

THE SCREVEN COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
DECEMBER 14, 2021

The Board of Commissioners of Screven County, Georgia, Mr. Will Boyd, Chairman, 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 November 9, 2021, at the Screven County Courthouse.

PERSONS ATTENDING THE MEETING

Ms. Lori Burke, County Manager, Mr. Hubert Reeves, County Attorney, Mr. Paul Keller Newton, Mr. Uley Robbins, Ms. Lagina Evans, Mr. Terry Roberts, Mr. Richard Lane, Georgia Forestry Commission, Mr. Roger Brannen, Road Superintendent, Mr. Bobby Smith, Public Works Director

CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

MINUTES

Commissioner Warren made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2021 meeting with the amendment from Commissioner Willis and the minutes of the November 23, 2021 meeting. The amendment stated that she voted in October 12, 2021 meeting to approve \$150,000.00 disbursement from the 2013 SPLOST to the Recreation Department, however; she did not participate or vote in the process or approval of the contractor selected (Talbot Tennis) who was awarded the tennis court project at the Recreation Department. Commissioner Willis seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

APPEARANCE

(1) **Richard Lane** presented the annual forestry report to the Commissioners and explained the new law pertaining to fire permits.

NEW BUSINESS

(1) **Appointment/Resolution** Commissioner Warren made a motion to appoint Mr. Larry Ruffin to the Board of Tax Assessors. Commissioner Willis seconded the motion. Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Willis, Commissioner Romeo, Commissioner Triplett, Commissioner Dixon and Commissioner Lovett voted in favor. Commissioner Boyd opposed. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Commissioner Triplett made a motion to adopt a Resolution establishing the terms of the Board of Tax Assessors. Commissioner Romeo seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote. (See copy of Resolution on minute book page(s)___ to ___.)

(2) **Intergovernmental Contract** Commissioner Warren made a motion to approve and execute an amendment to and extension of the Intergovernmental Contract for the Provision of Economic Development Services. Commissioner Romeo seconded the motion. Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Romeo, Commissioner Boyd, Commissioner Triplett, Commissioner Dixon and Commissioner Lovett voted in favor. Commissioner Willis abstained from the vote due to lack of information. The motion carried by majority vote.

(3) **Discussion** Commissioner Dixon continued the discussion of a TSPLOST for Screven County and presented the Board with a timeline of things to do to ensure the TSPLOST will be on the ballot in May 2022. Commissioner Boyd and Commissioner Triplett asked if a rollback of the millage would be considered. Commissioner Willis stated that she would like to see what is actually

collected before considering a rollback. Commissioner Dixon made a motion to move forward with the TSPLOST timeline with the intent to have it on the ballot in May 2022. Commissioner Willis seconded the motion. Commissioner Willis, Commissioner Dixon, Commissioner Lovett, Commissioner Romeo and Commissioner Warren voted in favor. Commissioner Triplett and Commissioner Boyd opposed. The motion carried by majority vote.

(4) Discussion Commissioner Willis discussed the condition of Bascom Road at Lewis Station Road and asked what the plan was to fix it. Road Superintendent Roger Brannen and Public Works Director Bobby Smith stated they are looking into different repairs that they hope will last the longest and be worth the money. The Board agreed to allow Smith, Brannen and County Manager Lori Burke to look into using 2022 LMIG funds for the repair and moving forward with getting costs of the repair.

COMMISSION/STAFF COMMENTS

Commissioner Romeo stated that the Health Board is still looking for someone to fill a vacant position. Ms. Lagina Evans gave an update on the hospital. County Manager Lori Burke requested the use of 2019 SPLOST funds to cover the cost of the boiler replacement at the Courthouse.

Commissioner Warren made a motion to approve the use of 2019 SPLOST funds to cover the cost of the boiler replacement in the amount of \$28,875.00. Commissioner Triplett seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Triplett made a motion to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel at 10:35 A.M. Commissioner Willis seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

Commissioner Warren made a motion to return to regular session at 11:00 A.M.

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

Commissioner Romeo made a motion to approve the minutes of the executive session.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Boyd adjourned the meeting at 11:00 A.M.

Chairman

County Manager