

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

**NOVEMBER 14, 2023**

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 6:00 p.m. on November 14, 2023, at the Screven County Courthouse.

**PERSONS ATTENDING THE MEETING**

Ms. Lori Burke, County Manager, Mrs. Sonya Gordon, Administrative Clerk, Brad Willis, Andrea McBride, Uley Robbins, Ruthie Robbins, Evelyn Jaudon, Mitchell Jaudon, Kathryn Youles, Sarah Saxon, T. Roberts, Nadia Willis, Rachel Thompson, Lagina Evans and Randy Hagan

**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.

**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 October 10, 2023 Commissioners' meeting. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**APPEARANCE(S)**

(1) **Andrea McBride** discussed with the Board potential growth for Screven County. Ms. McBride stated that she attended a State of the Region Business Expo and was wondering if there

were any plans put in place for growth for our county. Ms. Rachel Thompson, IDA board member, informed Ms. McBride that they are continuously looking for opportunities for our County. Several factors sometime come into play such as availability of resources and wanting to be able to pay more than the counties average minimum wage. Mrs. Thompson assured Ms. McBride that the IDA is looking for opportunities that best fit the needs of our community. Mrs. Thompson also invited Ms. McBride to join them for their monthly meetings on the last Tuesday of each month.

(2) **Joseph Williams** discussed with the Board obtaining a business license for a Community Event Center located at the old Sign n Drive location on Highway 301. Mr. Randy Hagan, Planning and Zoning Director was in attendance and stated that there is a process that needs to happen before issuing a business license. A background check, Health Department review and then the Zoning Office will approve. Mr. Hagan stated that Mr. Williams did not pass the background check portion of the process. Sheriff Kile was also in attendance and is opposed due to Mr. Williams past legal issues. The Board agreed that they cannot override this decision.

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

(1) **Planning & Zoning Board** Chairman Boyd opened the meeting to public comment on a rezone to Highway Commercial for the purpose of a Campground and Recreational Vehicle Park located at 6891 Statesboro Hwy in Commissioner District 5. Chairman Boyd closed the meeting to public comment. Commissioner Romeo made a motion to approve the recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Board for the rezone to Highway Commercial. Commissioner Warren seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

(1) **LMIG Award** Chairman Boyd opened and read bids aloud at the bid opening on November 2, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. for the 2022 LMIG. Commissioner Romeo made a motion to approve the bid for the 2022 LMIG, to Sikes Brothers. Inc. in the amount of \$1,788,316.15. Commissioner Willis

seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

(2) **Resolution** Commissioner Thompson made a motion to adopt the Resolution to award the contract to Sikes Brothers Inc. for the 2022 LMIG. Commissioner Lovett seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote. (See copy of Resolution in Minute Book page \_\_\_\_\_).

(3) **Qualifying Fees** Commissioner Romeo made a motion to approve qualifying fees for the upcoming primary election. Commissioner Willis seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

### **COMMISSION/STAFF COMMENTS**

County Manager Burke announced that Rocky Ford Road is now open. Ms. Burke also announced the holiday closings for Thanksgiving. Commissioner Romeo thanked the Fire Department for a quick response to her residence. Commissioner Warren praised the Roads & Bridges Department for no complaints due to pot holes and also the cleaning of the dumpsites. Ms. Lagina Evans gave an update on the hospital announcing that Phase II has started. Commissioner Lovett stated the importance of having a hospital.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Commissioner Warren made a motion to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel at 6:49 p.m. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

Commissioner Willis made a motion to return to regular session at 7:02 p.m. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Boyd adjourned the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

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Chairman

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County Manager