

THE SCREVEN COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

JANUARY 9, 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, Mr. Edwin Lovett and Mr. Mike Dixon met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on January 9, 2024, at the Screven County Courthouse.

PERSONS ATTENDING THE MEETING

Ms. Lori Burke, County Manager, Mrs. Sonya Gordon, Administrative Clerk, Evelyn Jaudon, Uley Robbins, Ruthie Robbins, Sarah Saxon, T. Roberts and Jake Gay

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.

ELECTION

Chairman Boyd turned the meeting over to the County Manager, Lori Burke to conduct the election for Chairman. Commissioner Romeo made a motion to re-elect Commissioner Boyd as Chairman. Commissioner Warren seconded the motion. Commissioner Lovett, Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Romeo, Commissioner Thompson and Commissioner Dixon are in favor of this motion. Commissioner Willis opposed. The motion carried by majority vote.

County Manager Burke proceeded to conduct the election for Vice-Chairman. Commissioner Boyd made a motion to re-elect Commissioner Warren as Vice-Chairman. Commissioner Romeo seconded the motion. Commissioner Willis expressed her discontent with the decision of re-electing the Chairman and Vice-Chairman. Commissioner Lovett, Commissioner Boyd, Commissioner Romeo, Commissioner Thompson and Commissioner Dixon are in favor of this motion. Commissioner Willis opposed. The motion carried by majority vote.

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 December 12, 2023 Commissioners' meeting. Commissioner Lovett seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

APPEARANCE

(1) **Rev. Uley Robbins** thanked the Board for allowing the NAACP to use the courthouse for MLK parade on Saturday. Mr. Robbins also extended an invitation to the Board for this event.

NEW BUSINESS

(1) **Appointment/Tax Assessors Board** Commissioner Warren made a motion to re-elect Mr. James Snow to the Tax Assessors Board. Commissioner Willis seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

(2) **Resolution** Commissioner Romeo made a motion to adopt the Resolution establishing terms of office for Tax Assessors Board members. Commissioner Warren seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote. (See copy of Resolution in Minute Book page _____).

(3) **SPLOST** County Manager Burke announced that SPLOST renewal is approaching and she would like for the Board to begin putting together a project list. Commissioner Willis requested a list of previous completed and uncompleted projects as well as any remaining balance.

(4) **Discussion** County Manager Burke discussed with the Board the RFP for Sanitation Services. The current contract will be expiring in June. Mrs. Burke has reached out to a few surrounding counties and many of their issues were resolved after going to curbside services with a

few sites for bulk items. Mrs. Burke would like any feedback from Commissioners on how to proceed with the RFP stating that a clause can be included in this agreement that request increased holiday pick-ups and a monthly report of vehicle logs.

COMMISSION/STAFF COMMENTS

Commissioner Romeo announced that Mr. Allen Burns, Executive Director of the Coastal Regional Commission will be retiring in March 2024. Ms. Romeo will keep the Board posted on an upcoming celebration. Commissioner Warren announced that Jenk Hill Road is closed due to deteriorating road conditions. Commissioner Dixon stated that he visited the Roads & Bridges Department and was impressed by the changes Mr. James Woods has made. Mr. Dixon also requested the purchase of some equipment for R&B that can be utilized by other departments. Commissioner Dixon asked about the condition of Kettle Creek Road which Mr. Woods stated he is still working on and Brannen's Bridge Road which had some potholes that were patched on Friday. Commissioner Lovett asked for an update on Hurst Church Road. Mr. Woods stated that currently there is no where for the water go but he has a few things in mind to try to build the road up to force the flow. County Manager Burke gave an update on GDOT Memorandum Agreement stating that the County is not allowed to do the work. Mrs. Burke also announced a 12 p.m. closure today due to extreme weather conditions.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Boyd adjourned the meeting at 9:53 a.m.

Chairman



County Manager