

SCHLEY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Tuesday, September 8, 2020

The Schley County Board of Commissioners held their regularly scheduled monthly meeting September 8, 2020. Those present were: Chairman Greg Barineau, Vice-Chairman Brian Belcher, Commissioner Dennis Jones, Commissioner Bill McClellan, Commissioner Mike Hammack, County Manager Doug Jamieson, 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 McClellan made a motion to approve the Agenda, seconded by Commissioner Jones, and all were in favor.

ITEM 4. APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 11TH AND AUGUST 17TH MINUTES

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

ITEM 5: APPROVAL/DISCUSSION OF EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK

Chairman Barineau asked if everyone had had a chance to review the book; a copy had been left in everyone's box. Greg suggested everyone get their copy, read through it, and get with Doug on any questions or concerns and we would discuss next month.

ITEM 6: DISCUSSION/UPDATE LMIG

County Manager Jamieson stated he had talked with a couple people at GDOT concerning the bridge work. We would not want to resurface the road and then have them destroy it when working on the bridge. He was told that we could set limits and we would pave up to a certain point and then the state would go from that point to the bridge. Doug asked did we want to continue with Ebenezer now or spend the money on a smaller road for now. There was discussion about the potholes on the other side of Ebenezer; Doug said that is going to take more than resurfacing. Art said the State will start taking bids around April of 2022 and then begin construction around 90 days later. Doug stated we just need to have a plan. Greg asked could we go to the other side of the bridge and resurface it and repair the potholes now and then work on the first side of Ebenezer after the bridge is repaired. Doug stated he will talk to Jack Reed, he is the LMIG coordinator, to see what we need to do. Doug said he has an online meeting tomorrow with the State Transportation Improvement Plan, it is at 10:00 a.m. if anyone would like to join him. Commissioner Hammack asked if there was adequate signage out on Ebenezer where it is rough, and Art said yes. There is a Rough Road sign and the speed limit has been decreased.

ITEM 7: APPOINTMENT FOR SCUA BOARD MEMBER TO REPLACE BILL SAWYER

Commissioner Jones made a motion to appoint Doug Jamieson to the Board, seconded by Vice-Chairman Belcher and all were in favor.

ITEM 8: OPENING/DISCUSSION SEALED BID(S) OF SURPLUS VEHICLES

Vehicle	Bidder	Amount
2000 GMC	Richard Zipperer	650
2009 F150	Richard Zipperer	550

Commissioner McClellan made a motion to decline both bids, after further discussion, the motion was amended for Doug Jamieson to call Mr. Zipperer and advise him he could get the 2009 F150 for \$550 as is, seconded by Commissioner Hammack and all were in favor. Should Mr. Zipperer decline the offer, both vehicles will be listed on GOV.deals with a reserve of GMC \$2000 and F150 \$750.

ITEM 9: DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Fire/EMS – Duane Montgomery stated they are maintaining; they have not seen COVID in weeks. They are continuing to wear their PPE. He said they had a structure fire last week with one fatality. He said they have had a lot of sickness, but it is from where people were afraid to go to the Dr. Duane said we have a lot of mental illness in the county. Duane stated they have their first region meeting today. They were having some equipment issues but those have been resolved.

Public Works/Water – Art Barfield stated the water usage was down this past month. The City is still not on our system. They installed one new service, repaired a service line leak, repaired a major water main leak, replaced seven non-working meters. Completed 24 locates, flushed water mains, assigned two new 911 addresses, and relocated part of a two-inch water main for a new driveway. The ROW mowing continues, ran the graders on several roads, repaired potholes, cleaned out ditches, trimmed trees, hauled sand for roadwork, created some signs for the Tax Commissioners upcoming tax sale. Art asked Mike Hammack the status of the well. Mike stated they are to pick up the pipe on Thursday.

ITEM 10: COUNTY MANAGER REPORT/EMA/ZONING/FINANCIALS

County Manager Jamieson shared the financials. Permits issued: 5 electric, 1 plumbing, 1 mobile home addition; 3 inspections. Doug talked to USDA about vehicle grants/loans. They will grant up to \$25,000 per vehicle and then finance the rest at a low interest rate. Waiting on information from Mr. Krenson to be able to formalize package to send to them. USDA said apply for the two vehicles he and Art have agreed on. Total for both is approximately \$77,000. The LMIG FY 2021 application opening in the amount of \$195,039.50. Current balance is \$423,132.14. Total will be \$618,171.64. Estimate for Ebenezer project is approximately \$583,000. Doug stated the budget is not correct for LMIG because it does not include the County’s responsibility of 10% match. We are continuing to receive complaints/concerns about trash pickup and unpaved road conditions. Doug stated the trash pickup has been a constant issue with company not picking up and trash blowing out of trucks on the road. Contract with them runs through July 2023 and we can revisit another company when it gets closer. Doug stated that we are more reactive to calls concerning road issues. We do not have the personnel to be proactive repairing roads. Need at least two (2) additional workers. We had three (3) more 1-1/2 years ago. Doug stated we need to start budgeting for a motor grader. (Current one has over 12,200 hrs. and motor rebuilt already.) We will explore grants and capital lease programs when we get truck purchases completed. Our priorities for vehicles/equipment are road dept. trucks, brush/rescue truck, motor grader, backhoe, small track hoe. The CARES act deposited \$53K in our account (30% of what we are supposed to get). We have been approved and are waiting on \$124,221.06 to be deposited. The tennis courts are complete. An Agreement between city and school has been created; we will not be involved from this point forward. Job descriptions are complete for Fire/EMS, road department, and clerk. Draft pay scale for Fire/EMS and road department are complete. We have been asked for the County to take over Welch Lane and run water on Andrews Lane Doug

does not think this is something we want to do. Doug mentioned that Don Cole, who is running for the Second District has asked to hold a Public forum upstairs on September 17th at 11:30 a.m.

ITEM 11: MOTION TO ADJOURN

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

Attest:

Greg Barineau, Chairman

Kathy Bruer, County Clerk