

SCHLEY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Tuesday, May 19, 2020

The Schley County Board of Commissioners held their regularly scheduled monthly meeting May 19, 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

Vice-Chairman Belcher gave the invocation.

ITEM 3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

ITEM 4. APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 21ST MINUTES

Vice-Chairman Belcher made a motion to approve the April 21st minutes as presented, seconded by Commissioner Jones, and all were in favor

ITEM 5: DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Fire/EMS – Duane Montgomery stated they had 58 calls on EMS last month and 6 fire calls. Duane stated they are continuing to have respiratory calls and fever, but it has slowed down immensely. They are continuing to take precautions with full PPE. He talked about the Biospatial software they have received and how it is such a good tool for them. He can monitor what is going on not only in Ellaville/Schley County but other counties within the state. It is helping them to improve their quality of service and it presents hard facts/data that is realistic. They have had to transport two cardiac arrests patients within the last month to Piedmont. With the software and equipment, they have, they were able to initiate cardiac care in the field. Both patients are recovering fine.

Public Works/Water – Art Barfield stated the water usage was up this past month. The City was not on our system again. They unlocked one meter and installed one. They completed 37 locates, repaired four lines/valves, flushed water mains, and created one new 911 address. The Road Department has been busy with removing trees/limbs from roadways, repairing potholes/driveways, ran the graders as weather permits and completed 17 roads, hauled 44 loads of dirt and 6 loads of gravel. ROW mowing continues and the boom mower has been used on a couple roads to clear vegetation from the roadway.

EMA – Doug Jamieson stated the Governor has loosened the restrictions some in regards to COVID 19, but we should still follow social distancing. Early voting has opened and issuing gun permits will be back up soon.

ITEM 6: APPROVAL/DENIAL PUBLIC DEFENDER CONTRACT

Bill Sawyer stated that we have received this contract and he would normally sign it but because historically this office continues to increase their budget each year, he wanted to make the commissioners aware. He said they have increased their rent by \$700. Commissioner McClellan asked what the alternative would be. Bill Sawyer stated to not sign it; although, the other counties will sign. Vice-Chairman Belcher asked what the repercussions would be if we did not sign it. Bill Sawyer stated that we would have to end up signing it anyway. A motion was made to table this until next month. Vice-Chairman Belcher made a motion to table this until next month, seconded by Commissioner Hammack. All were in favor.

ITEM 7. APPROVAL/DENIAL WAIVER OF CERTAIN PENALTIES & INTEREST – AD VALORUM TAXES

Bill stated that the Governor passed an order spanning from March 30, 2020 – May 30, 2020 to waive certain penalties and interest on Ad Valorum taxes due. All counties are doing this, and we just need a unanimous consent for the record. Commissioner Mike Hammack made a motion to approve Schley County waiving those certain penalties and interest on the Ad Valorum taxes, seconded by Vice-Chairman Belcher and all were in favor.

ITEM 8: COUNTY CODIFICATION OF ORDINANCES \$15,000

Bill Sawyer stated the Law Library Board has approved for the county to get \$15,000 from those funds to hire Municode, out of Tallahassee, to produce a Code Book. Each Commissioner will receive a book. This will have every ordinance/code that has been passed by Schley County and will be a great reference tool to be used at each Board meeting. Commissioner McClellan made a motion to move forward with the contract, seconded by Commissioner Hammack, and all were in favor. Bill Sawyer stated this will not come out of General Fund.

ITEM 9: APPROVAL/DENIAL SCHLEY COUNTY TAN

Bill Sawyer stated the unemployment rate in Schley County is at 15%. The Governor has asked all counties to reduce their budget by 14%. Bill completed a survey yesterday for Governor Kemp; we know our gas tax and Ad Valorum taxes are going to be reduced. As you are aware, we got a \$500,000 TAN last year and it was issued in \$50,000 increments. The Clerk notified you each time a draft was made. We need to go ahead and get the paperwork signed for a TAN this year. The process of \$50,000 increments and being notified would remain the same. The interest rate is prime: 3.25%. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the new TAN, seconded by Commissioner McClellan and all were in favor.

ITEM 10: COUNTY MANAGER REPORT, ZONING AND FINANCIALS

Bill Sawyer stated we had four electricals and eight structure permits this month. The Zoning Board will meet in the morning; we have one issue with the deer processing plant. Mr. Ronnie Nutt moved a building in without a permit. He is going to have to move the building.

Bill asked for one more meeting with the commissioners next week, to go over the ongoing projects. The meeting will be next Thursday, May 28th at 7:30 a.m.

ITEM 11: 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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