

**SCHLEY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**Tuesday, March 10, 2020**

The Schley County Board of Commissioners held their regularly scheduled monthly meeting February 11, 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 FEBRUARY 11<sup>TH</sup> MINUTES**

Vice-Chairman Belcher made a motion to approve the February 11th minutes as presented, seconded by Commissioner Jones, and all were in favor.

**ITEM 5. ZONING BOARD UPDATES**

Bill Sawyer stated he has received one trailer and nine electrical permits. He turned down one permit as they didn't meet the setbacks nor acreage. They will correct and reapply.

**ITEM 6: DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Fire/EMS – Duane Montgomery stated they had 44 calls on EMS last month, six fire calls, and two mutual aid calls. They are being as proactive as possible with the coronavirus. Duane suggested we treat it as the flu; stay inside, wash your hands and not get around other people. They are using this as a drill and have been able to change some process for such situations.

Public Works/Water – Art Barfield stated the water usage was down this past month. The City was not on our system again. They unlocked two meters, completed 26 locates, repaired a water leak and flushed water mains, and created one new 911 address. Due to the recent storms the well motor at Stevens Road failed and had to be replaced. Hammack Well installed the new motor and we have filed a claim.

The Road department has been busy with picking up litter, repairing roads with cold patch, repairing potholes and washed out roads, removing trees where needed, and drainage problems at the Courthouse Annex. They hauled 14 loads of gravel and six loads of dirt.

EMA – Doug Jamieson stated he met with the school concerning the Coronavirus and they are in the pre-planning stages so they are prepared should anything happen. He gave everyone a copy of the Local Emergency Operations Plan for Schley County and asked the Commissioners to let him know of any changes needed prior to Monday.

**ITEM 7: COUNTY MANAGER REPORT**

Bill Sawyer explained that the well repair was an expense that was outside of the budget, it is considered an emergency and we expect to get all but the deductible back from insurance. He asked for a motion on this expenditure. Commissioner McClellan made a motion to ratify this expenditure as a budget amendment, seconded by Commissioner Jones and all were in favor.

There was discussion about the structural report of the gym. Bids requirements have been submitted to the papers to be published for the next four weeks; the bids will be opened on April 15<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner McClellan suggested that a limit be established prior to them committing to an amount. Chairman Barineau suggested everyone read the report and it will be discussed at the next meeting. Commissioner Hammack asked what is the purpose of the gym? Chairman Barineau stated that historically it was used for the recreation department, churches have used it, funerals have been held there; but the aesthetics got so bad that no one has used it for the past three years. Vice-Chairman Belcher stated that if it is deemed unfeasible to repair that building that we should go back to the people to vote whether to continue or start over at a different place. To give the people a choice.

**ITEM 8: FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Bill Sawyer read the financials.

Doug Jamieson stated that the President had declared a State of Emergency on the previous storms on 120 southern counties and Schley was one of them. He suggested we could claim the cost of the washout on W. J. Storey Road and the lightning strike expense for the well. He doesn't know if we would get any assistance, but it would be better to file it and see.

**ITEM 9: MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Commissioner Jones made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Vice-Chairman Belcher seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Attest:

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Greg Barineau, Chairman

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Kathy Bruer, County Clerk

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