

SCHLEY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Tuesday, January 14, 2020

The Schley County Board of Commissioners held their regularly scheduled monthly meeting January 14, 2020. Those present were: Chairman Greg Barineau, Vice-Chairman Brian Belcher, Commissioner Bill McClellan, Commissioner Dennis Jones, Commissioner Mike Hammack County Manager Bill Sawyer, County Clerk, Kathy Bruer and Jessica Ellis.

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 Commissioner Jones, and all were in favor.

ITEM 4. APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 10TH MINUTES AND APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 18TH MINUTES

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the December 10th minutes with a change of striking "Commissioner McClellan seconding the motion" under County Manager report, and correcting to Commissioner Hammack. Vice-Chairman Belcher seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the December 18th Minutes, seconded by Commissioner McClellan, and all were in favor.

ITEM 5. APPROVAL/DENIAL RESOLUTION TO FIX AND PUBLISH QUALIFYING FEES FOR UPCOMING 2020 ELECTION

Bill Sawyer the law requires us to set the qualifying fees for the upcoming 2020 election; and we need unanimous consent. Commissioner Hammack made a motion to approve the Resolution, seconded by Commissioner Jones and all were in favor.

ITEM 6: TIMBER/LANDFILL X 84 ACRES

Bill Sawyer stated he had asked Jimmy Storey to cruise the 84 acres at the landfill and give a value to cut timber. Jimmy stated it would bring the county in approximately \$51,000. Commissioner Hammack stated with the drought and beetles that we've experienced, and since the county needs the money it would be in our best interest to accept. Commissioner Hammack made a motion to accept the bid with the understanding seedlings must be planted; seconded by Commissioner McClellan, and all were in favor.

ITEM 7: LAW LIBRARY – CODIFICATION OF ORDINANCES

Bill Sawyer stated he asked Judge Smith if it would be possible for the County to use funds from the Law Library to Codify all the County Ordinances. This is something that should have been done a long time ago and maintained over the years; it has never been done. Bill is waiting to hear from Judge Smith. Commissioner McClellan asked how long it would take to get the process completed? Bill Sawyer said a minimum of 4-6 months. Municode is the company that had made a presentation and would do the work. Commissioner McClellan asked if it is a one-time fee? Bill Sawyer said the annual updates could cost around \$2,200. Commissioner Jones asked how long it has been since it's been done. Bill Sawyer said never.

Chairman Barineau said he recommended that we do it. Commissioner McClellan made a motion to use the Law Library funds to pay for the Codification; seconded by Commissioner Jones and all were in favor.

ITEM 8: UPDATE ON EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK PERSONNEL POLICY REVIEW

Bill Sawyer stated that since we had met yesterday, he suggested we table this until he has a chance to meet with Attorney Jimmy Skipper.

ITEM 9: DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED NUISANCE ORDINANCE

Bill Sawyer asked if we could table this as well as it will be handled under the Codification.

ITEM 10: ZONING BOARD UPDATES

Bill stated we had houses, eight inspections, one pole barn and the Zoning Board approved the cell tower on Coogle Road. It should be completed within the next year.

ITEM 11: DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Fire/EMS – Duane Montgomery stated he had a total of 643 calls last year. The State has swapped over to a licensed management system. All personnel are now being tracked. So, the upside is that if an EMT did something in FL and came to Schley County to apply, he can look him/her up by a bar code and tell everything about the person. The ambulance license renewal is complete; we did very well, our only problem was we were missing a pillow. A damage Assessment Class was held last week. One during the day was for Department Heads and one at night was for volunteers; there were representatives from the City as well. It was a great class. Duane stated that he thinks if we were to have another tornado, things would run a lot smoother. Duane stated that March begins the recertification cycle. There is a trauma symposium on the 29th and 30th at Piedmont in Columbus. There was a problem with the old ambulance with the power dying. Brian Belcher figured out what the problem was, and we should get it back in-service tomorrow.

Public Works/Water – Art Barfield stated the water usage was up this past month. The City is on for now. One new tap, four meters were installed, and one meter was locked. Art completed 20 locates for 811. One service line lead was repaired, and a water main was flushed. The Road Department has been picking up litter on State roads, ran a grader on several roads throughout the County, and operated the boom mower to clear road shoulders in the County. Installed a new driveway, repaired a driveway, repaired erosion on several roads, and repaired potholes with cold patch. Repaired the gutters, downspout, and drainage on the Annex Building. Removed and cleared roadways of trees, limbs, dead animals throughout the County. Cleared vegetation at the intersection of SR 153 and Dozier road; started landfill cleanup project and replaced several Road signs. Commissioner Hammack asked about the count of trash cans vs what we are billed; do they match? This will be looked in to. Commissioner McClellan asked about the sludge issue. Art said the tank will hold 55,000 gallons and we are at 21%. Commissioner Hammack suggest calling Dixie Licks to see if it could be used to mix in with the feed for cows. Commissioner Jones asked about the cover for the Sand Filter System. Bill stated that in the original bid it was never mentioned; after the application was complete, that's when it was mentioned. Bill had written a letter to DCA asking for money and the request was declined. He has appealed but hasn't heard back. That money would have been used to pay for it. Bill stated that we will begin the budget process in February, and it will be a budgeted item, under water.

EMA – Doug Jamieson was not present.

ITEM 12: COUNTY MANAGER REPORT

Bill Sawyer stated we have been working on the 2020 Census. He has attended two meetings and we will have another meeting next week. We do have a pending lawsuit against the County by a woman who was not properly seen about in Dooly County. The family is suing E911 and all the counties in that district. It is an Ad Litem; which is an intent to sue. Bill and Art have been working on some LMIG issues and it should be resolved next month.

ITEM 13: FINANCIAL REPORTS

Bill Sawyer went over the financials. He stated that we should expect another \$78,000 taxes this month, \$84,000 in February, \$36,000 in March and \$26,000 in April. Commissioner McClellan asked about the Ameris Loan. Bill stated that he has talked to Jayson and he is working on the payment. It should be about \$54,000. Bill stated that we have paid the TAN off. Bill mentioned that he has a meeting with Mr. Krenson tomorrow to review the audit findings; he will present them to the Board next month.

Vice-Chairman Belcher asked what the status is with Mr. Wolford and the tennis courts. Bill stated he had talked to him and he said if the Commissioners wanted to stop the contract, he would not buck it; he did say he had given us a rock bottom price. Commissioner Hammack stated he would like for us to get a Scope of Work, he will be glad to go out and look at the courts and prepare by line item, what needs to be done. Vice-Chairman Belcher said he'd like to have the lights addressed in the Scope of Work as well.

ITEM 14: MOTION TO ADJOURN

Vice-Chairman Belcher 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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