

THE SCREVEN COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

MAY 11, 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 May 11, 2021, at the Screven County Courthouse.

PERSONS ATTENDING THE MEETING

Mrs. Lori Boulineau, Personnel Director/Finance Officer, Mr. Paul Keller Newton, Mr. Joe Edward Thompson, Mr. Ben Mincey, Ms. Jessica Szilagyi, Mr. Alan Stewart, Ms. Rita Junco, Ms. Teresa Thompson, Mr. Ralph Evans, Mr. Sam Sullivan, Mr. Enoch Autry, Sylvania Telephone, Mr. Roger Brannen, Road Superintendent, Mr. Michael Newton

CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Will Boyd called the meeting to order. Commissioner Warren gave the invocation and lead 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 Dixon made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections requested by Commissioner Willis. Commissioner Willis seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote. Commissioner Dixon, Commissioner Willis, Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Triplett, Commissioner Lovett and Commissioner Boyd voted in favor. Commissioner Romeo opposed. The motion carried by majority vote.

APPEARANCE

- (1) **Ralph Evans** appeared before the Board to discuss the hauling for the county Sanitation. Mr. Evans stated he was told by former Commissioner McBride in 2018 that the service would not be bid out. Mr. Evans stated he felt the county would benefit better if a local business, as would the local business, if someone local did the job and asked if the county would consider bidding this process in the future. Chairman Boyd stated that at the time the Board felt the need to go with a company that was experienced. Commissioner Warren stated that certain services the county does not have to bid out but he would like to encourage anyone that would like to bid on the hauling then to do so. Mr. Evans feels a local business would be held more responsible for the work because an outside company is only here to make money.
- (2) **Teresa Thompson** appeared before the Board to request closing Farm Road to the public and making the road private. Mrs. Thompson was informed by the Board that they would begin the process of making the road private.
- (3) **Arnold Kimbrell** did not appear

NEW BUSINESS

- (1) **Appointment/Library Board** Commissioner Triplett made a motion to appoint Mr. Charles Lee to the Library Board. Commissioner Willis seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.
- (2) **Appointment/Airport Authority** Commissioner Triplett made a motion to appoint Mr. Michael Newton and Mr. Patrick Mills to the Airport Authority. Commissioner Romeo seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

(3) **Appointment/Hospital Authority** Commissioner Warren made a motion to appoint Ms. Mary Clare, Ms. Melissa Beasley, Ms. Kaitlyn Stossmeister and Ms. Kendell Clark to the Hospital Authority Board. Commissioner Triplett seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

(4) **Appointment/EMS Regional Board** Commissioner Warren made a motion to appoint Mr. Josh Kaiser and Dr. Sidney “Joe” Morgan to the EMS Regional Board. Commissioner Lovett seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote

(5) **Contract Renewal** Commissioner Triplett made a motion to renew a contract with Traylor Business Services for personal property audits. Commissioner Warren seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

(6) **Discussion** Commissioner Triplett discussed the County Sanitation operations and the contract offer from Allgreen to operate the transfer station. Mr. Ralph Evans asked would the county still control the transfer station and the answer was yes. Mr. Paul Keller Newton asked the Board to confirm that there would not be a lease of the transfer station. The Board confirmed there would not be a lease. Mr. Tyler Oglesby stated that the transfer station is always full. Mr. Sam Sullivan stated that Allgreen could load trucks faster and more efficiently. Commissioner Triplett stated that due to the design of the county’s loader they cannot load the trucks as efficiently. Mr. Michael Newton asked why the county could not take C&D to inert landfill located in Screven County. Commissioner Dixon stated why couldn’t the county no take C&D and just encourage people to take to Jenkins County and utilize inmate labor more efficiently. Commissioner Warren stated the would like to see the county do the collection and contract the hauling. Commissioner Willis stated that the county should always bid. Mr. Sam Sulliva stated that in 2018 Allgreen came in to help the county in their time of need and felt that they were wasting money, they have never raised the rates on the county, even if the contract states they can and he feels they have worked well with the county. Commissioner Triplett suggested scheduling a workshop to discuss all resources. Mr. Tyler Oglesby asked about the length of the contract, should all services be bid and obtaining a

list of responsibilities for the company that would be interested in bidding. Commissioner Warren stated he would like to see the job bid out. Mr. Elijah Owens stated the county should have preventative measures for maintenance. Commissioner Willis would like confirmation of the contract dates. Chairman Boyd thanked Allgreen for the work they have done for the county.

(7) Discussion Commissioner Warren discussed the county fire fee. Commissioner Warren made a motion to impose a \$25.00 fee on all vacant parcels and to change the current county ordinance to reflect this fee change. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion. Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Dixon, Commissioner Lovett and Commissioner Willis voted in favor. Commissioner Romeo, Commissioner Boyd and Commissioner Triplett opposed. The motion carried by majority vote.

(8) Discussion The Budget Committee discussed requests with the Board for the fiscal year 2021-2022 budget. Commissioner Triplett discussed capital outlay requests for the E911, Tax Assessor, EMS, Sheriff Dept and Roads & Bridges. Sheriff Mike Kile stated he was in desperate need of three (3) new cars.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Marlyn Harvey stated the litter and trash on Hwy 17 and Union Church Road was terrible and asked the county to help with the problem. Ms. Teresa Thompson asked the Board how long it would take to close Farm Road.

COMMISSION/STAFF REPORTS

Commissioner Romeo stated there is a Health Board meeting at 12:15 P.M. today. Commissioner Willis stated she received a letter about the issues at the Ag Center. Commissioner Triplett acknowledged the work of the Animal Control during the recent events pertaining to a dog fighting ring. Commissioner Warren stated he has spoken with Representative Jon Burns and he would like to send a letter to the state about the intersection at Cooperville and the safety risks. Personnel Director/ Finance Officer Lori Burke informed the Board about the Health Fair at Optim Medical Center Screven on May 19, 2022 and May 20, 2022, the roof at the Fire Dept of completed

and the portal for the American Recovery Acts funds is open but we are still awaiting guidance from ACCG on how to use the money.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Warren made a motion to go into executive session at 11:35 A.M. to discuss personnel. Commissioner Triplett seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

Commissioner Warren and Commissioner Willis left during executive session.

Commissioner Romeo made a motion to return to regular session at 12:40 P.M.

Commissioner Triplett seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion to approve the minutes of the executive session.

Commissioner Triplett seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

Chairman Boyd stated that Ms. Lori Burke has officially been named Interim County Manager.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Boyd adjourned the meeting at 12:41 P.M.

Chairman

County Manager