

**SCHLEY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**Tuesday, April 16, 2019**

The Schley County Board of Commissioners held their regularly scheduled monthly meeting April 16, 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 Hammack made a motion to approve the Agenda as presented, Commissioner Jones seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

**ITEM 4. APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 12TH MINUTES**

Commissioner Hammack made a motion to approve the March 12th regular session minutes as presented, seconded by Commissioner Jones, and all were in favor. Chairman Barineau clarified that Attorney Jimmy Skipper came to Ellaville, he and Bill Sawyer did not go to Jimmy's office. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the March 12th Executive session minutes, with changes, seconded by Vice-Chairman Belcher, and all were in favor.

**ITEM 5. APPROVAL/DENIAL 2019 TAN NOTE**

Commissioner McClellan asked why we needed to request a TAN this early in the year. His first year we didn't get a TAN and last year it seems it was later in the year. Chairman Barineau stated it was two – three months later. Bill Sawyer stated that we only used \$181,000 of the approved TAN last year. He stated that as we heard last month our water department costs the general fund \$348,000 per year. Our overall expenses have continued to increase, our bond payments, gas and diesel, health insurance, workers comp, liability insurance. In addition, we have lost money with the way the state issues tags and titles, we are \$40,00 in the hole on the soil vapor extraction, the bridge on Ebenezer cost us \$65,000, the three tornados cost us \$30,000, etc. Bill stated we will do the same as last year, we will borrow in \$50,000 increments and will notify the Board before we get money. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the TAN, seconded by Commissioner Hammack and all were in favor.

**ITEM 6: ZONING BOARD UPDATES**

Bill Sawyer stated there were two expansions, seven inspections, one addition, and two mobile homes. He stated that the Zoning Board met yesterday and there were some issues at the race track concerning food service. Bill stated that the Health Department is involved and will ensure they are up to standards. Commissioner Hammack asked if there are some general guidelines that can be followed; he wants to make sure he's not breaking the law. Bill Sawyer stated he will add some guidelines to our website.

**ITEM 7: DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Fire/EMS – Duane Montgomery stated they had 53 calls last month. March was the recertification month and every met the requirements, including continuing education. Duane stated that he attended Tactical Preparedness training in Hamilton last week; it was a good program. He stated that one thing he learned is people don't truly understand what they do. Three people had heart attacks in the county this last month;

through the staff and their training, they were able to get the patients stabilized and to the hospital in time. With the equipment they have in the ambulance, they can hook the patient up and the doctor can review the status and know what to do when the patient arrives. Duane stated they also had two people flown out via AirEvac this past month. Duane has received a grant from the Georgia Firefighter Standards and Training Council of \$20,800.80 to purchase turnout gear for nine firefighters.

Public Works – Art Barfield presented the Public Works report for Mark Royal. The boom mower is down for repairs; grass cutting will begin on April 15<sup>th</sup>. The concrete slabs for the filter system have been completed. The pipes on Woodard Rd have been set and covered; repaving Concord Road has been completed. They are drawing dirt on the edge of the road to alleviate any drop off.

Water – Art Barfield stated the water usage was down this past month; the City is off the system until June. Art flushed mains on Concord Church Road. Art installed two new meters and installed a pressure reducing valve for Reid Farms. He completed 35 locates for 811, created two 911 addresses; locked one meter and unlocked one. They are continuing to work on collecting past due accounts. The second slab for the Green Filter system has been completed and the filter vessels should arrive within the next two weeks.

**ITEM 8: COUNTY MANAGER REPORT**

Bill Sawyer stated he has attended several meetings with Atlanta Gas company department heads regarding a new prospect. He plans to meet with department heads on their budget and present to the Board within the next 3 weeks. Commissioner Jones asked about GDOT meeting with the Board. Bill said he spoke to Patrick Miles last Thursday and will arrange a meeting as soon as he can.

**ITEM 9: FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Bill Sawyer presented the financials.

**ITEM 10: MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Commissioner Jones made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Hammack 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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