



SCHLEY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Minutes

Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 6:30 pm

AGENDA

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:

Chairman Bill McClellan stated he would like to add an additional item to the Agenda. He'd like to add item 14D. Executive Session. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the Agenda with Changes; seconded by Commissioner Pilcher and all were in favor.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 9TH MINUTES

Minutes:

Vice-Chair Belcher made a motion to approve the March 9th Minutes, seconded by Commissioner Jones and all were in favor.

5. DISCUSSION OF COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Minutes:

Douglas Jamieson stated that the state requires every County/City to have a Comprehensive Plan in place. It's a ten year Plan and has to be updated every five years. We have had the meetings required by the State. If we were trying to get money for a project from DCA and it wasn't in the plan then we would not get funding. Chairman McClellan needs to sign the document so we can send for approval.

6. DISCUSSION OF EBENEZER ROAD BRIDGE

Minutes:

Doug stated the bridge repairs are complete. The piling was basically rotten to the core but it has been fixed now and we were able to pay for it out of the 2019 LMIG funding.

7. DISCUSSION OF "OLD GYM"

Minutes:

Doug stated we are receiving estimates based on the reports from the engineer. The bricks are falling so it is now taped off so no one can go near it. The rough estimate we received to demolish the building is \$80,000. From the estimates we have received so far the building is going to cost approximately \$284,800. If the Road department is able to knock the building down that would save us the \$80,000. We will hold a Town Hall meeting in two weeks for the public to attend. Since we have to "renovate", we'd have to leave the back part of the gym since the front facade is not sable.

8. DISCUSSION OF TAX ANTICIPATION NOTE (TAN)

Minutes:

Doug stated that we are in pretty decent financial shape, at this time. We had to pay back \$380,000 on the TAN which put us in a hole. We are forecasted to get some additional relief funds around May 10th; if we receive it we will not need a TAN. However, if we don't, we'd like to have permission to go ahead and get the process in place so that when we need it, we'll have it. Doug recommended \$250,000. Doug stated it costs between \$190,000 - \$210,000 to run the county each month. Commissioner Hammack made a motion to go ahead and start the process for the TAN, seconded by Vice-Chair Belcher and all were in favor.

9. APPROVAL/DISCUSSION ROAD REPAIRS

Minutes:

Doug stated that Jim Boyd Construction is still 3-4 weeks out on Ebenezer Road repairs. We now have other roads with more immediate concerns. Stevens Road is in bad shape. Art talked to Sumter Paving and we received a quote of \$10,500 for all three spots. Commissioner Jones made a motion to do a temporary repair, add signage and proceed with Southern Paving to get the road repaired. Commissioner Hammack seconded the motion and all were in favor.

10. HISTORICAL SOCIETY THANK YOU NOTE

Minutes:

Chairman McClellan read a thank you note from the Historical Society for joining again.

11. DISCUSSION OF ROW MOWING CONTRACT

Minutes:

Doug stated that we had previously discussed subcontracting the right of way mowing on Hwy 19. We received a bid from Fall Line Construction and Harper Tree Service. We had previously received a quote from Luvin. Commissioner Hammack made a recommendation that Doug call Randy Harper to see if he would match Luvin's price.

12. DISCUSSION OF CORRECTIVE ACTION ON WATER/SANITATION ARREARS

ACCOUNTS

Minutes:

Doug explained that we have had an ongoing problem with arrears in Water and Sanitation. Several remedies were discussed. We should immediately begin to cut the water off if they are 30 days in arrears on water. We should handle immediately rather than waiting until the bill gets too high. If we have someone who has a really large debt we should try to take off the late fees and just get them to pay the principle amount; maybe set up a payment plan. Doug will get with Mitzi about the Ordinance violation on Sanitation and draft a letter to mail to those individuals. Once we have a plan we will advertise in the paper.

13. DISCUSSION OF MURAL PAINTINGS ON WALLS

Minutes:

Linda Adams stated that the Flint Energies Foundation has a grant for rural communities that will allow them to paint murals on the walls in the City/County. Linda asked for permission, if the grant is received, to paint the walls on the DFACS and Health Department buildings. Linda presented an example of what she is envisioning for the walls. Linda stated that different artists from the school, community, etc would join together to paint. There was a concern about the long term effect of the paintings. Linda said that some of the paintings have been sealed and that we can make sure it is continued. Commissioner Jones made a motion to accept the painting, should the money be received, seconded by Commissioner Pilcher and all were in favor.

14. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

a. FIRE / EMS

Minutes:

Duane Montgomery stated that they have continued to assist with the COVID shots being distributed at the Health Department. All Schley County Medics have recertified. There are still 2,000 who have not in the State. This could be a major concern for the State. They have been doing a lot of cleaning that the station and getting things organized. He said the problem that he's noticed lately is that there is a challenge with counterfeit pills being laced with Xanax or Fentanyl., causing more overdoses. On the educational front, KIA has donated cars to Americus Fire to be used for extraction training. Americus has donated one of their cars to Schley. They have not had the opportunity to use the Lucas device as of yet. They are receiving more mutual aid calls but are also using the adjoining counties, as well.

b. PUBLIC WORKS/SCHLEY COUNTY UTILITIES AUTHORITY

Minutes:

Art Barfield stated that the water usage was up this past month. They installed three new water services and installed a pressure reducing valve on one service. They locked one meter and completed 23 locates and created two 911

addresses. The Johnson Road water tank was repainted and received good inspection reports on both tanks. They completed the water line extension on Deer Road and has gained one new customer. They think there will be more. Art stated that the motor grader has been running as weather permits. They made extensive repairs to Deer Road, operated the boom mower, hauled gravel and sand, cleaned out beaver dams on several roads, installed a new driveway, cleaned ditches, and patched potholes. In addition, the Ebenezer Road bridge was closed for repairs and then reopened. Lemont Thornton is back at work and is doing well. Ronnie King is out on Workers Comp after being involved in an accident on March 10th.

c. RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Minutes:

There was no report for this month.

15. 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.

16. RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

Minutes:

Commissioner Jones made a motion to return to regular session seconded by Commissioner Hammack and all were in favor.

17. COUNTY MANAGER REPORT

a. EMA DIRECTOR / ZONING / FINANCIALS

Minutes:

Doug Jamieson stated he is working on the EMA Hazard Mitigation Plan. He has had nine inspections and ten permits.

Doug stated that he would like to consider changing the year for the County from July 1- June 30 to a calendar year. The City runs that way and it would be easier for us to manage the money that way. Doug stated he talked to Jessica Smith and she said it would be no problem with her as the Tax Commissioner. Commissioner Jones made a motion to change to the calendar year, seconded by Vice-Chair Belcher and all were in favor. Doug also stated that the Tax Commissioner office will begin closing during the lunch from 12:00 - 12:30. The office will be open 40 hours a week and this will be easier on staffing to close for this 30 minutes. Randy Powell has approached Doug about the County funding the fourth of July fireworks again this year. The city is making a donation and Doug has asked that the County match the City.

Doug stated that he talked to Keith Woolridge the other day about the overhanging trees in the county. Keith said Harper's can do some of the work. He has said they would do one machine at \$150 per hour or two for \$300. Keith

said they could cut it up small enough that we could run over it with a mower.

18. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Minutes:

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

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