



# SCHLEY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

## Minutes

**Tuesday, June 8, 2021 at 6:00 pm**

Jury Room, 14 S. Broad, Ellaville, Georgia

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

**Minutes:**

Chairman McClellan called the meeting to order.

### 2. INVOCATION

**Minutes:**

Vice-Chairman Belcher gave the invocation.

### 3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

**Minutes:**

Commissioner Hammack made a motion to approve the Agenda as presented, seconded by Commissioner Pilcher and all were in favor.

### 4. APPROVAL OF THE MAY 11TH MINUTES

**Minutes:**

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

### 5. APPROVAL/DISCUSSION OF RESOLUTION TO ADOPT SCHLEY COUNTY/ELLAVILLE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN 2022-2026

**Minutes:**

Doug Jamieson stated that this had been accepted and approved at the April meeting, but we need the Chairman's signature on the Resolution.

### 6. APPROVAL/DISCUSSION BUDGET ORDINANCE 06282021A

**Minutes:**

Doug Jamieson stated that we have two budget hearings coming up on the 17th. One will be at 1:00 pm and the other at 6:00 pm. Doug stated that we need approval of the Budget Ordinance based on there being no changes at the budget hearings. Commissioner Hammack made a motion to approve the Ordinance based on no changes being suggested at the hearings, seconded by Vice-Chairman Belcher and all

were in favor.

#### **a. AMERICAN RECOVERY PLAN ACT**

##### **Minutes:**

Doug Jamieson stated that we have received monies from the Federal Government to help with any losses we incurred during COVID. We received \$510,555.50 and we will get the same amount next year. We can use it on Public Health, leave renewal, reward those employees who worked during the shut down, water structures, etc. however, there are limitations. We have spent some of the money on salary for Fire/EMS and the Jailers pay. We were able to transfer \$137,000 into General Fund for those expenses. ACCG has recommended 1. we have a motion to accept the money and that we will be good stewards of the money. 2. We maintain all documents in one certain place, currently everything associated with the account is in a file on Gwen Bellew's desk, and 3. We develop and accept a working plan. Doug stated that each Commissioner had received a 26 page handout from NACO; this is their understanding of how the money can be used. We don't want to spend the money and then have to pay back later. We are researching what it would cost and if it's feasible to go into the neighborhood in Americus with water and we are looking at connecting the two dead ends on the water system where we are losing lots of water each day and another possibility is to install radio read meters. This would cut down on manpower. Commissioner Hammack made a motion to accept the money, seconded by Commissioner Pilcher and all were in favor. Commissioner Pilcher made a motion to accept the safekeeping file system that we have implemented, seconded by Commissioner Hammack and all were in favor. Doug stated we would like to have a Work Session on Thursday, June 17th immediately after the Budget Reading so that we can develop the Working Plan necessary as well as discuss several other items as well.

#### **7. DISCUSSION/APPROVAL LANDFILL REPAIR**

##### **Minutes:**

Doug Jamieson stated that for the last two inspections done by EPD and TTL that it has been reported that we have a busted well head. We need to have repaired and over drill a new pipe. The cost is estimated to be \$11,300. Commissioner Hammack stated he thinks that is a high price. He asked Doug to ask TTL if the work can be done by a licensed well contractor. He said he has done this work before. Vice-Chairman Belcher asked how much longer are we locked in to this monitoring. Doug stated five years but he will check.

#### **8. DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

##### **a. FIRE / EMS**

##### **Minutes:**

Duane Montgomery reported that May was very busy for them. They had 67

ambulance calls and 17 fire calls. Jarrod Wall has passed his Boards and is now a new paramedic. They are offering an online training for wildland fire. They are seeing an increase in overdoses; 3 in Schley County. Duane used the Lucas machine for the first time and it was a huge help.

**b. PUBLIC WORKS/SCHLEY COUNTY UTILITIES AUTHORITY**

**Minutes:**

Art Barfield reported the water department read 628 meters this past month and water usage was up. They installed two new services; repaired two leaks, and replace one meter. They unlocked two meters. They assisted the City in installing a new water service and flushed fire hydrants due to iron. They completed 19 locates for 811 and created two new 911 addresses. The Road department completed the first round of ROW mowing. They cleared trees after severe storms, made repairs to roads and replaced a culvert. The boom mower is running to clear vegetation from the roadway. They mowed, cleared sand and debris off of bridges, picked up trash, weeded and sprayed, clipped road shoulders and installed one new driveway. They placed "Do not litter" signs throughout the county, repaired washouts and potholes, replaced one STOP sign. They have had Perry Brothers to put 1,000 gallons of gas in each of the tanks out at the shop to be used in case of an emergency. Chairman McClellan asked Art to check on a hole in the road by Tim Vasil's house. McClellan also asked about county employees using county vehicles on personal time. Art said he was aware and had been asked about it. He will handle with his employees.

**c. RECREATION**

**Minutes:**

Jack Clark did not attend the meeting.

**9. COUNTY MANAGER REPORT**

**a. EMA DIRECTOR / ZONING / FINANCIALS**

**Minutes:**

Doug Jamieson stated that according to GEMA the hurricane predictions are favorable for high activity. Doug had seven inspections (4 electrical, 2 foundations, 1 plumbing) and 7 permits (1 house, 4 timber, 1 storage building and 1 electrical). We currently have a lot of utility past due accounts. We are in the process of getting the list together and we are going to send a letter out to them giving them time to clear their account and then we will send to collections. By Ordinance, everyone is required to have a trash container. Doug reported that we have received a call from Workers Comp regarding Ronnie King. They have classified Ronnie as an Incomplete Quadriplegic. We are looking at over a \$1 million claim; his house is being modified for him, he will require a wheelchair for the house and a different one for the car, he will require 24 hour nursing. Commissioner Hammack asked if the accident was Ronnie's fault. Doug stated no, it wasn't. The other person's insurance will pay but it won't cover all

expenses. Doug stated we are looking at all processes/systems to see where we can cut money. We are looking at a new phone system, we are working with Windstream to cut out unneeded internet, the thermostats have been changed out and are on an automatic timer, and we are having LED lighting installed in all offices.

## **10. MOTION TO ADJOURN**

### **Minutes:**

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

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