



SCHLEY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Minutes

Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at 6:30 pm

MEETING LOCATION

Jury Room, 14 S. Broad, Ellaville, Georgia

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. INVOCATION

Minutes:

Commissioner Jones gave the invocation.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Minutes:

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

4. APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 12TH MINUTES

Minutes:

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the January 12th minutes seconded by Vice-Chairman Belcher and all were in favor.

5. 2019/2020 AUDIT REVIEW

Minutes:

Mr. Krenson presented the Audit report of the 2019-2020 financials. He stated that it was a good opinion and Schley County is financially sound.

6. DISCUSSION OF SOLID WASTE (TRASH) PICKUP

Minutes:

Doug stated that we are having problems with Solid Waste not picking up the trash in the county, we have busted cans and tons of trash on the road. Our contract is up in 2023. One problem is the truck with the arm on the front of the truck. The guy will lift it to dump trash in the back while he's going down the road and it blows trash everywhere. Doug stated we pay over \$18,000 a month and we are not getting the service we are paying for. Chairman McClellan asked Doug to call Jimmy Skipper and get an opinion on what we can do. Doug stated that there is a provision in the contract that we can get out if we give a one year's notice and it depends if the

original financial obligation has been met.

7. APPROVAL/DISCUSSION TIMBER HARVESTING ORDINANCE

Minutes:

Doug stated that we had discussed a Timber Harvesting Ordinance last month that the State has put in place. The permits will be issued online through the State. ACCG provided a template, Doug modified to fit Schley County and he recommends that the Board adopts it. Commissioner Hammack made a motion to approve the Timber Harvesting Ordinance as presented, seconded by Commissioner Pilcher and all were in favor.

8. DISCUSSION OF ROAD/LMIG

Minutes:

Doug stated that we had previously discussed the LMIG money and how to use it since the Ebenezer Bridge won't be completed until 2025 or so. WE had discussed using the 2019 money to patch and repair shoulders along with stripping roads throughout the county. The State really does not like us saving up money for the three years, as we have done previously. They would rather us spend it annually. Doug recommended that we use the 20 and 21 monies to resurface some of the roads that are in dire need of work; Englishville, Candy Cane and Lowery roads. Vice-Chairman Belcher made a motion to use the 2020, 2021 LMIG money to repair Englishville and Candy Cane, seconded by Commissioner Hammack and all were in favor.

9. DISCUSSION/APPROVAL REPAIRS TO FIRE STATION

Minutes:

Doug stated that during the Hurricane the fire station had some damage and needs to be fixed. The roof leaks and two of the doors were blown out of alignment. We have received two quotes, both have 10 year warranties. Hunter Contracting was \$13,225 and included the exact doors to replace. Yoder was \$14,500 and did not include the doors. Commissioner Hammack made a motion to accept Hunter Contracting's bid at \$13,225, Commissioner Jones seconded the motion and all were in favor.

10. DISCUSSION/APPROVAL BROADBAND READY COMMUNITY ORDINANCE

Minutes:

Doug stated that we are in the process of working on the Comprehensive Plan and one thing that was discussed is for Schley County/Ellaville to become Broadband Ready. There is Federal money available for rural areas. Doug stated that the Ordinance has to be in the Comprehensive Plan which will be approved by June, have an Ordinance in place, which was furnished from ACCG, and complete a survey. This is being proposed as our First Reading.

11. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

a. FIRE / EMS

Minutes:

Duane stated that they responded to 53 emergency calls last month and they assisted the Health Department with first rounds of the vaccinations (448 total). No adverse effects have been reported. Duane completed the License packet and received the CLIA waiver. The LUCAS device was received and they are in the process of training the personnel. Duane has submitted his updated EMS Protocols for review. He's having some interruptions in the supply chain for PPE. An advanced Cardiac Life Support class was held for Paramedic License renewal and an independent study program was implemented.

b. PUBLIC WORKS/SCHLEY COUNTY UTILITIES AUTHORITY

Minutes:

Art Barfield stated the water usage was down this last month due to repairing the leak; the usage has returned to normal. 622 meters were read. They installed three new services, replaced three meters, repaired three service lines and relocated on meter. They unlocked two meters, locked two, completed 31 locates and assigned two new 911 addresses. Heath Road well has been cleaned and should be back in service later this week. The motor grader ran as weather permitted, the boom mower was operated on several roads. Hauled sand and gravel and made repairs to several roads. Installed three new driveways, repaired two driveways, cleaned out beaver dams, replace road signs, picked up trash throughout the county, and patched potholes. Five employees have received their first COVID shot. A new trash dumpster has been placed at the fuel barn on Railside Drive. This is in hopes to alleviate people dumping trash throughout the County. They are looking at a 2015 motor grader that has come off lease; they will try it to see if it is something they would want to purchase. Commissioner Hammack recommended Doug look at purchasing a new one and see what would be the better way to go. Doug will report back at the next meeting.

12. COUNTY MANAGER REPORT

a. EMA DIRECTOR / ZONING / FINANCIALS

Minutes:

Doug stated the Commissioners had the financials before them. Doug stated that the Commissioners had approved the 1.5 acre change to the Zoning Ordinance however all of the changes would need to be presented at a Public meeting (two) and this has not been done. We will work to get all proposed changes and get the Ordinance updated and have the meetings as required. Doug stated that he had contacted Wright Engineering in Columbus to come and look at the gym and give us direction. Jack Clark asked if we were going to take the word of one engineer. Doug explained that this guy is licensed and it is his responsibility to know what he's doing. We will only get one report. We must first find out if the building is structurally sound. Once we receive the recommendation then we'll know what our options are. Jack stated that if it's

condemned we don't want to have to wait for another 4-5 years to take to the community. We cannot make a recommendation until we have the report and then we can bring it up again. Jack stated that he would like to be added to the Agenda and give a monthly Rec Department report. Commissioner Hammack recommended Doug look at pricing of a new motor grader versus one off lease. He said we should look at it and just compare to get the best deal for our money. Commissioner Pilcher stated the thought we should consider a preplanning meeting to discuss items like this so when we get to the actual meeting we already have all the facts and can make a decision. Doug stated he will go back to Yancey and get an updated quote.

13. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Minutes:

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