

SCHLEY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Tuesday, January 8, 2019

The Schley County Board of Commissioners held their regularly scheduled monthly meeting January 8, 2019. Those present were: Chairman Greg Barineau, Commissioner, Commissioner Bill McClellan, Commissioner Brian Belcher, Commissioner Dennis Jones, Commissioner Mike Hammack, County Manager Bill Sawyer, Jessica Ellis, 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

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

ITEM 4. APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 11TH MINUTES

Commissioner Belcher made a motion to approve the minutes from the December meeting, seconded by Commissioner Jones, and all were in favor.

ITEM 5. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

Ballots were given to all Commissioners to select a new Vice-Chairman since Jamieson rolled off the Board. Brian Belcher was selected as the new Vice-Chairman.

ITEM 6: APPROVAL/DENIAL RESOLUTION FOR CABLE FRANCHISE SERVICES

Bill explained that Windstream has joined with a company called Televue and we now can receive franchise taxes from cable and video service franchises. Bill stated that each county must submit a Resolution and if passed, we would receive a five percent fee. Commissioner McClellan made a motion to approve the Resolution, seconded by Commissioner Belcher; and all were in favor.

ITEM 8: APPROVAL/DENIAL TO APPOINT BLAKE HILL & RANDY HARPER TO THE SCHLEY COUNTY RECREATION AUTHORITY BOARD

Commissioner Jones asked about Blake Hill, stating that he had not heard of him. Commissioner Hammack stated the same. Chairman Barineau stated that he lives out of County but from everything he's heard, he's a great guy. Commissioner Belcher stated that Roger Bivins name should have been added to the list also. There was discussion about the number of members on the Board. Chairman Barineau stated that the Authority needs to understand that the City and County are the ones who makes the decision of number of Board members, and the County must have one more than the City. Commissioner Belcher stated that the County needs to add at least two members. Right now, Brian and Jack Clark hold two County slots and Ronnie King holds one City slot. Greg urged Brian for the Board members to go back and read the By-laws of the Authority. Commissioner Belcher made a motion to delete Blake Hill and add Randy Harper and Roger Bivins to the County slots, seconded by Commissioner Jones and all were in favor. Greg stated that Jack needs to decide if he wants to serve as Director or on the Board. Since it's a paying position, he cannot do both.

ITEM 8: ZONING BOARD UPDATES

Bill stated we had one stick-built home, one double-wide and two timber permits.

ITEM 9: DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Fire/EMS – Duane Montgomery did not attend.

Public Works - Mark Royal stated they are behind because of the rain that we've had. One the ground dries they will replace the culvert on Woodward Road, repairs on Teele Road, and grading roads throughout the County. They have received materials to start installing rumble strips on Goolsby, Dozier and Shiloh Roads. Commissioner Jones asked if Mark would go by and look at the house on Ebenezer that they had discussed. Mark stated as soon as he can they will get the bush cutter out there. Brian asked Mark to look at the curve over by Barwick road; Mark stated they are going there next.

Water - Art Barfield stated the water usage was up this past month; the City used over five million gallons. Art has had to flush a due to iron. Art installed three new taps and service meters with three taps pending. Locked a meter on County Line Church Road due to Hurricane damage; and repaired a service line leak. He created three new addresses for 911, replaced two faulty meters, completed 26 locates for 811. Art, Jessica and Gloria are working on past dues. They have six meters locked due to non-pay and are calling every account that is past due.

ITEM 10: COUNTY MANAGER REPORT

Bill stated we are going through our annual audit and it should be finished within the next 30 days. We have no suits or judgements against us. T-SPLOST, SPLOST, and LOST account payments were up some during the holidays. Bill stated our engineers came yesterday and they plan to start on the Sand Filter System on the 14th of the month. Dennis asked about the bridge on Ebenezer and Bill said that there was some right of way work that had to be completed first. Dennis asked Bill about the previous conversation where we were going to into a representative from GDOT to one of our meetings to discuss the overhanding limbs. Bill said there have changed staff and we should be hearing something about us getting on the schedule. Bill stated that each Commissioner should have a letter in their box from District Attorney Lewis Lamb, about their audit process.

ITEM 11: FINANCIAL REPORTS

Bill Sawyer presented the financials.

Greg stated that Eugene Tookes was here and had some issues with Mt. Zion Road and he advised Mr. Tookes to get with Mark Royal; that Mark could go out and look at that road and see what options are available. Mr. Tookes also mentioned Gill Street, but it was determined that is in the City.

ITEM 10. MOTION TO ADJOURN

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



Greg Barineau, Chairman

Attest:



Kathy Bruer, County Clerk