

THE SCREVEN COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
DECEMBER 12, 2023

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, and Mr. Edwin Lovett met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on December 12, 2023, at the Screven County Courthouse. Mr. Mike Dixon was absent.

PERSONS ATTENDING THE MEETING

Ms. Lori Burke, County Manager, Mr. Aaron Meyer, County Attorney (via zoom), Mrs. Sonya Gordon, Administrative Clerk, Uley Robbins, Ruthie Robbins, Barnie Beasley, Jake Gay, Sarah Saxon, Michael Newton and T. Roberts

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 Willis seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

MINUTES

Commissioner Lovett made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2023 Commissioners' meeting. Commissioner Warren seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

NEW BUSINESS

(1) **RFP** Commissioner Lovett made a motion to approve the RFP for Right of Way Roadside Mowing with the necessary corrections as discussed with County Manager Burke. Commissioner

Romeo seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

(2) **Addition to Policy** Commissioner Warren made a motion to approve proposed addition to the County's personnel policy. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

(3) **Qualifying Fees** Commissioner Willis made a motion to approve qualifying fees for the upcoming primary election as amended. Commissioner Romeo seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote. (See copy in Minute Book page _____).

(4) **Road Abandonment Process** County Attorney, Aaron Meyer explained to the Board the process of road abandonment. Mr. Meyer stated that he would draft an outline of procedures to review and email them to all the Commissioners. Commissioner Warren made a motion to approve the process of abandoning a roadway. Commissioner Willis seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

(5) **GDOT** The GDOT has issued a MOA to Screven County for services to Buck Creek @ South Prong Buck Creek in the amount of \$50,000 and Buck Creek @ Buck Creek Tributary in the amount of \$75,000. Mr. James Woods, Roads & Bridges Superintendent was in attendance and wondered if the Roads & Bridges Department could do the work. County Manager Burke stated that she would reach out to the GDOT to see if this is possible. The Board has agreed to table this discussion until next month.

(6) **2024 LMIG** Commissioner Lovett made a motion to approve the application and road list for the 2024 LMIG. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

(7) **Discussion** The Board discussed the meeting schedule for 2024. There were mixed feelings amongst the Board regarding this matter. Commissioner Romeo made a motion to approve a rotational schedule, with January's meeting starting at 9:00 a.m. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Commissioner Romeo, Commissioner Thompson, Commissioner Boyd, Commissioner

Warren and Commissioner Lovett are in favor of this motion. Commissioner Willis opposed. Motion carried by majority vote.

(8) Revised SAP Project List Commissioner Willis made a motion to approve revised project list for 2021 LMIG SAP Grant. Commissioner Romeo seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

COMMISSION/STAFF COMMENTS

Commissioner Warren asked the Roads & Bridges Superintendent Mr. Woods for an update on the roadside trimming, stating that he is impressed by the work that has been done. Mr. Woods agrees that Trey Evans/Evans Freight Services has done an excellent job. Commissioner Lovett would like some work done to the entrance at the Jacksonboro dumpsite. County Manager Burke announced the holiday closings for Christmas. Commissioner Boyd gave an update on the Ag Center repairs.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Willis made a motion to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing potential litigation at 9:47 a.m. Commissioner Romeo seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

Commissioner Willis made a motion to return to regular session at 10:28 a.m. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Boyd adjourned the meeting at 10:28 a.m.

Chairman

County Manager