

THE SCREVEN COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

AUGUST 9, 2022

The Board of Commissioners of Screven County, Georgia, Mr. Will Boyd, Chairman, Mr. J.C. Warren, Vice-Chairman, Mrs. Allison Willis, Mr. John Triplett, Ms. Rosa Romeo, and Mr. Mike Dixon met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on August 9, 2022, at the Screven County Courthouse. Mr. Edwin Lovett attended via zoom.

PERSONS ATTENDING THE MEETING

Ms. Lori Burke, County Manager, Mr. Aaron Meyer, County Attorney (via zoom), Mrs. Sonya Gordon, Administrative Clerk, Jonna Thompson, Uley Robbins, Harvey Cryder, Heather Smith, Josh Kaiser, Hannah Derriso, Debbie Brown, Lagina Evans, Sarah Saxon, Kathryn Youles, and Randy Hagan.

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. Commissioner Triplett seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

MINUTES

Commissioner Triplett made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 26, 2022 Commissioners' meeting. Commissioner Romeo seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Uley Robbins had questions regarding the combining of polling places. His questions were put on hold until we could hear from the election's superintendent and supervisor.

APPEARANCES

(1) Election Superintendent, Debbie Brown and Election Supervisor, Hannah Derriso appeared to discuss combining polling places throughout the county. Mrs. Brown explained to the Board that the county currently has 12 voting precincts. Mrs. Brown and Ms. Derriso think that simplifying precincts could increase voter turnout as well as eliminate some confusion that was caused after the redistricting of the county. Commissioner Willis agreed stating that the precincts should be put in more central locations of the districts.

NEW BUSINESS

(1) **Budget Resolution** Commissioner Warren made a motion to adopt the Resolution approving the FY 2022-2023 budget. Commissioner Triplett seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote. (See copy of Resolution in minute book page_____).

(2) **Discussion** The Board continued their discussion on purchasing a new fire engine. Chief Cryder announced that Palmetto fire has a 2012 fire engine for \$275,000. Palmetto Fire is willing to take the Fire Department's 2002 rescue truck in on a trade for \$50,000 leaving the asking price at \$225,000. County Manager Burke stated that financing with ACCG through Truist Bank would give the county a 3% interest rate and the first payment will not be due until August of 2023. Commissioner Warren made a motion to move forward with the purchase of this fire engine, without the trade in of the rescue truck. Commissioner Romeo seconded the motion. Chairman Boyd, Commissioner Lovett, and Commissioner Dixon are in favor of this motion. Commissioner Willis and Commissioner Triplett opposed. The motion carried by majority vote.

COMMISSION/STAFF COMMENTS

Commissioner Willis thanked the Roads & Bridges Department for work that was done in the Rocky Ford area. County Manager Burke announced that JAG will be having an Open House for their new Sylvania Office on August 19, 2022 at 109 Ennis St. from 12-2 p.m. Commissioner

Triplett thanked Ms. Burke and Warden Scroggins for resolving the water issues that occurred at the prison last week. Commissioner Warren thanked the Board, Commissioner's Office staff, and The Sylvania Times for his recognition from last month's meeting. County Manager Burke stated that County Attorney Aaron Meyer is still waiting to hear back from the state before moving forward with the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Forestry. County Manger Burke shared some photos of a few dumpster sites that are still having issues with illegal dumping. Since the tickets that are written are not being enforced, there were ideas tossed around to maybe use those individuals for community service to clean some trash sites. Ms. Burke also announced that she met with Servpro at the Library last week. Servpro's quote for monitoring humidity levels could be up to \$40,000. Commissioner Lovett stated that he has talked to Jim Thompson and if needed that he would find some vacant classrooms to store materials that are in fear of getting damaged at the library. Mr. Randy Hagan also added that the insurance appraiser would be coming on tomorrow. Lagina Evans thanked everyone who came to support the grand opening of the ER. Commissioner Warren asked about the status of Covid. Mrs. Evans stated that cases are still on the rise but symptoms seem to be less severe at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Triplett made a motion to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel and litigation at 10:20 a.m. Commissioner Willis seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

Commissioner Warren made a motion to return to regular session at 12:15 p.m. Commissioner Willis seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

Commissioner Romeo left before executive session. Commissioner Dixon left during executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Boyd adjourned the meeting at 12:15 p.m.

Chairman

County Manager