

SCHLEY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Tuesday, July 9, 2019

The Schley County Board of Commissioners held their regularly scheduled monthly meeting July 9, 2019. Those present were: Chairman Greg Barineau, Vice-Chairman Brian Belcher, Commissioner Bill McClellan, Commissioner Dennis Jones, Commissioner Mike Hammack, County Manager Bill Sawyer, and County Clerk, Kathy Bruer. Excused: Jessica Ellis.

ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Barineau called the meeting to order.

ITEM 2. INVOCATION

Commissioner Jones gave the invocation.

ITEM 3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chairman Barineau stated he would like to add a 4B. for Jim Livingston, from Middle Flint. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the Agenda with changes, Vice-Chairman Belcher seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

ITEM 4. APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 11TH MINUTES

Vice-Chairman Belcher made a motion to approve the June 11th minutes as presented, seconded by Commissioner Hammack, and all were in favor.

4B. Mr. Livingston (Jim) introduced himself and stated he is the new Director with Middle Flint and he wanted to speak for a few moments on all the programs Middle Flint can offer. He said they were involved in our Comprehensive Plan that was completed a few years ago. In addition, they provide service delivery strategies as well as workforce development. They have access to various kinds of training should we have the need. Jim stated that Mayor Leah Clark is now the chair of the local Workforce Development program. They also offer Economic Development help at the regional level. They can assist with loans, Agency on Aging, they have a GIS coordinator who can help with bus routes, water lines, etc. They are involved in Community development with Block grants, transportation planning, the census counts, and will have round table discussions on the Transportation Investment Act (TIA). This will need to go to the voters and asked Greg Barineau and Leah Clark to determine the five-member committee who will be working on this. He then introduced Sara Walls and she stated she would be willing to help anytime we need her.

ITEM 5. APPROVAL/DENIAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN SCHLEY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS & SCHLEY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Bill Sawyer stated there are currently 17 school buses parked out at public works, where they stay for the summer. Bill had a call from an employee stating that one of the windows had been damaged due to a rock hitting it while the grass was being mowed. Bill stated there is no way to prove a Public Works employee caused the damage. This IGA would allow the school to park the buses there but would relieve the County from any financial burden; unless, it was something we know we did. Bill asked for a motion and unanimous consent. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the Agreement, seconded by Commissioner McClellan, and all were in favor.

ITEM 6: ZONING BOARD UPDATES

Bill Sawyer stated he had seven inspections, three electricals, two AC permits, two plumbing permits, one bus canopy at the middle school, one 1500 sq ft stick built home on 153, two pole barns, one 2010 sq. ft stick built

home on Lacrosse, one 1280 sq. ft double wide on Raybon Road, two Zoning meetings to go over and meet with Beltline Energy on the Solar panels.

ITEM 7: DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Steve Arrington wants to put up solar panels on 34 acres of his property. The life span for the panels is 25 years. The Zoning Board has met and come up with ten issues; all have been resolved. The Zoning Board unanimously approved to allow him to have the Solar Panels. The Board of Commissioners must now ratify that approval. Bill stated that Mr. Arrington will still be taxed as normal. Beltline will pay taxes on the personal property. Should there be any damage to the panels, or should they go bankrupt, etc. Beltline and/or Steve Arrington has 180 days to get rid of any eyesores. Steve is leasing the land to Beltline. Commissioner Jones asked if Beltline was a reputable company. Bill said he has talked to several counties; they've been in business 7-9 years and there have been no problems. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the Solar Panels, seconded by Commissioner Hammack, and all were in favor

ITEM 8: DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Fire/EMS – Duane Montgomery stated they had 48 calls last month; and went on 12 welfare checks. We have received the payment for the Fireworks Grant, so he is ordering the uniforms. Duane has started a plan to get the uniforms washed in an industrial washer and hopefully will help cut down the cancer risk. Duane stated he has two going out on medical leave; another just got his license. There have been no heat related incidents so far.

Public Works –Mark Royal stated the mowing is continuing. They have patched some potholes, delivered two loads of gravel. They picked up the Mobile Command trailer that will be used by EOC; installed a culvert on Bailey Lane; hopefully it will resolve some water issues. They are having problems with beavers stopping up pipes and have tried to stay ahead of them. Curtis Dent is back to work and his finger seems better after his surgery. They plan to start on Gill Street soon.

Water – Art Barfield stated the water usage was up this past month; Andersonville was on the system, as well as the City. Art installed five new taps and meters. Locked two meters and unlocked one. He completed 20 locates for 811 and added one new address. Work continues the Green Filter system. It should be complete by the end of July.

EMA – Douglas Jamieson stated he is in the process of rewriting the training manual; it must be updated every four years. He will be in Thomasville on the 19th for training. He stated we did get credit for the training that was held at the fire department last month.

ITEM 8: COUNTY MANAGER REPORT

Bill Sawyer stated have received a letter from the Crisp County Solid Waste Authority with an \$.11 per cart increase. This will amount to about \$2,000 per year. This is from the Authority; we are already losing about \$12,000 a year from Solid Waste vs what we charge but we offset that with the Insurance Premium Tax. Bill also mentioned that we have a pending lawsuit from a citizen suing the Sheriff and the County; he feels it is a useless lawsuit. The Sheriff has met with the attorney.

Bill has received a Notice to Proceed on Ebenezer Road bridge which will take place between August and September. We received \$224,728 from LMIG in January; however, it will be another year before we have enough money to complete the Ebenezer Road project..

Commissioner Jones asked about the round-a-bout. Bill stated he and Chairman Barineau met with the Sheriff and Police Chief. A traffic light would cause more accidents and fatalities. The round-a-bout is a much better solution.

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:

Greg Barineau, Chairman

Kathy Bruer, County Clerk

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