

THE SCREVEN COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

FEBRUARY 13, 2024

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. Mike Dixon met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. on February 13, 2024, 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, John Henry, Benje Thompson, Kathryn Counts, Ben Counts, Harry Robbins, Ruthie Robbins, Uley Robbins, Lagina Evans, Sarah Saxon, Jake Gay, Earl Culver, Aleon Culver, Rose Roberts, Terry Roberts, Charles Wilkins, Stacy Mincey and Joe Bohannon

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 Romeo made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2024 Commissioners' meeting. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Joe Bohannon stated that he would like to be considered for the appointment on the IDA Board. Mr. Bohannon feels that due to his experience in business over the years, he would be very beneficial to this Board.

NEW BUSINESS

(1) **RFP/Roadside Mowing** Commissioner Willis, Commissioner Thompson and Commissioner Dixon recused themselves from this vote. Commissioner Warren made a motion to award the RFP for Right of Way Roadside Mowing to Thompson Cove in the amount of \$365,397.75. Commissioner Romeo seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

(2) **Appointment/IDA** Commissioner Boyd recused himself from this vote, and turned the meeting over to Vice-Chairman Warren. Commissioner Warren made a motion to accept the recommendation of the IDA Board and appoint Mr. Ben Boyd. Commissioner Romeo seconded this motion. Commissioner Thompson recommended Mrs. Andrea McBride. Commissioner Willis had concerns and asked County Attorney Meyer is there a conflict of interest being that Mr. Ben Boyd is the Chairman's brother. Attorney Meyer stated that there is no conflict of interest. Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Romeo, Commissioner Dixon and Commissioner Lovett voted in favor of this motion. Commissioner Willis and Commissioner Thompson opposed. Motion carried by majority vote.

(3) **Budget Calendar** Commissioner Romeo made a motion to approve the Budget Calendar for FY 24-25. Commissioner Willis seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

(4) **GDOT** Commissioner Willis made a motion to approve the Memorandum Agreement with GDOT. Commissioner Romeo seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote. (See copy of Agreement in Minute Book page _____).

(5) **Equipment Purchase** Commissioner Willis made a motion to purchase a Server for the Tax Commissioner and Tax Assessor's Offices from Micro Computer Plus in the amount of \$9, 835.99. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

(6) **Equipment Purchase** Commissioner Romeo made a motion to purchase a Backhoe from John Deere for the Roads & Bridges Department in the amount of \$122,529.00 using SPLOST

funds. Commissioner Warren seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

(7) **Equipment Purchase** Commissioner Romeo made a motion to purchase an Ice Maker for the Recreation Department in the amount of \$6,120.43 using General Funds. Commissioner Willis seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

(8) **Road Closure** Commissioner Willis made a motion to start the process of closing Cypress Pond Road due to safety concerns from the Railroad. Commissioner Warren seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

(9) **Renaming Road** Commissioner Romeo made a motion to move forward with the process of identifying a Bridge to name in honor of Mr. Roosevelt Culver, the late President of the NAACP. Commissioner Willis seconded this motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

(10) **Animal Shelter** Commissioner Willis made a motion to approve the issuance of 27 vouchers to county residents for Animal Shelter Spay Day on February 27, 2024. Vouchers will be provided through funds that have been raised and donated to the shelter. Commissioner Warren seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

COMMISSION/STAFF COMMENTS

Commissioner Romeo announced that Mr. Allen Burns, Executive Director of the CRC will be having his retirement celebration on March 13, 2024 from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. at the Richmond Hill City Center. Commissioner Warren asked Road Superintendent, Mr. James Woods for an update on Jenk Hill Road. Mr. Woods stated that he is waiting on pipe to complete. Commissioner Romeo asked about the status of Lawton Road. The start date for Lawton Road was the 12th of February but got pushed back due to weather conditions. Mrs. Lagina Evans gave an update on the hospital.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Romeo made a motion to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing litigation at 6:59 p.m. Commissioner Warren seconded the motion and it carried by

unanimous vote.

Commissioner Thompson made a motion to return to regular session at 7:16 p.m.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Boyd adjourned the meeting at 7:16 p.m.

Chairman

County Manager