

THE SCREVEN COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

AUGUST 10, 2021

The Board of Commissioners of Screven County, Georgia, Mr. J.C. Warren, Vice-Chairman, Mr. John O. Triplett, Ms. Allison Willis, Mr. Edwin Lovett, Ms. Rosa Romeo and Mr. Mike Dixon met in regular session at 9:00 A.M. on August 10, 2021, at the Screven County Courthouse. Mr. Will Boyd was absent.

PERSONS ATTENDING THE MEETING

Ms. Lori Boulineau, Interim County Manager, Mr. Hubert Reeves, County Attorney, Mr. Paul Keller Newton, Mr. Bee Jay Rollins Jr., Mr. Norman Williams, Ms. Blair Causey, Ms. Mikki Saxon, Ms. Jonna Thompson, Ms. Kathryn Finch, Mr. Uley Robbins, Ms. Grace Waits, Mr. JD Meadows, Ms. Althea Scroggins, Mr. Enoch Autry, Sylvania Telephone, Mr. Worth Zeagler

CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice-Chairman Warren called the meeting to order. Commissioner Lovett gave the invocation and lead the pledge of allegiance.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Commissioner Triplett made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Romeo seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

MINUTES

Commissioner Lovett made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2021 meeting. Commissioner Triplett seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Grace Waits thanked the Board for allowing the Leadership Screven class to attend the meeting this morning. Ms. Blair Causey stated that the Roads & Bridges Department does a great job on the roads and anytime she calls with an issue they are always there to fix it.

NEW BUSINESS

(1) **Agreement** Commissioner Romeo made a motion to approve the FY 2022 Georgia Indigent Defense Services Agreement. Commissioner Willis seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

(2) **Discussion** Commissioner Willis discussed the county road conditions. Commissioner Willis shared several pictures of roads with over growth and wash outs that has not been maintained in a couple of months and stated that the county owes it to the tax payers of this county to maintain the roads and do it right. Road Superintendent Roger Brannen stated that the reason for the delay is due to the department being understaffed and rain. Commissioner Triplett asked Mr. Brannen what he needed from the board to help. Mr. Brannen stated he needed help finding people to work. Commissioner Warren stated that complaints about a department should be given to Interim County Manager Lori Burke to look into. Interim County Manager Lori Burke stated she has met with Road Superintendent Roger Brannen and they have a plan that includes increasing the number of motor-graders operating in the county at a time and hope that it will get them back on track.

(3) **2022 LMIG** Interim County Manager Lori Burke stated she would like the Board to have more of an input on the list of roads submitted for the 2022 LMIG to make sure that all roads are being considered. Commissioner Willis asked how roads are picked? Road Superintendent Roger Brannen stated that he tries to pick the roads with the most complaints and in the poorest condition. Commissioner Warren stated Mr. Brannen knows the roads better than anymore and he should pick the roads.

(4) **Discussion** Commissioner Warren discussed the current redistricting that is going on in the states. Commissioner Warren stated he would like for our local districts to stay the same even if there are changes made at a state level. Commissioner Willis stated she would like to wait for more information before discussing. The Board agreed to table the discussion until the September 2021 meeting.

COMMISSION/STAFF REPORTS

Commissioner Triplett asked Ms. Lagina Evans, CEO Optim Medical Center Screven, for updates about the hospital. Ms. Evans stated the due to an increase in COVID cases they are urging people to wear masks and that the hospital will have a drive-thru vaccine clinic on Thursday, August 26, 2021 from 5:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. Commissioner Dixon stated he would like to see a committee formed that included Commissioner Willis to look into Road Department issues. Commissioner Lovett stated that contacting Interim County Manager Lori Burke and Roger Brannen Road Superintendent has worked in the past. Ms. Burke informed the Board of the annual sampler date set for Saturday, October 23, 2021, and about upcoming building repairs that will be done at the OTC building. County Attorney Hubert Reeves stated he is still waiting for a court date to be set on the matters with the City of Sylvania.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Triplett made a motion to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel at 9:47 A.M. Commissioner Lovett seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

Commissioner Romeo made a motion to return to regular session at 10:26 A.M. Commissioner Willis seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

Commissioner Triplett made a motion to approve the minutes of the executive session. Commissioner Romeo seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chairman Warren adjourned the meeting at 10:27 A.M.

Chairman

County Manager