

SCHLEY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Tuesday, June 16, 2020

The Schley County Board of Commissioners held their regularly scheduled monthly meeting June 16, 2020. Those present were: Chairman Greg Barineau, Vice-Chairman Brian Belcher, Commissioner Bill McClellan, Commissioner Dennis Jones, Commissioner Mike Hammack, County Clerk, Kathy Bruer and Deputy Clerk Jessica Smith.

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

ITEM 4. APPROVAL OF THE MAY 19TH MINUTES

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the May 19th minutes as presented, seconded by Vice-Chairman Belcher, and all were in favor

ITEM 5: DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Fire/EMS – Duane Montgomery stated their calls have gone up to 63; they are not seeing the COVID as much as before, but they are still using the PPE. They are using the surveillance portion of the Bio Spatial program for data collection. They can look at historical data for various parts of Georgia and look at benchmarks for Schley EMS. An interesting piece for Schley is on calls of cardiac arrest, we are at 67% on getting a pulse back before they get to the hospital. Not saying they live after they get to the hospital, but they are alive when they get there.

Public Works/Water – Art Barfield stated the water usage was down this past month. The City is still not on our system. They unlocked one meter and installed one service. Repaired mains and water leaks. They completed 37 locates, flushed water mains, and created one new 911 address. Completed and posted the Consumer Confidence Report for 2019. The Road Department has been busy with removing trees/limbs from roadways, repairing potholes/driveways, ran the graders as weather permits, hauled 14 loads of dirt and 3 loads of gravel.

Gina Bailey asked about three – four roadways that have blind spots and Art said they are working on the ones he can, and he will get with GDOT on her other concerns.

EMA – Doug Jamieson stated that it has been quiet other than trees from bad weather. He also said we need to update the State of Emergency plan. He also asked Brian what decision was made about the Recreation Department opening back up. Brian stated they were going to open and allow kids to practice on the fields and the playground area.

ITEM 6: APPROVAL/DENIAL OF SPLOST REIMBURSEMENT

Commissioner Hammack made a motion to repay SPLOST, seconded by Commissioner Jones. Commissioner McClellan asked where the funds were coming from and how much was to be paid back. Chairman Barineau stated it was around \$134,000 and we would use what we have on hand to pay most and then take the rest from the TAN. The motion was approved.

ITEM 7: APPROVAL/DENIAL PUBLIC DEFENDER CONTRACT

Kathy Bruer stated this item had been tabled last month. The increase was around \$700. Commissioner Hammack made a motion to approve the Contract, seconded by Vice-Chairman Belcher and all were in favor.

ITEM 8. APPROVAL/DENIAL 2020/2021 BUDGET ORDINANCE

Kathy Bruer stated the budget is balanced however it does not include the \$700 for the Public Defender contract nor the increase of \$1000 for the E-911 contract. Doug Jamison stated that the state has taken over the 911 so they take the money and disburse to the centers. We must fill in the GAP, along with the other counties in the network. Vice-Chairman Belcher made a motion to approve the budget with these changes, seconded by Commissioner Jones and all were in favor.

ITEM 9: DISCLOSURE – DISCUSSION

Chairman Barineau stated he felt that we need to get a financial disclosure on each of the County Commissioners on the amount of money they make each year from the County other than their monthly pay. Commissioner Hammack made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Jones, and all were in favor.

ITEM 10: BIDDING PROCESS

Chairman Barineau stated that he had been approached about our bidding process and if we are going to bid one job, we need to bid them all. There was discussion about oil changes on the various county vehicles and what was the best practice on bidding the jobs, i.e., bid for an entire year, rotate to the various vendors in the county, etc. Chairman Barineau stated that an employee told a vendor to not come back, we were going to bid the job. Kathy Bruer stated that Bill Sawyer had advised her to tell him to not come back we would call him when he was needed again. Kathy spoke to Bill Sawyer about the charges and how excessive they were. Kathy commented that we need to bid it out and Bill advised her to do what ya'll want to do. A couple weeks later Bill Sawyer advised her to call him and tell him to come back. She did that and told him we were going to bid it out and what would his bid be. He said \$150.00. That was the last Kathy spoke to him and that had been before Bill Sawyer left. There was no communication between her and the vendor since. Kathy stated we do not have a written policy in place with a definite amount of dollars that must be bid out. The decision was made to ask Lynne McCharge if the City would start back mowing the lawns again.

ITEM 11: MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION O.C.G.D.50-14-3(B)(2)

Commissioner Jones made a motion to go into Executive Session, seconded by Commissioner McClellan and all were in favor.

ITEM 12: MOTION TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

Commissioner McClellan made a motion to return to regular session, seconded by Vice-Chairman Belcher and all were in favor.

ITEM 13: ZONING AND FINANCIALS

Kathy Bruer stated there were 2 building permits issued and one inspection. Chairman Barineau stated he received a phone call from someone asking him to intervene with the Zoning Board on a situation; Greg contacted the Zoning Board and was advised the situation had already been turned over to Jimmy Skipper, so he will be informing that gentleman today that he will not be able to discuss it with him since it's been turned over to an attorney. It will be up to him or his attorney to contact Jimmy Skipper. It had to do with when Mr. Nutt moved a trailer in the County, for the deer processing, without proper permits. The Zoning Board directed Bill Sawyer to write him a letter to get the matter settled. Mr. Nutt was advised he needed to move the trailer out of the county, make the repairs and then obtain a permit to bring it back to the county with applicable permits for power and water. Mr. Nutt did nothing to correct it. At the request of the Zoning Board, Sheriff Tondee issued him a citation. It will now be handled between Judge Way and Sheriff Tondee and Jimmy Skipper.

The fuel report is attached for review. Kathy also mentioned that there are some places upstairs with water damage. Jessica Smith stated that there are several windows that have a lot of rotten wood and the floor is damaged too. Commissioner McClellan asked if Arrow had come by and Jessica said yes and was advised there is no new termite damage. Chairman Barineau will ask Lynne McChargue if they will let us use a bucket truck to inspect all the windows from outside so we will know what we are dealing with for repairs. Chairman Barineau will also ask Lynne McChargue about cutting the grass at the County buildings located in the city.

ITEM 14: MOTION TO ADJOURN

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

Attest:

Greg Barineau, Chairman

Kathy Bruer, County Clerk