

THE SCREVEN COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

AUGUST 11, 2020

The Board of Commissioners of Screven County, Georgia, Mr. Will Boyd, Chairman, Mr. J.C. Warren, Vice-Chairman, Mr. John O. Triplett, Mr. Michael McBride, Mr. Mike Dixon, Ms. Rosa Romeo and Mr. Edwin Lovett met in regular session at 9:00 A.M. on August 11, 2020 at the Screven County Recreation Department Gymnasium.

PERSONS ATTENDING THE MEETING

Mr. Hubert Reeves, County Attorney, Mrs. Lori Boulineau, Personnel Director/Finance Officer, Mr. Enoch Autry, Sylvania Telephone, Ms. Kaytie Nasworthy, Ms. Mikki Saxon, Executive EMA Director, Mr. Junior Cryder, Fire Chief, Mr. Truman Anderson, Recreation Director, Mr. Randy Hagan, Zoning Administrator, Ms. Michelle Jackson, Administrative Assistant, Mr. Brett Dickerson, Investigator, Sheriff Mike Kile, Mr. Max Burns, Mr. Lannie Greene, Mr. Jimmie Williams, Ms. Heidi Mixon, Mr. Alan Stewart, Mr. Todd Wells, Ms. Allison Willis, Ms. Susie Doscher, Ms. Lagina Evans

CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

MINUTES

Commissioner Triplett made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 21, 2020 meeting. Commissioner McBride seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

APPEARANCES

(1) **Brett Dickerson** appeared before the Board to discuss the application and execution of the USDA Rural Development Grant. Commissioner Warren made a motion to approve the application and allow the Chairman to execute the application for the USDA Rural Development Grant. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

(2) **Max Burns** appeared before the Board to introduce himself as a candidate for the Georgia State Senate District 23.

(3) **Heidi Mixon**, Screven Christian Academy Director and Todd Wells, Shot gun Team Coach appeared before the Board to discuss using the shooting range on Rocky Ford Road for practice. County Attorney Hubert Reeves informed the Board that he does not agree with allowing private entities to use county property. The Board agreed to come up with a policy for use of the shooting range.

PLANNING BOARD PRESENTMENTS

(1) **Public Hearing** Chairman Boyd opened the meeting to public comment on a Conditional Use from Pyramid Network Services, LLC., for the purpose of constructing a 254 foot self-supporting tower to improve service for Verizon Wireless customers located southeast of Woodbridge Road in Commissioner District 6. Mr. Lannie Green spoke in favor of the tower. Chairman Boyd closed the meeting to public comment. Commissioner Warren made a motion to approve the recommendation from Planning and Zoning to approve the Conditional Use. Commissioner McBride seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

(2) **Public Hearing** Chairman Boyd opened the meeting to public comment on an application for a major subdivision with ten lots or less located on the area of Hwy 24, Runs Branch Road and Hudsons Ferry Road in Commissioner District 4. Mr. Jim Anderson spoke in favor of the application. Chairman Boyd closed the meeting to public comment. Commissioner Triplett made a

motion to accept the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Board and approve the application for a major sub division. Commissioner Romeo seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

NEW BUSINESS

(1) **Budget Resolution** Commissioner Warren made a motion to adopt a Resolution approving FY 2020-2021 budget. Commissioner Romeo seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote. (See copy of Resolution on minute book page ____).

(2) **Safety Discount** Commissioner Romeo made a motion to approve the annual ACCG-GSIWCF and ACCG-IRMA safety discount verification form. Commissioner Warren seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

(3) **2021 LMIG** Commissioner Warren made a motion to approve the road project list and submit application for 2021 LMIG grant. Commissioner Triplett seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote. (See copy of road list of minute book page(s)____to ____).

(4) **Coronavirus Relief Fund** Commissioner Warren made a motion to approve the execution of the Coronavirus Relief Fund (Cares Act) grant agreement. Commissioner Triplett seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

(5) **Hazard Mitigation Plan** Commissioner Lovett made a motion to adopt/approve/execute Resolution for Screven County Hazard Mitigation Plan update. Commissioner Romeo seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote. (See copy of Resolution on minute book page ____).

(6) **Discussion** Commissioner McBride discussed request from the Town of Rocky Ford to help with their playground and recreational facility. County Attorney Hubert Reeves stated he would not recommend helping them financially because all other municipalities will want help as well.

(7) **Budget Amendment** Commissioner Triplett made a motion to approve the Budget Amendment Resolution to amend FY 18-19 budget. Commissioner McBride seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote. (See copy of Resolution on minute book page(s) ___ to ___).

(8) **Amendment** Commissioner McBride made a motion to approve/execute amendment to Intergovernmental Agreement for the Juvenile Court in the Ogeechee Judicial Circuit. Commissioner Triplett seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote. (See copy of amendment on minute book page ___).

(9) **5 Year History Tax** Commissioner David Long was not in attendance but the 2020 Property Tax and 5 year history of the levy was presented to the Board. The Board agreed to set a meeting date for Tuesday, September 29, 2020 at 9:00 A.M. to set the county millage rate.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

REPORTS

Commissioner Triplett discussed the additional cost to the county for Robinson-Williams Way at the Industrial Park would be \$40,856.75. The Board agreed to reach out to the IDA Board to see if they would be willing to help.

Commissioner Boyd stated after meeting with the Hospital they are requesting \$1,000,000.00 a year for 10 years. Commissioner Warren stated the last agreement gave them \$6,000,000.00 over 10 years and if that didn't help why the county should give any more money to a private hospital. Commissioner Triplett stated not having a hospital could affect schools, businesses and public safety. County Attorney Hubert Reeves stated he is against the county giving money to a private entity. Commissioner Lovett stated he would like more information.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Triplett made a motion to go into executive session at 10:25 A.M. for the purpose of discussing personnel and litigation. Commissioner Warren seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion to return to regular session at 11:50 A.M. Commissioner McBride seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Boyd adjourned the meeting at 11:50 A.M.

Chairman

County Manager