

SCHLEY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Tuesday, February 11, 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

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

ITEM 4. APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 13TH MINUTES AND APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 14TH MINUTES

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the January 13th minutes as presented, seconded by Vice-Chairman Belcher, and all were in favor.

Vice-Chairman Belcher made a motion to approve the January 14th Minutes as presented, seconded by Commissioner Hammack, and all were in favor.

ITEM 5. 2018/2019 AUDIT REVIEW

Bill Krenson presented the Audit and stated he was pleased with the staff; they were very helpful in getting him the information that was needed. He said Schley County continues to follow the Generally Accepted Accounting Principles feels there are no monetary discrepancies. He appreciates the opportunity to serve Schley County.

ITEM 6: RECOGNITION OF KATHY BRUER AS A GEORGIA CERTIFIED CLERK

Bill Sawyer stated Kathy has completed the required training and become a Certified Clerk as recognized by the State of Georgia.

ITEM 7: APPROVAL OF THE 2ND AMENDMENT PROCLAMATION

Bill Sawyer stated that a Commissioner came to him and was concerned about the Sanctuary counties in the State of Georgia and requested that we approve the 2nd Amendment Proclamation that other Georgia Counties are adopting. Bill asked for a unanimous consent. Commissioner McClellan made a motion to approve the Proclamation, seconded by Commissioner Jones, it was a unanimous consent.

ITEM 8: DISCUSSION OF SICK LEAVE BANK

Bill Sawyer stated that he had received some information from Jimmy Skipper and would like to have a Called Meeting to discuss this and other Handbook changes and the County Manager Calendar/Schedule. Commissioner Hammack made a motion to defer this until the Called Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Jones and all were in favor.

ITEM 9: ZONING BOARD UPDATES

Bill Sawyer stated he has received building permits for two houses, one church, a lodge and a double-wide. He has had nine inspections. The cell tower construction should start by the end of the year and take approximately six months. The solar panel project is still in the works with about three more months of paperwork to finish.

ITEM 10: DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Fire/EMS – Duane Montgomery stated January was a slow month for them. They had 44 calls and seven fire calls and a mutual aid call to assist with the downtown fire in Marion County. Duane continues to receive updates from the state on the coronavirus. The flu is still around but people are going to the Dr rather than calling an ambulance to go to the ER. He has completed the Licensure packet for 2020. Duane attended the Trauma Symposium in Columbus and stated it was some of the best training he’s ever had.

Public Works/Water – Art Barfield stated the water usage was down this past month. The City is now off. One new tap, one meter was installed, and one meter was unlocked. Art completed 15 locates for 811. Two leaks were repaired, and two water mains were flushed. Created one new 911 address and replaced a damaged meter box. The Road Department has been picking up litter on State roads, repaired a driveway and removed trees and limbs from storms, ran a grader on several roads throughout the County, and operated the boom mower to clear road shoulders in the County. Repaired roads and road signs; worked at the landfill to continue clean up and hauled ten loads of gravel. Trash truck litter was discussed again, and Pam Register has asked that the driveway at the Annex be worked on prior to March 6th, when voting begins.

EMA – Doug Jamieson stated we dodged the weather last week. He needs copies of all Emergency Management Ordinances; Bill Sawyer stated he has them. Doug mentioned that at the E911 meeting it was discussed that if anything were to happen for their tower to go down, we will be in trouble. Originally the plan was for all calls to go to Lee County however, they can’t handle the dispatching. Another option would be to use ham radios. We are still waiting on pricing for the repeater for the Johnson Road Well tower. Doug will attend class next week Monday through Wednesday and he will complete his certification. Vice-Chairman Belcher stated we need to do something about the radios as quickly as possible as last week when we went to Marion County the radios weren’t working. Bill Sawyer stated we received the pricing yesterday. Duane Montgomery said we really need to go digital. That works so much better; if we went with 800 MHz, we will be wasting our money. When 911 first opened there was plenty of service but after adding additional counties, it has been slowed tremendously.

ITEM 11: COUNTY MANAGER REPORT

Bill Sawyer went straight to the financials.

ITEM 12: FINANCIAL REPORTS

Bill Sawyer stated we are still expecting to receive tax dollars for the next three months and we have \$300,000 in reserves. Bill stated that we will discuss LMIG at the called meeting. Bill also stated we have received \$16,000 out of the timber that is being cut. Bill also stated that we have not heard anything additional about the pending 911 Ad litem with Dooley County. Bill stated with the increase in water bills we have enough to pay the Phase II note. We are current on our bills; no arrears and our PO process is still working. We are \$9000 in arrears in water and \$60,000 in garbage. Art and his guys are going to count the number of trash containers when they read meters at the end of the month.

ITEM 13: TOUR OF OLD GYM AFTER MEETING

Bill Sawyer stated that the gym is open for anyone wanting to go over and look; he stated the renovation of the gym is the next level 1 project. Chairman Barineau suggested waiting until after the rain so they can get a real feel of the renovations that are needed.

ITEM 14: MOTION TO ADJOURN

Commissioner McClellan made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Jones seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Attest:

Greg Barineau, Chairman

Kathy Bruer, County Clerk

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