



SCHLEY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Minutes

Tuesday, November 10, 2020 at 7:30 am

Attendees: Chairman Greg Barineau, Vice-Chairman Brian Belcher, Commissioner Dennis Jones, Commissioner Bill McClellan, Commissioner Mike Hammack, County Manager Douglas Jamieson, County Clerk Kathy Bruer, Deputy Clerk Gwen Bellew

MEETING LOCATION

Jury Room, 14 S. Broad, Ellaville, Georgia

1. INVOCATION

Minutes:

Commissioner Jones gave the invocation.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Minutes:

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

3. APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 13TH MINUTES

Minutes:

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

4. DISCUSSION OF NEW ACCOUNTING SOFTWARE (HARRIS)

Minutes:

Doug Jamieson spoke about the current software that we are at the point we are going to have to do something. Gloria's computer is out of date and is no longer being supported and the software she uses is also out of date and is no longer supported. In addition, Bill Krenson has mentioned in his annual audits that we need separation of duties and no one else has access to the UB5 Utilities software. Bill Sawyer had previously approved for Harris Software to be purchased but didn't move forward. Kathy Bruer stated that in addition to what Doug had mentioned that we would all have access to the water system and there would be more accountability. The automated processes that come with the Harris system would make things so much

easier for us rather than having to manually transfer monies between companies, this system would do automatically. Harris's SmartFusion is actually an upgrade to Gloria's current system and we get a discount because of this. We also were given the 2018 pricing since we had originally agreed to purchase then. One huge bonus is that we are repeatedly asked about taking online payments; this software has that capability. In addition, we could attach copies of invoices with the check payments which would make it so much easier for us when having to go back and research items for payment, i.e. GEMA, CARES, etc. Commissioner McClellan asked about the costs associated with the program. Doug explained that we would get the pricing sheet to the commissioners for them to look at.

5. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

a. FIRE / EMS

Minutes:

Duane started out by saying that they have not seen any COVID cases in weeks. The call volume is still down; 47 calls last month. They had their annual pump service test. Two engines passed with minor repairs, the older engine did not meet the water capacity. This vehicle can not be used for housefires but could possibly still be used for wildland fires. They will see if it can be repaired. Duane attended the State subcommittee meeting to discuss the trauma funding for next year. One of the ways they receive grants is from the super speeder tickets. Some of that money is allocated for grants. Duane went to the BinaxNOW training which is a RAPID test for the Fire/EMS workers. He stated to begin with that anyone who is sick shouldn't be coming to work anyway. Duane is working on the licenses packet and reviewing protocols that need to be changed based on the COVID changes. He will forward to his Medical Director to sign off. He has completed his virtual fire compliance inspection and there are a couple things that need to be corrected but otherwise we are okay.

b. PUBLIC WORKS/SCHLEY COUNTY UTILITIES AUTHORITY

Minutes:

Art Barfield stated that the water usage was up this month but he doesn't feel real comfortable that the number is accurate due to problems with the Heath Road well. It has been pumping air. They installed three new water services last month, repaired a leak, locked four meters, repaired a service line leak, completed 27 locates for 811 and assigned three new 911 addresses. Art stated that the Stevens Road well went back in service on October 28th.; however, he has shut the Heath Road well down as of November 6th. He has contacted Mike Hammack about a resolution; it is losing suction. Commissioner McClellan asked Commissioner Hammack if he had been out to look at the well. Commissioner Hammack stated no that he wanted to let the Steven's Road well run a little while to make sure everything was okay with it before he looked at Heath Road. Commissioner Hammack thinks everything will be covered under warranty or free. If there is a charge he will let the County know beforehand.

The ROW mowing is completed for the season; they have been weed eating and cleaning around the bridges and guardrails. The graders have been used on several roads, weather permitting. They hauled dirt and made extensive repairs to Fountain Road. It has been determined that Fountain Road is a county road that had been abandoned as a driveway. They have removed trees and debris, removed dead animals from the roadways, Installed one new driveway, removed large amounts of furnish/trash from throughout the county where citizens are dumping on the side of roads, cleaned out ditches and culverts and replaced numerous road signs.

EPD has completed their inspection of the landfill property. We got an excellent report. A recommendation was made to replace the labels on the well heads, clean off the concrete pads and install sediment markers in the retention pong. We are investigating the process to discontinue monitoring the site.

6. COUNTY MANAGER REPORT

a. EMA DIRECTOR / ZONING / FINANCIALS

Minutes:

Doug Jamieson stated he had 10 permits were issued, 7 inspections and 3 timber permits. Doug received a letter from USDA that we are eligible to compete for grants but as of now they have received no funding. Doug recommends that we continue this process but his recommendation is to get a truck, for the road department, with SPLOST money. Doug has priced one and they are between \$37-\$41,000. It would be a Ford F250, 6.2 engine, 3/4 ton, gas, 4-wheel drive, crew cab. He recommends an 8' work body with a pipe rack. Commissioner Jones made a motion to purchase a truck, seconded by Commissioner Hammack and all were in favor.. Doug stated that about a year and a half ago that new radios were approved for the county. We had been waiting for a decision from Mike Cheokas on money that had been appropriated to our Library. We were going to recolor the money to use for radios, but we still have no word on the approval. Doug stated that we have a line item in the budget for \$50,000 and there is also a line item in SPLOST for Public Safety. Doug has talked to Bartow at GA Two-Way and all radios, hardware, software, programming and installation would be \$28,000. This is for Road, Fire/EMS, and Sheriff. It is Doug's recommendation to purchase the radios and give it six months before we do anything with a repeater. Most surrounding counties are on digital already so there should be no issues. We will still maintain our analog capabilities in case we run into a problem. Vice-Chairman Belcher made a motion to make the purchase of the radios, hardware, software, programming and installation, seconded by Commissioner McClellan and all were in favor. Doug spoke with Paul Rakel with SOWEGA Engineering and his estimate is \$80,000 to repair Ebenezer Road on the spots we talked about previously. We must spend one year's worth of LMIG money because you can only carry over three years. We will be receiving year 4 around the first of the year. Doug's

recommendation is to fill in the holes on Ebenezer and then do striping and short road repairs with one year's worth of funding. Commissioner Hammack made a motion to spend one year's worth of funds from LMIG, seconded by Commissioner Jones and all were in favor. Doug talked about the trash that is being dumped throughout the county; there is nothing that can be done unless you catch them in the act. Doug spoke to Keith Reaves with TTL and explained that we want to get out of the quarterly monitoring at the landfill. Keith said it would take him a couple weeks to go through all the reports to make a recommendation. We must get a signed statement from the Engineering firm saying we have had exceedances but not any that are reportable. We have filed an insurance claim with ACCG on the Fire/EMS station and Public Works storage building. This is something that should have been done two years ago but was never done. We are waiting on quotes now to let the insurance know and see if they are going to reimburse us for the damage from Hurricane Michael. Doug asked that the commissioners look over the list of SPLOST projects and prioritize them. Doug recommends a pitched roof on the Annex. The building is in good shape and will last a long time but we do need a roof on it. We are going to hold a prebid meeting for US-19 ROW mowing in December. Duane is still advertising for a FF/EMS position and Art is advertising for a job in Public Works/Water. Bill Starr is our new County Agent since Matt left. Bill is still not sure of his schedule and how much time he will be in Schley County. Doug stated that our garbage prices are increasing 1.3% per hobo effective January 1, 2021.

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

Minutes:

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

8. MOTION TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

Minutes:

Commissioner Jones made a motion to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Commissioner Hammack and all were in favor.

9. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Minutes:

Commissioner Hammack made a motion that Doug Jamieson and Art Barfield will meet with Mark Royal and let him know that he will be the special project coordinator for the road department and if he is willing to become more of a team player and work beyond the call of duty, he can be offered a \$2 - \$3 per hour raise. Seconded by Commissioner Jones and all were in favor. Commissioner Jones made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner McClellan, and all were in favor.

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