

THE SCREVEN COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

APRIL 9, 2024

The Board of Commissioners of Screven County, Georgia, Mr. Will Boyd, Chairman, Mr. J.C. Warren, Vice-Chairman, Mrs. Allison Willis, Mr. Ben Thompson, Ms. Rosa Romeo, Mr. Edwin Lovett and Mr. Mike Dixon met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. on April 9, 2024, at the Screven County Courthouse.

PERSONS ATTENDING THE MEETING

Ms. Lori Burke, County Manager, Mr. Aaron Meyer, County Attorney (via zoom), Mrs. Sonya Gordon, Administrative Clerk, Ben Wall, Ruthie Robbins, Rev. Uley Robbins, Mildred Boyd, Jay Hodges, Randy Hagan, Lagina Evans, Subrena Kittles, Willis Kittles Sr., Harry Robbins, Alan Stewart, Terry Roberts and B. Lea

CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Boyd called the meeting to order. Commissioner Warren gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Commissioner Romeo made a motion to approve the agenda with the omission of New Business Item 7. Commissioner Willis seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

MINUTES

Commissioner Romeo made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2024 Commissioners' meeting. Commissioner Willis seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

APPEARANCE

(1) **Subrena Kittles** asked the Board if they could look into paving Old River Road. Mrs. Kittles

stated that they have difficulties getting to the church when there has been extremely bad weather. The road is paved just past AMI Kids facility and she would like to see if it could be extended at least to the church's property that is less than a mile up the road. Commissioner Warren informed Mrs. Kittles that the Board will look into this matter and see what they can do since the area is less than a mile long.

PUBLIC HEARING

(1) **Planning & Zoning Board** Chairman Boyd opened the meeting to public comment on a request to subdivide, 525 Industrial Park Road into two separate parcels of land located in Commissioner District 6. Chairman Boyd closed the meeting to public comment. Commissioner Willis made a motion to approve the request from the Planning & Zoning Board. Commissioner Romeo seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

NEW BUSINESS

(1) **RFP/Sanitation** Commissioner Dixon made a motion to table the RFP award for Sanitation Services until the next meeting. Commissioner Willis seconded this motion. Commissioner Dixon feels that he should review all RFP packets so that he could better understand the numbers that are being presented. Commissioner Dixon, Commissioner Willis, Commissioner Thompson and Commissioner Lovett voted in favor of this motion. Commissioner Boyd, Commissioner Warren and Commissioner Romeo opposed. Motion carried by majority vote.

(2) **RFP/Tree Trimming** County Manager Burke informed the Board that she did this RFP a little different, requesting bids for price per mile. Ms. Burke also would also like to put a set amount aside from TSPLOST to continue with these projects. Commissioner Willis made a motion to approve the RFP for Right of Way Trimming and Clearing. Commissioner Romeo seconded this motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

(3) **Appointment/Board of Elections** Commissioner Thompson made a motion to table the

appointment to the Board of Elections. Commissioner Willis seconded this motion. Mr. Thompson feels that he needs more time to review the applicants, since there are so many to choose from. Commissioner Romeo agrees, stating that she feels that some of the applicants from the original appointment to the Board of Elections should have been considered. The Board has agreed to table this discussion until next month.

(4) **MOA/Ag Center** Commissioner Willis has concerns about who is actually overseeing and is involved with this project. Commissioner Willis made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Agreement with the Georgia Department of Community Affairs. Commissioner Thompson seconded this motion and it carried by unanimous vote. (See copy of Agreement in Minute Book page ____).

(5) **Comprehensive Plan** Commissioner Lovett made a motion to approve the Comprehensive Plan Update Proposal. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

(6) **Junior Woman's Club** The Junior Woman's Club asked the Board's permission to use the county courtroom on April 22, 2024 to host a Candidates Forum. Commissioner Warren made a motion to approve the request from the Junior Woman's Club. Commissioner Willis seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

(7) **Contract Renewal** Commissioner Warren made a motion to approve contract renewal with Traylor Business Services for the Tax Assessor's Office. Commissioner Willis seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

(8) **Surplus** Sheriff Kile stated that the Sheriff's Department has a Mobile Kitchen that was given to them, that they have never used. The Sheriff would like to declare this equipment surplus and donate it to the American Legion. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve the surplus of the Sheriff's Department's Mobile Kitchen. Commissioner Willis seconded this motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

(9) **Bridge Dedication** Commissioner Romeo provided the Board with a visual of the dedication

sign as well as the cost for Mr. Roosevelt Culver, the late President of the NAACP. Ms. Romeo would like to have a small ceremony honoring Mr. Culver at the Best Bridge location once the signs have arrived. Commissioner Romeo made a motion to approve the signage and cost for the dedication of Mr. Culver. Commissioner Willis seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

COMMISSION/STAFF COMMENTS

Commissioner Boyd announced that Commissioner Romeo has been elected Chairman of the Coastal Regional Commission. Mr. James Woods, Road Superintendent gave an update on the county roads. Commissioner Warren made a motion to allow Ben Wall, owner of Allgreen Services to address the Board about Sanitation bids. Commissioner Lovett seconded this motion and it carried by unanimous vote. Mr. Ben Wall addressed the Board about the concerns that some of them may have. Mr. Wall explained to the Board his figures, as well as the benefits his company has to offer Screven County. County Manager Burke announced that she would like to schedule a workshop on April 23, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. for the Budget, SPLOST and at that time the Contractors for Sanitation Services can address any questions the Board may have regarding bids. Ms. Burke also announced that the City would like permission to put a camera between South Main and Johnson Drive. Mrs. Lagina gave an update on the hospital.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Boyd adjourned the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

Chairman

County Manager