

SCHLEY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Tuesday, October 8, 2019

The Schley County Board of Commissioners held their regularly scheduled monthly meeting October 8, 2019. Those present were: Chairman Greg Barineau, Vice-Chairman Brian Belcher, Commissioner Bill McClellan, Commissioner Dennis Jones, Commissioner Mike Hammack County Manager Bill Sawyer, County Clerk, Kathy Bruer and 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

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

ITEM 4. APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 17TH MINUTES

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the September 17th minutes as presented, seconded by Vice-Chairman Belcher, and all were in favor.

ITEM 5. UPDATE OF EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK PERSONNEL POLICY UPDATES

Bill Sawyer stated that Jimmy Skipper still has the book and should be finished within the next thirty days. Commissioner McClellan asked why Jimmy Skipper was reviewing before the Commissioners had a chance to review. Commissioner Hammack agreed and said it seems like we are going to be paying double because Skipper will have to review again after they finish. Bill Sawyer stated that due to FLPA and HIPPA laws the attorney must review the book.

ITEM 6: APPOINTMENT OF ZONING BOARD MEMBER TO REPLACE JIM SELLERS

Bill Sawyer stated that Jim had given his resignation notice and the Commissioners would need to replace him. Eddie Watson will be the new Chair. We need someone who will show up, has business sense, above 25 years of age, lived in the County for at least two years and has at least a GED. Commissioner McClellan recommended to table the item until next month, so they have a chance to think about it, seconded by Commissioner Hammack, and all were in favor.

ITEM 7: APPROVAL/DENIAL OF SURPLUS VEHICLE SALE

Bill Sawyer stated we have received two bids. Bill read the bids. Commissioner McClellan made a motion to not accept the bids, seconded by Commissioner Jones, and all were in favor. Commissioner Jones made a motion to advertise on Gov.deals and list on Facebook Marketplace, seconded by Commissioner McClelland and all were in favor.

ITEM 8: ZONING BOARD UPDATES

Bill Sawyer stated there has been one pole barn, one addition, two air conditions, one mobile home, one stick-built home and six inspections. We have received the initial application for the cell tower, and it has been sent back to Atlanta.

ITEM 9: DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Fire/EMS – Duane Montgomery stated they had more traffic accidents last month but mostly calls about chest pains and difficulty breathing. Several wildland fires too. He’s hopeful the Georgia Forestry will limit their burn permits for now. He stated they are looking for someone to sit on the Region 7 Advisory Board and they

are working to get more funding in the region. They do have some grant money coming down the road. They requested the helicopter 3 times and flew one. Chairman Barineau recognized Duane and his team for a job well done. County Manager Sawyer asked the Clerk, Kathy Bruer, to read an email that was forwarded to the County regarding Duane and his team going above and beyond the call of duty. A gentleman driving prosthetic pieces wrecked at the round-a-bout as he was on his way to deliver the pieces to Phoebe-Sumter. Duane emptied out the second ambulance and they transported them to Americus, so a surgery could go as planned.

Public Works/Water –

Art Barfield stated the water usage was down slightly this past month, The City came is still no on. Several new taps and meters were installed, two new taps are pending, and two meters were unlocked, and they replaced several non-working meters Art completed 23 locates for 811 and added two new addresses. The Road Department was very busy. ROW mowers have started round three. They have removed trees, limbs, dead carcasses, cleaned ditches, repaired potholes and driveways. They have graded roads, sold four loads of gravel and three loads of sand. Replaces signs, replaced brakes on two trucks and had an electrical problem with the New Holland tractor and waiting to see if it can be salvaged. Commissioner Jones asked about the vegetation on Dozier and Hwy 153. Bill Sawyer will get with the GDOT again.

EMA – Douglas Jamieson was excused.

ITEM 10: COUNTY MANAGER REPORT

Bill Sawyer stated according to the Census data Schley County has grown by 353 new homes. The tax bills went out September 21st, no update on the Ebenezer Bridge, no lawsuits or judgements. Bill stated the GEFA financials are done and we should begin paying back the loan next month at \$1500 per month. Bill stated he is very please with the Sand Filter System. Bill also said he expects to hear something back on the Imminent Threat and Danger grant within the next 30 days. Commissioner McClellan asked if we are still having to flush the wells and Art said it's been cut in half. It's the nature of the beast. We must check on the chlorine level. Art has recently done his Compliance check, and everything seems to be okay.

ITEM 11: ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF FIRE/EMS

This was handled previously under the Fire/EMS report

ITEM 12: FINANCIAL REPORTS

Bill Sawyer presented the financials.

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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