



SCHLEY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Minutes

Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at 6:30 pm

Jury Room, 14 S. Broad, Ellaville, Georgia

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. INVOCATION

Minutes:

Vice-Chairman Belcher gave the invocation.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Minutes:

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

4. APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 13TH MINUTES

Minutes:

Vice-Chairman Belcher made a motion to approve the April 13th minutes, seconded by Commissioner Pilcher and all were in favor.

5. APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 13TH EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

Minutes:

Vice-Chairman Belcher made a motion to approve the April 13th Executive Session minutes, seconded by Commissioner Pilcher, all were in favor.

6. MIDDLE FLINT BEHAVIORAL

Minutes:

Ms. Holt did not attend the meeting.

7. EXTENSION CHANGES

Minutes:

Bill Starr stated that Brenda Welch will be retiring July 30th. He stated that Brenda's job is unique because she serves as secretary as well as the 4H person. He said it is a long-draw out process; especially since COVID. He said they will not even post the job until after Brenda leaves. The job will be posted on IPAWS; which is a system UGA uses. Bill stated he really wants to hire local, if at all possible; he would appreciate any

help in the hiring process we can offer. Kathy Bruer stated we can load the job on the County website as well as our FaceBook page. Bill will keep us posted.

8. APPROVAL/DISCUSSION DISTRICT ATTORNEY RESOLUTION & AUDIT

Minutes:

Doug Jamieson stated that we have received a Resolution from the District Attorneys office to offer the same benefits package to all employees of the DA's office. Commissioner Hammack made a motion to approve the Resolution, seconded by Commissioner Pilcher and all were in favor.

9. REAPPOINTMENT OF MS. MARGARET MELTON TO THE MF BEHAVIORAL BOARD

Minutes:

Doug Jamieson stated that we had received a request for reappointment of Ms. Margaret Melton the Middle Flint Behavioral Board. Vice-Chairman Belcher made a motion to approve the reappointment of Ms. Melton, seconded by Commissioner Pilcher; all were in favor.

10. DISCUSSION OF ROAD REPAIRS

Minutes:

Doug Jamieson stated that four spots have been repaired on Ebenezer Road. Sumter Paving repaired Stevens Road and did a great job. We were able to get 16-18 loads of millings off of that job. That's great because we will be able to use them with repairs. We are also having issues with Shiloh Road; that road has shifted. We have called Sumter Paving for a quote on that as well. Based on what we paid for Ebenezer and Stevens, Doug predicts it will be less than \$14,000. This was tabled until we get the quote.

11. DISCUSSION OF GYM REPAIRS

Minutes:

Doug stated that based on the response received at the Townhall meeting, we should move forward with the gym repairs. Doug talked to Jimmy Skipper about the renovation/expansion for direction on if we can completely take the gym to the ground. Jimmy Skipper said yes, we can start from scratch. Doug then talked to Lynn McChargue about zoning issues. Lynn stated we are exempt from zoning. Our goal is to stay ten feet off of Tommy Barnes' fence. Doug stated that the current gym is 66' wide and 126' 11.5' long. He said that includes the steps and foyer. Doug stated that if we went with a 100' x 130' that we may wind up killing the pecan trees; therefore, we could go with a 120' L x 80'W. Doug shared the layout of a proposed look of the gym, which included a jr high size basketball court, 42 x 74. The current layout is a little larger but it's not the size of a high school court. There was also discussion of a stage being added and bleachers. Commissioner Hammack stated he thinks we should go as big as we can afford. Doug stated as long as we stay in 20' increments in the length, we should be okay. Chairman McClellan stated that it may be better financially to build the building and frame the additional rooms later. Doug Jamieson stated that

could be done; he assumed the concession stand and warming oven would all be in the same room. Doug also stated he's asked Bruce Manucy for a price for a 10,000 square foot footprint. Commissioner Hammack said he thinks the economy will settle down some within the next seven - eight months. Doug stated it would take that long to get the site prepared as well. It was suggested that the Commissioners and Recreation Board get together and decide what is wanted and how will we get the best use for the community. There was discussion about the size of the basketball court and what would be the best decision. Doug stated that one thing to keep in mind is if you anticipate a crowd larger than 300 people, it will have to have a sprinkler system. There was discussion about how well the community received the Townhall meeting.

12. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION TO CHANGE TO CALENDAR YEAR

Minutes:

Doug Jamieson stated we would like to go from a July 1 - June 30 Fiscal year to a January 1 - December 31 calendar Accounting year. Doug stated this would better align us with when the money comes in. The City is already on a calendar year budget. Commissioner Hammack made a motion to adopt the Resolution to go to a calendar year, seconded by Commissioner Jones and all were in favor.

13. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

a. FIRE / EMS

Minutes:

In Duane Montgomery's absence, Doug Jamieson reported that there were 55 EMS and 8 fire calls last month. They have received their 2021 Trauma Grant. Seventeen volunteer firefighters attended the Georgia Safety training class. Duane was very proud that they had such great attendance.

b. PUBLIC WORKS/SCHLEY COUNTY UTILITIES AUTHORITY

Minutes:

Doug Jamieson reported for Art Barfield. A total of 621 meters were read for the month of April. They installed two new water services, repaired two leaks, installed a pressure reducing valve and replace a faulty valve, locked six meters and completed 23 locates for 811, created two new 911 addresses and completed the Consumer Confidence Report for 2020. One grader, and the boom mower ran on several roads, The ROW mowing has started in the County as well and Harper Tree Service has begun mowing Hwy 19. All Beaver dams in the county have been cleaned, cleaned ditches, picked up trash, worked a several driveways, and repaired/installed signs throughout the county. Art thanked the Fire Department for their help during the recent storm. It was also noted that Ronnie King is set to be moved from the Shepard Spine Center to another facility due to him not being cooperative and trying to help himself.

c. RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Minutes:

Jack Clark stated that Crook Painting has been awarded the bid to paint the buildings at the Rec department. They have finished the regular season of baseball/softball. All Stars will begin next week. Jack thanked the Commissioners for all their hard work on the Townhall meeting and the discussions on the new gymnasium.

14. COUNTY MANAGER REPORT

a. EMA DIRECTOR / ZONING / FINANCIALS

Minutes:

Doug Jamieson stated he is continuing to work on the Hazard Mitigation Plan with River Valley. There were seven inspections (four electrical, two foundation and one plumbing) seven permits (one house, four timber, one storage building and one electrical). We are working on the 2021-2022 budget and we will bring Budget Amendments for review next month.

American Recovery Plan information was released on the tenth; both Bill and Doug signed the paperwork and we are waiting on review. We are still not completely sure what the money can be used for but will continue to read and confer with other counties.

Doug stated that we had unofficially approved for Harper Tree Service to mow the right of ways. Randy lowered his price \$50 per mile. We need a motion to accept. Commissioner Hammack made a motion to approve Harper Tree Service mowing the right of way, seconded by Commissioner Pilcher and all were in favor.

15. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Minutes:

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

Attest:

Bill McClellan, Chairman

Kathy Bruer, County Clerk