



SCHLEY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Minutes

Tuesday, January 11, 2022 at 6:30 pm

Jury Room, 14 S. Broad, Ellaville, Georgia

1. CALL TO ORDER

Minutes:

Chairman McClellan called the meeting to order.

2. INVOCATION

Minutes:

Commissioner Jones gave the invocation.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Minutes:

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

4. APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 14TH MINUTES

Minutes:

Vice-Chairman Belcher made a motion to approve the December 14th minutes, seconded by Commissioner Jones, and all were in favor.

5. DISCUSSION OF GYMNASIUM FOOTPRINT

Minutes:

Doug stated he had pulled string so the commissioners could get an idea of the two different sizes. One is 80 x 120 and the other is 80 x 150; East to West. This is to keep the kids off of Hwy 26. We will have to shift the building closer to the new jail and keep it off of the old one. Doug talked to Jason Kanazawa and he seems to think he can get a better price if we do a higher roof on 100 foot section and a lower roof on the rest. Jason works with three different companies, so he will shop for best price. Right now we are looking at approximately \$285,044 for the building and the pad, \$130,000 for the wiring and AC and \$1,400 per fixture with plumbing. This does include insulation. Doug stated he recommends to go with the 80' x 150'. We need to schedule a time with Jack Clark to begin digging dirt. Jack asked if he needed to sign a

contract or something give the county approval to go on his property. Doug said he would work on that. Jack Clark asked about the lead time; Doug stated he didn't know. Commissioner Jones made a motion on the 80' x 150' foot building and to go ahead and get started; seconded by Commissioner Hammack and all were in favor. Vice-Chairman Belcher stated he hoped that the City would offer to help as well.

6. DISCUSSION OF SOLID WASTE (TRASH) PICKUP

Minutes:

Doug stated that we have had lots of complaints about the trash pickup. They have changed their days to pick up in the county to Tuesday and Wednesday; they have been hit with their drivers having Covid so hopefully they will be back to normal next week. They are supposed to have more trucks running in Ellaville on those two days. They are increasing our rate by \$.25 per container. A notice has been run in the paper to let the residents know.

7. DISCUSSION OF E911 REAPPOINTMENT

Minutes:

Doug stated it is now time for re-appointment to the Board; Doug stated he is on the board now and doesn't mind continuing to serve. He has been there three years and he serves as Vice-Chairman. Commissioner Jones made a motion to re-appoint Doug to the E911 Board, seconded by Commissioner Pilcher and all were in favor.

8. RE-AUTHORIZATION OF SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNTS

Minutes:

Doug stated that Mr. Krenson is cleaning things up on our books and accounts and we need to be sure that our accounts are titled properly. We need to Re-authorize the following accounts: LMIG is a "restricted" account and is to only be used for Road work. The accounts for Clerk of Court, Sheriff's Drug Fund, Sheriff's Miscellaneous , and the Tax Commissioners Office Special Account are all "assigned". The Jail Inmate Services fund is a "Committed" account. TSplost, Splost (2013 & 2019), Law Library, Jail Fund, Drug Abuse Education & Training Fund accounts are "restricted". Commissioner Hammack made a motion to re-authorize the above accounts, seconded by Commissioner Pilcher and all were in favor.

9. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

a. FIRE / EMS

Minutes:

Duane Montgomery stated they had 66 calls for EMS last month; the majority were for difficulty breathing. They are continuing to wear their PPE. The fire department had eleven responses last month. For a total of 895 calls for last year. At the last fire meeting they had Narcan training. We have had several overdoses in the county in 2021. Duane has distributed some to family members of known addicts, so they can us when necessary. They received an ACCG Safety Grant and reflective raincoats were purchased for Fire/EMS and the

Road department.

b. PUBLIC WORKS/SCHLEY COUNTY UTILITIES AUTHORITY

Minutes:

Art Barfield stated the water usage was up last month. Letters were mailed out to all past due accounts the end of December; several payments have been made since then. One meter was locked and 11 were replaced. Art completed 24 locates and created three new 911 addresses. The data radio problem at Stevens Road well has been repaired and is running on automatic again. In the Road department Jennifer and Carrie are out picking up trash on the side of the roads, throughout the county. They patched some leaking spots on the roof at the annex building, hauled gravel and repaired a wash on Barwick Road, started repair work at Andersonville Rd and Dixon Dr, and hauled gravel to WJ Story and Ira Kelly to repair wet spots. The grader and boom mower continues to run as weather permitted, they removed trees from the roadway on several roads, and replaced two stop signs.

c. RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Minutes:

Jack Clark stated he's excited about the gym project and hope they can get started soon. Jack is going to bid on the Dixie Youth tournament this summer; it will be a huge draw for the county He said he'd like to suggest the Rec Board go to quarterly meetings, like the Zoning Board is going to do. He said there just isn't enough business to discuss monthly. If needed a called meeting could be initiated. He said financials will still be distributed monthly.

10. COUNTY MANAGER REPORT

a. EMA DIRECTOR / ZONING / FINANCIALS

Minutes:

Doug stated that Bill Starr had approached him about helping to pay for the 4H position. Doug stated that we have a budget and have allocated money anyway. Commissioner Hammack made a motion to approve the money for the 4H position, seconded by Commissioner Pilcher and all were in favor. Doug stated the redistricting paperwork has been submitted to the Legislature. Doug said he stopped in Marion County and dropped off the paperwork for the Mutual Aid agreement for EMS services. The County Clerk said she would get it to the correct person. Paul with SOWEGA Engineering is working on a bid package for Beckwith Road. We have received our approval for the 2022 LMIG; the amount awarded is \$215,327.34 and the county has to put in a 10% match. We received an estimate for Lowery Road for a cost of \$100,000 +; it is Doug's recommendation that we wait and see how the money falls out and see if we have extra money or if it can be applied somewhere else. A warranty for the new grader was discussed. Commission Jones made a motion to get the premium 5-yr plan at a cost of \$1,783.83 per year, seconded by Commissioner

Pilcher and all were in favor.. Sumter Paving has completed Ebenezer Road. There has been a request for a light at the intersection of US19 and Andersonville Road; it is like the light on old 19 south and US19. The city is working on this. Doug stated he had been approached about the ROW mowing in the County. Doug is going to talk to the State to see if we can get an increase since the payment has stayed the same since inception. Vice-Chairman Belcher to advertise for bids to cut the right of way, seconded by Commissioner Hammack; the motion was approved. Doug stated that Frank Butcher came by today and thanked us for allowing him to serve on the Tax Assessor board and if we ever needed any help to let him know.

11. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Minutes:

Chairman McClellan stated that he has been in office for one year and he wanted to know if anyone had any recommendations or complaints about how he was handling the meetings. Both Commissioners Jones and Hammack both expressed that they liked that the meetings are more thorough and they felt like they are better informed of what is going on in the county.

12. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Minutes:

Commissioner Jones made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Vice-Chairman Belcher and the motion carried.