

THE SCREVEN COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

JUNE 8, 2021

The Board of Commissioners of Screven County, Georgia, Mr. Will Boyd, Chairman, Mr. J.C. Warren, Vice-Chairman, Mr. John O. Triplett, Ms. Allison Willis, Commissioner Lovett, Commissioner Romeo and Mr. Mike Dixon met in regular session at 9:00 A.M. on June 8, 2021, at the Screven County Courthouse.

PERSONS ATTENDING THE MEETING

Ms. Lori Boulineau, Interim County Manager, Mr. Hubert Reeves, County Attorney, Mr. Paul Keller Newton, Mr. Ben Counts, Mr. T. Evans, Mr. James Strickland, Coroner, Ms. Lagina Evans, Mr. Sam Sullivan, Ms. Jessica Szilagyi, Ms. Rene Volf, Ms. Rita Junco, Mr. Uley Robbins, Mr. Harvey Cryder, Fire Chief, Mr. Alan Stewart, Mr. Enoch Autry, Sylvania Telephone, Ms. Ramon Stewart, Deputy Coroner, Mr. Michael Newton, Mr. Kevin Hagan, Mr. Terry Roberts

CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Boyd called the meeting to order. Commissioner Triplett gave the invocation and lead the pledge of allegiance.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Commissioner Romeo made a motion to approve the agenda with an addition of VII. New Business (19) Road Closure. Commissioner Warren seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

MINUTES

Commissioner Triplett made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2021 meeting. Commissioner Warren seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

APPEARANCE

(1) **Coroner James Strickland** appeared before the Board to request purchasing a building to serve as the County Morgue and placing it behind the Sheriff's Department. Mr. Strickland stated in the past the hospital has complained about the odor when bodies in certain states of decomposition are brought in. Ms. Lagina Evans, CEO Optim Medical Center Screven, stated the hospital does not have an issue with the morgue she just feels that they need to have better procedures put in place so the hospital knows that a body is there. Commissioner Warren stated it sounds like this is a communication issue. Commissioner Willis asked to table the discussion until further information could be attained and the Board agreed to put it back on the agenda for the July 13, 2021 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

(1) **Appointment/CRC Council** Commissioner Romeo made a motion to reappoint Mr. Rick Freeman to serve as the non-public representative of Screven County, and the cities of Hiltonia, Newington, Rocky Ford, Sylvania and Oliver. Commissioner Warren seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

(2) **Appointment/DFACS** Commissioner Warren made a motion to reappoint Ms. Gussie Hunter to the DFACS Board. Commissioner Romeo seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

(3) **Appointment/Hospital Authority** Commissioner Warren made a motion to appoint Mr. David Boddiford, Ms. Dorothy Glisson and Mr. Hobson Parker to the Hospital Authority Board. Commissioner Romeo seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

(4) **Appointment/KSB** Commissioner Warren made a motion to reappoint Ms. Danielle Brown and Ms. Kathryn Youles to the Keep Screven Beautiful Board. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

(5) **Apppointment/P&Z Commission** Commissioner Warren made a motion to reappoint Mr. Emerson Scott and Mr. Jerry Lonon to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

(6) **Website Fee** Commissioner Romeo made a motion to approve the additional fee of \$1500.00 to add additional information and maps to the county website. Commissioner Lovett seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

(7) **Resolution** Commissioner Warren made a motion to adopt a Resolution as presented establishing a separate account for Local Maintenance & Improvements Grants funds pursuant to Georgia's local government uniform chart of accounts and reporting act. Commissioner Triplett seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote. (See copy of Resolution on minute book page ____).

(8) **LMIG SAP** Commissioner Warren made a motion to approve the application for the 2021 LMIG Safety Action Plan , the project list and fund the required match of 30% with SPLOST funds. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

(9) **OTC Rental Agreement** Commissioner Romeo made a motion to renew an agreement with OTC for the rental of the Adult Education Facility. Commissioner Triplett seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

(10) **Resolution** Commissioner Warren made a motion to approve a Resolution pertaining to bidding and purchasing. Commissioner Romeo seconded the motion. Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Romeo, Commissioner Boyd, Commissioner Triplett and Commissioner Lovett voted in favor. Commissioner Willis and Commissioner Dixon opposed. The motion carried by majority vote. (See copy of Resolution on minute book page ____).

(11) **Code Amendment** Commissioner Lovett made a motion to adopt a Code Amendment to amend Section 62-36 of Chapter 62, Article II. Commissioner Warren seconded the motion.

Commissioner Lovett, Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Dixon, Commissioner Boyd, Commissioner Triplett and Commissioner Warren voted in favor. Commissioner Willis opposed. The vote carried by majority vote. (See copy of Code Amendment on minute book page ____).

(12) Resolution Commissioner Romeo made a motion to adopt a Resolution setting the Solid Waste Assessment fee for 2021. Commissioner Warren seconded the motion. Commissioner Romeo, Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Dixon, Commissioner Lovett, Commissioner Triplett and Commissioner Boyd voted in favor. Commissioner Willis opposed. The vote carried by majority vote. (See copy of Resolution on minute book page ____).

(13) Code Amendment Commissioner Warren made a motion to adopt a Code Amendment to amend Section 30-5 of Chapter 30 of the Screven County code. Commissioner Willis seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote. (See copy of Code Amendment on minute book page ____).

(14) Resolution Commissioner Warren made a motion to adopt a Resolution setting the annual Fire Protections fee for 2021. Commissioner Romeo seconded the motion. Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Romeo, Commissioner Triplett, Commissioner Willis, Commissioner Dixon and Commissioner Lovett voted in favor. Commissioner Boyd opposed. The vote carried by majority vote.

(15) Surplus Commissioner Warren made a motion to surplus the requested vehicles, allow Fire Chief Harvey Cryder to sale the trucks for the best price and return the funds to the Fire Fee Fund. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

(16) Vehicle Use Policy Commissioner Dixon requested adding no cell phone usage and allowing hands-free as an option. Commissioner Warren made a motion to adopt a vehicle use policy and procedures for the operation of county vehicles. Commissioner Triplett seconded the motion. Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Triplett, Commissioner Dixon, Commissioner Romeo,

Commissioner Willis and Commissioner Lovett voted in favor. Commissioner Boyd opposed. The vote carried by majority vote.

(17) Allgreen Proposal Commissioner Romeo made a motion to approve the proposal with Allgreen Services to operate loader at the county transfer station. Commissioner Warren seconded the motion. Commissioner Romeo, Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Triplett, Commissioner Lovett and Commissioner Boyd voted in favor. Commissioner Dixon and Commissioner Willis were opposed. The vote carried by majority vote.

(18) Discussion Commissioner Dixon presented a preventative maintenance agreement from Yancey for the loader at the transfer station.

(19) Road Closure Commissioner Willis made a motion to move forward with the process of determining the road has no public purpose and it is in the best interest of the county to close it. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Uley Robbins asked about the routine maintenance that is done on the loader. Mr. Kevin Hagan spoke about if the issues at the transfer station were a management or employee issue then find someone to do the job and he feels it would be more efficient if someone local done it. Mr. Tre' Evans asked about the legality of contracts prior to the Resolution that was passed earlier. Chairman Boyd stated that per the County Attorney bidding was not required. Ms. Laura Mills stated she felt as a teacher that the community should have more opportunities for our students to be successful at home rather than having to leave the area. Ms. Renee Volf asked how someone can be put on the bidding list, the process of advertising bids and stated that the county should stop using contractors who do not do the work properly. Mr. Michael Newton asked if the public comment section of the meeting could be moved to the beginning of the agenda instead of the end to allow people in attendance to speak about things on the agenda before a decision is made. Mr. Ben Counts asked if

the Board was getting any closer to hiring a County Manager and he feels that due to the county's size it deserves someone qualified for the job.

COMMISSION/STAFF REPORTS

Interim County Manager Lori Burke reminded the Board of the upcoming meeting dates on June 17, 2021 and June 24, 2021, the electronic recycling event on June 12, 2021 and about a letter from DOT about bridge work that would impact traffic on Buck Creek Road.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Boyd adjourned the meeting at 10:45 A.M.

Chairman

County Manager