

SCHLEY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Tuesday, February 19, 2019

The Schley County Board of Commissioners held their regularly scheduled monthly meeting February 19, 2019. Those present were: Chairman Greg Barineau, Vice-Chairman Brian Belcher, Commissioner Bill McClellan, 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 McClellan seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

ITEM 4. APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 8TH MINUTES

Commissioner Belcher asked that the date on the Minutes get corrected to reflect 2019 instead of 2018. Commissioner Belcher made a motion to approve the minutes, with correction, from the January meeting, seconded by Commissioner Jones, and all were in favor.

ITEM 5. APPROVAL/DENIAL REAPPOINTMENT OF FRANK BUTCHER TO TAX ASSESSOR BOARD

Chairman Barineau asked about the status of the mapping; Kathy Bruer stated that a lot has been corrected and is being worked on an ongoing basis. Bill Sawyer, County Manager, suggested that the Tax Assessor Board meet with the Board of Commissioners within the next thirty days. Bill Sawyer will set up the meeting. The reappointment of Frank Butcher was tabled until after the meeting.

ITEM 6: ZONING BOARD UPDATES

Bill Sawyer stated he has received permits for three stick-built houses, four mobile homes, two additions, and a church. The Zoning Board set a new meeting date as the third Monday of the month.

ITEM 7: DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Fire/EMS – Duane Montgomery stated that January was a slow month mainly due to there being less flu going around this year. The 2019 EMS license packet has been mailed and received. We have been awarded a Trauma Grant that will allow us to get medical bags. The firefighters have decided to award two \$500 scholarships to two seniors, out of the fundraising money that they have raised. They had one structure fire but with no injuries.

Public Works - Mark Royal stated they have not been able to work on the culverts due to weather. They have begun construction on the green filter system. The boom mower has cleared Barwick, Ebenezer, and Dozier roads. Gravel sales are up as well as their fuel consumption. They have been working on repairs on several roads to fill holes. In addition, Public Works, sanded the bridges during the forecasted bad weather. They have issued a proposal for Gill Road. Commissioner Jones asked about the speed bumps; Mark stated they are working on it now.

Water – Art Barfield stated the water usage was up this past month; the City used over seven million gallons. Art flushed mains on Concord Church Road and Bailey Lane. Art installed new water services on Deer Rd, WJ Story and SR26W. The 2018 Consumer Confidence report was finished and distributed. He created one new

address for 911, completed 34 locates for 811. Construction has begun on the Green Filter System; the conduit has been installed and the foundation is begin prepared for the concrete slabs.

ITEM 8: COUNTY MANAGER REPORT

Bill stated the LMIG application has been filed. We have received an additional grant of \$204,000 which will be used to resurface Ebenezer Road; this is a three-year project. The financials are current on the GEFA account. We will begin the 2019-2020 budget process next week. Bill will complete the GDOT mileage report which is due this week. The Zoning Board has approved to move their meeting to the third Monday of the month. The county has contracted with the school and sheriff to hire a Resource Officer for the schools. The Board of Education will pay for this salary.

ITEM 9: FINANCIAL REPORTS

Bill Sawyer presented the financials. Bill stated that we are going to have to purchase a truck for Water, out of SPLOST. Art's truck is very old and having issues. Bill stated that due to Art, Gloria and Jessica pursuing past dues, the Water expenses are being paid without borrowing much money from General Fund.

ITEM 10. MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION O.C.G.D.50-14-3 (B) (2)

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

ITEM 10. MOTION TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

Commissioner Jones made a motion to return to Regular Session, Commissioner McClellan seconded the motion, and all were in favor

Commissioner Jones made a motion to move forward with sending a letter to the City stating that the County would like to take over the fiscal responsibilities for the Recreation Department. The County wants full access to the property, either through a long-term lease or Deed. A Recreation Advisory Board would be formed with he same representation between City/County as is today. It will operate as a County Department. A Special Board will be appointed with Jody Dillard, Rodney Wall, and Roger Bivins and meet with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman to update the Bylaws and will then be presented to the Board of Commissioners for ratification. We would like this to transpire in either July or January. After the response from the City, Bill will bring back to the Board of Commissioners. The financials will be audited by our current Auditor (Bill Krenson) to insure all financials are in order. Commissioner McClellan seconded the motion, and all were in favor. Bill Sawyer will get a copy of the plat from the Tax Office to insure all land is accounted for. Commissioner Hammack stated that since the City has a grant for a new well, we need to look closely because there's a possibility that they plan to put a well on that land.

Commissioner Belcher stated there is an abandoned well at the Rec fields that could be used for irrigating the fields. Chairman Barineau suggested to get with Ruben; the water can't be used for drinking but could be used for irrigation. Commissioner Hammack stated that the City has two wells that are not in use. One is defunct, the other is not used because of the cost of chemicals; Mike suggested that it would be a good idea to use that one for the irrigation; you don't need chemicals for watering a field.

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.

Attest:

Greg Barineau, Chairman

Kathy Bruer, County Clerk

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