

**SCHLEY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**Tuesday, April 21, 2020**

The Schley County Board of Commissioners held their regularly scheduled monthly meeting April 21, 2020 via conference call. 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.

**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 McClellan, and all were in favor.

**ITEM 4. APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 10TH MINUTES**

Vice-Chairman Belcher made a motion to approve the March 10<sup>th</sup> minutes with a change to the date from January 14<sup>th</sup> to February 11<sup>th</sup>, seconded by Commissioner McClellan, and all were in favor

**ITEM 5. ZONING BOARD UPDATES**

Bill Sawyer stated he has the following permits: one mobile home, four electrical and six inspections.

**ITEM 6: DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Fire/EMS – Duane Montgomery stated they had 50 calls on EMS last month and 11 fire calls. They are fully staffed and have all the PPE they need. They are seeing some COVID cases. Some people have symptoms, but tests are coming back negative. Duane stated that he has received some grant money and he’s using it to buy a 55-gallon drum of disinfectant. He also stated that they have implemented some changes in their department to better serve the employees and the patients.

Public Works/Water – Art Barfield stated the water usage was up this past month. The City was not on our system again. They unlocked two meters, locked one and installed three. They completed 27 locates, repaired a broken meter, flushed water mains, and created one new 911 address. The Road Department has been busy with removing trees/limbs from roadways, cleaning out ditches, repairing potholes/driveways, ran the graders as weather permits, hauled 23 loads of dirt and 21 loads of gravel. All roads except W J Storey have been opened back up after the storms we’ve had lately, and we expect it to be opened by the end of next week.

EMA – Doug Jamieson stated that things are not going to slow down any time soon; we are expecting thunderstorms to come in again this Thursday.

**ITEM 7: APPROVAL/DENIAL BIDS FOR TENNIS COURT REPAIRS**

Bill Sawyer stated that we received two bids: one from Premier at a cost of over \$128,000 and Harper Tree & Stump Removal at a cost of \$48,025. We have received a grant from Flint Energies of \$43,000. Bill made a recommendation to accept the bid from Harpers Tree & Stump Removal. He also questioned whether to get the overage by asking the City and School to chip in or take it out of SPLOST. Commissioner McClellan made a motion to ask the City and School to help pay the additional expenses, seconded by Vice Chairman Belcher; all were in favor. Commissioner Hammack made a motion to accept the bid from Harpers Tree & Stump Removal, seconded by Commissioner McClellan, and all were in favor.

**ITEM 8: COUNTY MANAGER REPORT**

Bill stated that we received the reimbursement from the insurance company for the lightening strike that hit the Stevens Road well recently. Bill stated that later today the Clerk will send contact information for Senator Loeffler and Senator Purdue and Congressman Sanford Bishop; please contact them and ask them to approve the COVID 19 3.5 plan. The County absolutely cannot afford to take the financial hit we are experiencing because of this virus.

Bill also stated that Schley has been removed from the lawsuit that was filed against E911.

**ITEM 9: FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Bill Sawyer stated the financials had been sent to each Commissioner. He also stated that we have not received the expected \$200,000 from the Georgia Department of Transportation for Ebenezer Road.

**ITEM 10: MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Commissioner Hammack made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Vice-Chairman Belcher 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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