

**SCHLEY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**Tuesday, June 26, 2018**

The Schley County Board of Commissioners held the third and final public hearing on June 26, 2018, to approve the proposed 2018-2019 budget. Those present were: Vice-Chairman Doug Jamieson, Commissioner Bill McClellan, Commissioner Dennis Jones, County Manager Bill Sawyer, and County Clerk, Kathy Bruer. Excused absence: Chairman Greg Barineau and Commissioner Brian Belcher.

**ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER**

Vice-Chairman Jamieson called the meeting to order.

**ITEM 2. INVOCATION**

Commissioner Jones gave the invocation.

**ITEM 3. THIRD AND FINAL READING OF PROPOSED 2018-2019 BUDGET**

Bill stated the proposed budget follows the Generally Accepted Accounting Principles with a balanced budget of Revenues equaling Expenses of \$3,131,394.00. We are expecting a refund from the DNR for the soil vapor extraction system of approximately \$213,000. Bill stated that the State has passed a law effective January 1, any out of state purchases that are made by Georgia residents via the internet, i.e., e-bay etsy, etc., will now be required to pay GA tax and will be distributed as current purchases made within GA. We have no way to estimate what increase that will be. Bill stated this is not the time to raise taxes. The school doesn't plan on increasing either, although they are about capped out. Bill said we've had a lot of unexpected expenses this year to include: a \$200,000 bond payment, \$250,000 ambulance purchase, \$257,000 SVE, \$35,000 road emergency on McMickle, \$30,000 on Lowery, Hurricane Irma expenses, health care increase, chemical increase. Bill asked that the Board accept his recommend approving the proposed budget as presented. Bill stated that that we have been recently rated by Dunn & Bradstreet as good; previously we were rated poor. We were not able to apply for loans or grants and we can now. If we wanted to do a big project, we can now get bonds. Commissioner McClellan made a motion to accept the 2018-2019 budget, as presented, seconded by Commissioner Jones and all were in favor.

The meeting was adjourned.

Attest:

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Douglas Jamieson, Vice-Chairman

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Kathy Bruer, County Clerk

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