

**THE SCREVEN COUNTY**  
**COMMISSIONERS' MEETING**

**JANUARY 14, 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. January 14, 2020 at the Screven County Courthouse.

**PERSONS ATTENDING THE MEETING**

Mrs. Lori Boulineau, Finance Officer, Mr. Hubert Reeves, County Attorney, Mr. Enoch Autry, Sylvania Telephone, Sheriff Mike Kile, Ms. Debbie Brown, Probate Judge, Ms. Ella Rhodes, Probate Clerk, Mr. Randy Hagan, Zoning Administrator, Mr. Bobby Smith, Sanitation Director, Ms. Sue Derriso, Mr. Paul Newton, Mr. A.W. Robinson III, Ms. Janice Hopkins, Ms. Ruthie Robbins, Ms. Sharon Stewart, Mr. Alan Stewart, Ms. Suzanne Doscher, Mr. Danny Oakley, Ms. Terri Poythress, Mr. Tommy Bell, Mr. Duggie Bell, Ms. Kedurah Wylemski, Mr. Alley Robbins, Mr. Harry Hodges, Mr. Frank McDonald, Ms. Ana Austin, Mr. Nancy Baker, Mr. Brian Baker, Mr. Vernand White, Mr. John Johnson, Mr. Alfonso Roberson, Mr. Michael Wrachford, Mr. Terry Roberts, Mr. Michael Newton, Mr. Cedric Rhodes, Mr. Ben Wall, Mr. June Robbins, Mr. Tiffany Derriso, Ms. Rita Junco

**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.

**ELECTION FOR CHAIRMAN**

Chairman Boyd turned the meeting over to County Attorney Hubert Reeves to conduct the election for Chairman. Commissioner Warren nominated Commissioner Boyd. Commissioner Warren made a motion to accept the nomination of Commissioner Boyd by acclamation. The Board was unanimously in favor.

### **ELECTION FOR VICE-CHAIRMAN**

County Attorney Hubert Reeves proceeded to conduct the election for Vice-Chairman. Commissioner Romeo nominated Commissioner Warren. Commissioner Romeo made a motion to accept the nomination of Commissioner Warren by acclamation. The Board was unanimously in favor.

### **AGENDA APPROVAL**

Commissioner Romeo made a motion to approve the agenda with an addition of IX. New Business (5) MOU with UGA Cooperative Extension. Commissioner Warren seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

### **MINUTES**

Commissioner Triplett made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2019 and January 2, 2020 Commissioners' meetings. Commissioner Lovett seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

### **APPEARANCE**

(1) **Ella Rhodes, Elections** appeared before the Board to discuss recent changes to voting machines, equipment costs and potential grant money available to help with cost. Commissioner McBride made a motion to approve the cost of additional election equipment in the amount of \$19,019.00. Commissioner Warren seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

(2) **Randy Hagan, Zoning** gave an update on the status the Solid Waste Management Plan update.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

(1) **Battle of Briar Creek** Commissioner Warren made a motion to approve a \$2500.00 sign budget for the Battle of Briar Creek signs throughout the County. Commissioner Romeo seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

- (2) **Code Amendments** Commissioner Warren made a motion to adopt a Code Amendment of an Ordinance to amend Chapter 62, Article II of the Screven County code to further define violations of the article. Commissioner Romeo seconded the motion. Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Romeo, Commissioner McBride and Commissioner Lovett voted in favor. Commissioner Triplett, Commissioner Boyd and Commissioner Dixon opposed. The motion carried by majority vote. (See copy of Code Amendment on minute book page \_\_\_\_). Commissioner Warren made a motion to adopt a Code Amendment of the Ordinance to amend Chapter 62, Article III of the Screven County code to modify the penalties for violation of the article. Commissioner Romeo seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote. (See copy of Code Amendment on minute book page \_\_\_\_).
- (3) **Discussion** Commissioner Dixon discussed training opportunities of County employees to improve the quality of service. He stated there is a level one Soil and Erosion class and with a minimum of 10 people they will come and give the class to the Road Department for a cost of \$1500.00. Commissioner Dixon stated he would like to get with Road Superintendent Roger Brannen and bring back before the Board.
- (4) **Discussion** Commissioner McBride discussed the inert debris that is currently at the landfill. Sanitation Director Bobby Smith stated the debris is supposed to be moved within 90 days. Commissioner McBride stated that John Fitzner has an inert debris landfill in the county and has agreed to take the debris for \$21.00 per ton. Commissioner Triplett stated that per our consultant Doug Eaves we do not need to accept inert debris at the landfill anymore. Bobby Smith recommends taking the inert debris to the inert landfill. The Board agreed by common consent without objection to start moving the inert debris at the landfill. Commissioner Warren asked if we could accept inert debris from county residents for a fee?

Commissioner Triplett suggested talking to consultant Doug Eaves about the legal issues pertaining to this before we make a decision. The Board agreed to talk to their consultant and bring it back at the next meeting.

- (5) **MOU with UGA Cooperative Extension** Commissioner McBride made a motion to approve and allow Chairman Boyd to execute the updated Memorandum of Understanding between UGA Cooperative Extension and Screven County. Commissioner Romeo seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Uley Robinson asked if county residents could dump their trash in dumpsters inside the city limits. The Board informed him that it was illegal for county residents to dump in the city dumpsters. Ms. June Robbins commented on the dumpster site conditions. Ms. Sharon Stewart asked when would Allgreen pick up mattresses and asked if someone could work on the road to dumpster at the Cooperville site.

### **REPORTS**

Commissioner Lovett and Commissioner Warren discussed the milling at the dumpster sites stating it was messy and did not compact, suggested maybe using crush and run. The Board agreed to look into the cost and bring it back for discussion at the next meeting. Commissioner Warren brought up the road work on Johnson Grove, Greenhill Road and Jenk Hill Road.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Commissioner Warren made a motion to go into executive session at 9:55 A.M. for the purpose of discussing personnel and litigation. Commissioner McBride seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

Commissioner McBride made a motion to return to regular session at 11:30 A.M.

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

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

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

Commissioner Dixon made a motion to amend the county budget to increase the Extension Office salary budget by \$8500.00. Commissioner Romeo seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

Chairman Boyd announced that Ms. Lori Boulineau has accepted and is now the County Personnel Director.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Boyd adjourned the meeting at 11:15 A.M.

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Chairman

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County Manager