

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

**MAY 10, 2022**

The Board of Commissioners of Screven County, Georgia, Mr. Will Boyd, Chairman, Mr. J.C. Warren, Vice-Chairman, Mr. John Triplett, Mrs. Allison Willis, Mr. Edwin Lovett, Ms. Rosa Romeo, and Mr. Mike Dixon met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on May 10, 2022, at the Screven County Courthouse.

**PERSONS ATTENDING THE MEETING**

Ms. Lori Burke, County Manager, Mrs. Sonya Gordon, Administrative Clerk, Jonna Thompson, Joe Brady, Lynn Bates, Ben Deen, Ed Cleland, Paul Keller Newton, Rita Junco, Alan Stewart, Ida Daughtry, Stacy Mincey, Ben Mincey, Heather Smith, and Tre Evans.

**CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chairman Boyd called the meeting to order. Commissioner Lovett gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**AGENDA APPROVAL**

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

**MINUTES**

Commissioner Lovett made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2022, April 12, 2022 (with corrections) and May 3, 2022 Commissioners' meetings. Commissioner Willis seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**APPEARANCES**

- (1) **Zandra Overstreet** Did not appear.
- (2) **Breyell Banks** discussed ordinances allowing residents in Screven County to build and reside in shipping container homes, RVs, and tiny homes.
- (3) **Ben Deen** discussed mowing the right of ways and grading for the county. Mr. Deen has done some work with his own equipment, trimming bushes and limbs that are hanging over the county roads.
- (4) **Ed Cleland** discussed seeking re-employment with the Sherriff's Department.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

- (1) **Planning & Zoning Board** Chairman Boyd opened the meeting to public comment on a Conditional Use from Vanguard Farms, for the purpose of livestock processing and packaging facility. This property is located at 863 Effingham Hwy., in Commissioner District 5. Chairman Boyd closed the meeting to public comment. Commissioner Warren made a motion to approve the recommendation from Planning and Zoning to approve the Conditional Use. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.
- (2) **Planning & Zoning Board** Chairman Boyd opened the meeting to public comment on a Conditional Use from Charles Millican for the purpose of a machine shop. This property is located on Goloid Church Road, in Commissioner District 5. Chairman Boyd closed the meeting to public comment. Commissioner Warren made a motion to approve the recommendation from Planning and Zoning to approve the Conditional Use. Commissioner Romeo seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- (1) **Appointment** Commissioner Triplett made a motion to appointment Mr. Bobby Jones to the Coastal Workforce Development Board as a Business Representative for a term of two years. Commissioner Warren seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

(2) **Discussion** The Board discussed the base pay rate for the Commissioners. Commissioners also discussed the pay rate increase given by the state for all elected officials.

(3) **Budget Update** Commissioner Triplett gave an update on Fiscal Year 2022-2023 budget. The board is working on raises requested by several departments. The board is also exploring other options for insurance coverage for county employees.

### **COMMISSION/STAFF COMMENTS**

Commissioner Lovett shared that while attending a Hiltonia town meeting, he was approached about improving the garbage collection site. Commissioner Willis thanked the Roads & Bridges Department for a job well done on Bascom Road. Chairman Boyd announced that Rocky Ford and Oliver did qualify for LOST. County Manager, Lori Burke read a letter of thanks from the Livestock Association for the Board's support of the livestock festival.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Commissioner Triplett made a motion to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel at 9:30 a.m. Commissioner Warren seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

Commissioner Romeo made a motion to return to regular session at 10:12 a.m. Commissioner Willis seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote. Commissioner Dixon exited executive session at 10:08 a.m.

Commissioner Triplett made a motion to approve the minutes of the executive session. Commissioner Romeo seconded the motion. Chairman Boyd, Commissioner Warren, and Commissioner Lovett are all in favor of the motion. Commissioner Willis opposed. Motion carried by majority vote.

Upon exiting executive session, Chairman Boyd announced the resignation of our County Attorney, Mr. Hubert Reeves after more than 25 years of service. Chairman Boyd also stated that the Board wishes Mr. Reeves nothing but the best.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Boyd adjourned the meeting at 10:12 a.m.

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Chairman

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County Manager