

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

**JULY 21, 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. on July 21, 2020 at the Screven County Courthouse.

**PERSONS ATTENDING THE MEETING**

Mr. Hubert Reeves, County Attorney, Mrs. Lori Boulineau, Personnel Director/Finance Officer, Mr. Enoch Autry, Sylvania Telephone, Ms. Kaytie Nasworthy, Mr. Roger Brannen, Road Superintendent, Ms. Mikki Saxon, Executive EMA Director, Mr. Junior Cryder, Fire Chief, Ms. Laura Mills, Mr. Paul Keller Newton and Mr. Perry Medley

**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.

**AGENDA APPROVAL**

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

**MINUTES**

Commissioner McBride made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 23, 2020 meeting. Commissioner Lovett seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**(1) Appointment/EMS Regional Council** Commissioner Warren made a motion to appoint Ms. Dru McBride to the EMS Regional Council. Commissioner Triplett seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

(2) **Lease Renewal** Commissioner Lovett made a motion to renew and allow the Chairman to execute the lease agreement with the Technical College System of Georgia and Ogeechee Technical College. Commissioner McBride seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

(3) **Discussion** Commissioner Warren made a motion to allow Road Superintendent Roger Brannen to begin work on building roads up to prepare for paving, hiring dump trucks to assist with hauling, and then assess the money to see what is available for paving. Commissioner Romeo seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote. Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Romeo, Commissioner Dixon and Commissioner Lovett voted in favor. Commissioner Triplett, Commissioner Boyd and Commissioner McBride opposed. The vote carried by majority vote.

(4) **Battle of Briar Creek Sign** Commissioner McBride made a motion to allow Personnel Director/ Finance Officer Lori Boulineau to send a letter to the Department of Natural Resources stating the County approves of the sign being moved from county property. Commissioner Lovett seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

(5) **Discussion** The Board discussed the fiscal year 2020-2021 budget. Commissioner Warren made a motion to approve the county buying the material and allowing an inmate crew to replace the roof at the Screven County Fire & Screven County EMS building. Commissioner Romeo seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

Commissioner Triplett asked what amount was allotted in SPLOST for fire stations. Finance Director/Personnel Manager Lori Boulineau stated that during SPLOST discussions the Board discussed allotting around \$80,000.00 for fire stations but the decision was never actually made. Commissioner McBride stated that based on the mapping of the County, there would need to be 9 additional stations to cover the entire county. Commissioner McBride stated he would like to see at least one station a year. Commissioner Warren asked Fire Chief Junior Cryder about the ISO ratings at the current stations. Fire Chief Junior Cryder stated we are a 4/4x. Commissioner Warren

stated that increasing the fire fee would help to get the fire service and benefits to the entire county. Commissioner McBride stated that he would like to know if you can increase the fee for the ones who actually benefit from the fire service by having a fire station within 5 miles of their residence.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

### **REPORTS**

Commissioner McBride discussed the wells at the Recreation Department. Finance Director/Personnel Director Lori Boulineau stated a meeting with all involved parties was needed to discuss what is needed at the Recreation Department.

Finance Officer/Personnel Director Lori Boulineau stated that the last two Saturdays the transfer station has been open from 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. and the traffic is extremely low.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Commissioner McBride made a motion to go into executive session at 9:52 A.M. for the purpose of discussing personnel and litigation. Commissioner Warren seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

Commissioner Lovett made a motion to return to regular session at 10:58 A.M. Commissioner Romeo seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

Commissioner McBride 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 10:58 A.M.

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Chairman

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County Manager