

SCHLEY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Tuesday, September 17, 2019

The Schley County Board of Commissioners held their regularly scheduled monthly meeting September 17, 2019. Those present were: Chairman Greg Barineau, Vice-Chairman Brian Belcher, Commissioner Bill McClellan, Commissioner Dennis Jones, County Manager Bill Sawyer, County Clerk, Kathy Bruer and Jessica Ellis. Excused: Commissioner Mike Hammack.

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

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the Agenda, seconded by Vice-Chairman Belcher, and all were in favor.

ITEM 4. APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 13TH, AUGUST 30TH, AUGUST 30TH EXECUTIVE SESSION, SEPTEMBER 10TH, AND SEPTEMBER 10TH EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

Vice-Chairman Belcher made a motion to approve the August 13th minutes as presented, seconded by Commissioner Jones, and all were in favor. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the August 30th minutes as presented, seconded by Vice-Chairman Belcher, and all were in favor. Commissioner McClellan made a motion to approve the August 30th Executive Session minutes as presented, seconded by Commissioner Jones, and all were in favor. Vice-Chairman Belcher made a motion to approve the September 10th minutes as presented, seconded by Commissioner Jones, and all were in favor. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the September 10th Executive Session minutes as presented, seconded by Commissioner McClellan, and all were in favor.

ITEM 5. APPROVAL/DENIAL OF EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK PERSONNEL POLICY UPDATES

Bill Sawyer has asked our attorney, Jimmy Skipper to review our current handbook to make it legal. Once Mr. Skipper makes changes, he will get a copy back to Bill; Kathy Bruer will then forward a copy to the Commissioners to review and discuss at the next meeting. Chairman Barineau asked if we were not approving or disapproving anything at this meeting; Bill Sawyer said that is correct.

ITEM 6: APPROVAL/DENIAL OF SURPLUS VEHICLE SALE

Bill Sawyer stated we have received no bids. There was discussion about advertising in the paper again, putting on our Facebook page and putting on Govdeals. Commissioner Jones made a motion to advertise the surplus items, as needed, seconded by Commissioner McClellan, and all were in favor.

ITEM 7: ZONING BOARD UPDATES

Bill Sawyer stated there has been three additions, two mobile homes, one Windstream booster, and 11 inspections.

ITEM 8: DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Fire/EMS – Duane Montgomery stated they had 61 calls last month, went on 9 public assist calls and had four walkups. They were on standby for Hurricane Dorian but never got called up. They trained 25 teachers on “Stop the Bleed”; with another round coming soon. The bus drivers will be going through training, as well, and they will then be given tourniquet kits for the buses. There will be Disaster Response training in the near future, and there is a program will be offered for additional certification for paramedics.

Public Works/Water –

Art Barfield stated the water usage was down this past month, due to Stevens Road well being down for repair. Andersonville was on the system; the City came off when we declared an emergency with the Heath Road well. Art will let them know they can come back on at any time. Several new taps and meters were installed, four new taps are pending, and two meters were locked and one unlocked. Several leaks were repaired as well as a main break on Hwy 26. Art completed 27 locates for 811 and added two new addresses. The ROW mowers have completed the second round on state roads and are almost done with the county roads. Gill Street has been completed. The motor graders are running, and several dirt roads have been graded. Trees have been removed; potholes have been repaired as well as a mud hole. They worked on a drainage issue on Lightner Road. They hauled one load of dirt, installed three driveways, sold one load of gravel. They cleaned out some culvert pipes and repaired one driveway.

EMA – Douglas Jamieson was excused.

ITEM 10: COUNTY MANAGER REPORT

Bill Sawyer stated we had anticipated having to borrow \$440,000 for the Sand Filter System but they state has forgiven \$115,200 of that so our total to finance is \$325,000. Our monthly payments will be around \$1,400 a month and will begin in November. The paperwork has been completed for the ITPD grant and we are looking to get about \$30,000 back.

ITEM 11: APPROVAL/DENIAL COUNTY MANAGER RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2019-2020 BUDGET CHANGES

Bill Sawyer stated that he had made some recommendations at the previous meeting and would like to bring them before the board for discussion. Vice-Chairman Belcher asked why we are paying the public works employees five hours of overtime every week. Bill Sawyer stated that their salaries can come from T-Splost, so the overtime isn't an issue. Commissioner McClellan said it's all taxpayer money. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve all the recommendations, except for Public Works/Water working 8:00 – 4:00, Monday – Friday and any overtime, as needed with County Manager approval; Vice-Chairman Belcher seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

ITEM 12: FINANCIAL REPORTS

Bill Sawyer presented the financials. Mr. Sawyer stated he doesn't plan to borrow any more from the TAN. We will receive the Insurance Premium Tax check October 15h and he will move money around to get by up until that point. Vice-Chairman Belcher asked about the Soil-Vapor Extraction system. Bill stated it is fine, but he would like to begin a search for new engineers. He feels TTL is charging us a lot more than necessary. The system, though, is working fine.

ITEM 10: MOTION TO ADJOURN

Commissioner Jones made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner McClellan seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Attest:

Greg Barineau, Chairman

Kathy Bruer, County Clerk

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