are made. He feels good about what we are getting.

Zoning – Bill stated that there was a called meeting to discuss the re-opening of the go-cart track in Ellaville. There was a noise ordinance passed last year and the Zoning Board has added additional requirements to cover issues that could arise with the track. They must have mufflers on the go-carts, if alcohol is served, they must have an alcohol license, and if they add additional buildings, they must obtain a building permit. The operating hours can be 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Sunday. If we receive three complaints, they must come before the Zoning Board for corrective action. Bill stated we have had one mobile home move in and 11 inspections.

Doug stated that they had received a letter from Shane resigning as EMA Director, effective July 1st. He stated that it is really a conflict of interest because Shane, as Sheriff, has other responsibilities he needs to be doing during and emergency. Doug stated that since it is an appointed position, unless someone objects, he would be interested in that position. Bill Sawyer made a motion to appoint Doug as the EMA Director effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, Commissioner Jones seconded the motion, and all were in favor. Vice-Chairman Jamieson did not vote.

**ITEM 7: COUNTY MANAGER REPORT**

Bill stated he has been immersed in the Budget preparation. He stated that all Commissioners had received a letter about an incident at the North end of the County. It is an Ante-Litem, which means they may sue us. The documents have been turned over to our insurance company and an attorney will be assigned. Bill stated he has met with GSP twice and they have very good audio of the incident. He stated there was “hearsay” that the Deputy didn't have on his sirens, but Bill said you can hear them clearly on the audio. According to the 911 tapes, the deputy followed procedure.

**ITEM 11: FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Bill Sawyer presented the financials and stated he is working to get the new SPLOST added to the ballot for the November election.

**ITEM 12. MOTION TO ADJOURN**

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

Attest:

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Greg Barineau, Chairman

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Kathy Bruer, County Clerk

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