

THE SCREVEN COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

JANUARY 24, 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 for the purpose a workshop to discuss projects and use of TSPLOST funds at 5:00 p.m. on January 24, 2023, at the Screven County Courthouse. Mr. Mike Dixon was absent.

PERSONS ATTENDING THE MEETING

Ms. Lori Burke, County Manager, Mrs. Sonya Gordon, Administrative Clerk, Bobby Smith, Mr. Uley Robbins and Mrs. Ruthie Robbins

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

DISCUSSION

County Manager Burke informed the Board that there is currently a total of \$197, 824.79 of TSPLOST funds available. The Board was provided with a packet of complaints broken down by districts, this was to help determine the problem areas. District 1 Commissioner Lovett began with a list of complaints he has received with several mentions of Parker Road and Plantation Road for excessive pot holes. While discussing how to proceed with addressing these issues Commissioner Warren stated that we should stop patching and no matter the cost, do things right the first time while these funds are available. Mr. Bobby Smith, Co-Superintendent of Roads & Bridges then proceeded to show several images of “Before” and “After” pictures of several roads that were

completely redone, some showing issues that could have been addressed way before it got out of hand. This is the reason the opening of the Bid Packets was put on hold. Some bidders come and assess the situation and others do not. The Board then discussed the hiring of an Engineer to inspect and oversee future projects. Mr. Smith also mentioned that the Roads & Bridges crew is now down to only nine employees from the 15 they had a year ago. Commissioner Warren stated that maybe it's time to try to contract out some of these duties to try to help the R&B Department. The Board agreed that no further discussion was needed and that County Manager Burke and Mr. Bobby Smith will put together an RFP for right of way maintenance to include tree trimming and debris removal of 25 miles of county roads. The Board also agreed to move forward with contracting with an Engineer to oversee road projects. Commissioner Willis made a motion to move forward with an RFP and contracting with an Engineer. Commissioner Lovett seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Boyd adjourned the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Chairman

County Manager