



SCHLEY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Minutes

Tuesday, December 8, 2020 at 7:30 am

MEETING LOCATION

Jury Room, 14 S. Broad, Ellaville, Georgia

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. INVOCATION

Minutes:

Commissioner Jones gave the invocation.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Minutes:

Commissioner Hammack made a motion to approve the Agenda as presented, seconded by Commissioner Jones, and all were in favor.

4. APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 10TH MINUTES

Minutes:

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

5. APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL OF PUBLIC DEFENDER CONTRACT

Minutes:

Doug Jamieson stated that we had received the contract for the next six months from the Public Defender's office. There are no changes from last year. Commissioner Hammack made a motion to approve the Public Defender Contract, as presented, seconded by Commissioner Jones and all were in favor.

6. APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL HARRIS COMPUTER SYSTEM

Minutes:

Doug Jamieson stated that we had gotten further information on the Harris conversion. If we made a down payment of \$15,000 our monthly payments would be \$889.96 for 48 months. In addition, we expect additional hardware would run us approximately \$3,000. Commissioner McClellan made a motion to approve the purchase of the Harris software, seconded by Commissioner Jones and all were in favor.

7. APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL OF 2021 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Minutes:

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the 2021 Holiday Schedule, as presented, seconded by Commissioner Hammack and all were in favor.

8. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

a. FIRE / EMS

Minutes:

Duane stated they had 50 calls last month. They have seen a spike in overdoses. Not all are addiction related; some are where people are getting released from the hospital and don't fully understand dosages. Duane said that we have received a grant from Flint Energies for \$5,000 for the Lucas system. We have received \$1,000 from a private donor; we have received \$13,400 to date. We still need \$2,600. Duane will attend a forum on January 7th for Opioid Prevention. They have had no safety issues but are having issues with Engine 1; we are working to get that corrected now. They received a grant from ACCG that allowed all EMS/ Public Works employees to receive reflective jackets. Duane said they have not seen the flu like years past but they are continuing to disinfect everything.

b. PUBLIC WORKS/SCHLEY COUNTY UTILITIES AUTHORITY

Minutes:

Water: There has been an increase in usage this month of over 5 million gallons, they continue to suspect a leak. They read 624 meters this month, installed one new water service, repaired a leak, completed 27 - 811 locates, mowed grass at both wells and assigned three new 911 addresses. The Heath Road well was shut down on November 6th; it is pumping air. Commissioner Hammack stated he believes there is sediment on the screens and are waiting on chemicals to arrive so they can treat it. Art stated they suspect a leak somewhere and have spent numerous hours searching for it. Art has contacted GA Rural Water Association for help. Jeff Hanner came for two days and had no success. He will be back on Wednesday, with some diagnostic devices to look again. The sand filter system was offline for three days. An Adedge technician came and determined there is a faulty valve. They will bring another valve and install it. The system can operate manually until then. Road: Graders ran as permitted. The boom mower operated on several roads but is now out of service with a broken shaft. Repairs were completed on Fountain Road, both north and south, and Kirby Road. They continue to remove trees, dead deer, clean ditches, culverts and unstop pipes as needed. They installed two new driveways and replaced several road signs around the county. Commissioner Hammack stated that he thinks, after researching, that the Heath Road well has a small amount of natural phosphate that is causing a problem. They are going in with a high strength chlorine solution. They will let it sit for a while and then pump to waste,

then see if that takes care of everything. If this doesn't work, he will look at other options. Chairman Barineau asked how often this would have to be done. Commissioner Hammack said periodically, that's the best answer he can give.

9. COUNTY MANAGER REPORT

a. EMA DIRECTOR / ZONING / FINANCIALS

Minutes:

Doug Jamieson stated there were 8 permits (1 house, 1 mobile home, 3 electrical, 3 timber permits; seven inspections. The new Public Works truck was picked up. Radios have been ordered and programming is in the works. We are waiting on word from SOWEGA Engineering on the timeline for Ebenezer Road. Doug had a Zoom meeting with EPD, EPA, and TTL regarding the landfill monitoring. Unfortunately, we are stuck with the 30 year monitoring but may be able to reduce the number of inspections per year; we are waiting on analysis from last five years; the issue is arsenic. Doug stated that the insurance inspector has reviewed the damage at the fire station and public works. We will not be receiving any benefits from the fire department; he doesn't think the damage was storm related. We are still waiting on word from Public Works. We plan to hold pre-bid meetings in December on the ROW mowing for next year. We are still advertising the jobs for Fire/EMS and Public Works. Steve Perry has inquired about leasing the fuel farm located by Public Works. This could bring in more tax dollars should we decide to do this. Commissioner Hammack recommended an environmental assessment be done on the site so the County can be protected from overfills. Chair Barineau suggested we look to see if Perry Brothers leases any other property and take a look at that lease so we can make sure we are protected. Commissioner Jones made a motion to lease the property to Perry Brothers, seconded by Commissioner Hammack, and all were in favor. Each Commissioner has a copy of the financials to review. Doug Jamieson thanked Chairman Barineau for his years of service as the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners. He stated that he knew Greg didn't want a plaque so we have purchased a brick down at the baseball field at Schley County High School. We felt that since the school was near and dear to him that he would get more satisfaction out of that. We also have biscuits, coffee and juice downstairs.

10. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Minutes:

Commissioner Jones made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Hammack; all were in favor.