

THE SCREVEN COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
NOVEMBER 8, 2022

The Board of Commissioners of Screven County, Georgia, Mr. Will Boyd, Chairman, Mr. J.C. Warren, Vice-Chairman, Mrs. Allison Willis, Mr. John Triplett, Ms. Rosa Romeo, Mr. Edwin Lovett and Mr. Mike Dixon met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on November 8, 2022, at the Screven County Courthouse.

PERSONS ATTENDING THE MEETING

Ms. Lori Burke, County Manager, Mr. Aaron Meyer, County Attorney (via zoom), Mrs. Sonya Gordon, Administrative Clerk, Jonna Thompson, Ben Thompson, Bobby Smith, Jay Waters, Uley Robbins, Stacy Mincey, Sarah Saxon, and Mary Felton.

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

MINUTES

Commissioner Lovett made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2022 Commissioners' meeting. Commissioner Triplett seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

NEW BUSINESS

(1) **LOST Distributions** Commissioner Triplett made a motion to approve the percentages for distribution of LOST funds beginning January 2023 and execute the certificate. Commissioner Warren seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

(2) **IGA** Commissioner Triplett made a motion to approve the revised IGA with the City of Sylvania for Non-Emergency after hours dispatching services. County Attorney Aaron Meyer recommended the Board add to this motion that this is contingent to the City's approval. Commissioner Romeo seconded this motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

(3) **Resolution** Commissioner Romeo made a motion to approve the Resolution to amend FY 2020-2021 budget. Commissioner Warren seconded this motion and it carried by unanimous vote. (See copy of Resolution in Minute Book page _____).

(4) **JAG Agreement** Commissioner Willis made a motion to approve the Probation Services Agreement for Superior Court. Commissioner Romeo seconded this motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

(5) **SDS Forms** Commissioner Lovett made a motion to approve revised SDS forms, with minor grammatical errors and allow Chairman Boyd to execute documents once all municipalities have signed. Commissioner Romeo seconded this motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

(6) **Equipment Purchase** Commissioner Warren made a motion to approve the purchase of a Hot Box Recycler priced at \$56,619 using SPLOST funds. Commissioner Lovett seconded this motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

(7) **Vehicle Purchase** Commissioner Warren made a motion to approve the purchase of two equipped patrol cars for the Sheriff's Department priced at \$73,000 using SPLOST funds. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

(8) Discussion The Board continued their discussion on Animal Control ordinances, using the information provided by Bobby Smith. Most counties have leash laws so that animals have to remain on a leash or fenced in when outside to prevent nuisance complaints. Mr. Smith found that in some counties there are guidelines that need to be met before keeping a dog that is considered to be potentially dangerous (Ex: Pit Bulls and Rottweilers). Mr. Smith also recommends having a breed specific ordinance for animals. Commissioner Willis had questions about what is considered a nuisance. Being a nuisance is anything considered an annoyance (Ex: chasing vehicles, property damage, or growling violently). The Board is considering establishing an Animal Control Board to help with the continuing issues.

(9) Discussion Commissioner Willis would like to pre-plan the use of TSPLOST funds. Mrs. Willis recommends having a TSPLOST committee to prioritize the use of these funds. County Manager Burke agreed, stating that they could bring in other departments to assess the needs of the county. The Board has agreed to set-up a workshop for this purpose.

(10) Discussion Commissioner Willis stated that in the past the Livestock Association applied for a grant to install roll-up carpet at the Ag Center, but was never allowed to do so. Installing this removable carpet could help with the participation of kids with disabilities. The Board agreed to allow the Livestock Association to install the removable carpet. Commissioner Willis also discussed the list of repairs that need to be done at the Ag Center. Mrs. Willis stated that work needs to be done to the roof, bathroom, kitchen, front door, AC and ty wall. Mrs. Willis asked the Board if \$50,000 of SPLOST funds were available to get started on some of these repairs. The Board would like to have an evaluation done of the building to help specify the exact needs before moving forward. Commissioner Willis made a motion to get a contractor to come and provide the board with estimates. Commissioner Dixon seconded this motion. Commissioner Romeo and Commissioner

Lovett are in favor of this motion. Commissioner Boyd, Commissioner Triplett and Commissioner Warren opposed. This motion carried by majority vote.

COMMISSION/STAFF COMMENTS

County Manager Burke announced the upcoming closures for the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays. Commissioner Willis talked about pot hole repairs and the lack of lighting at some of the county's dumpsites. Commissioner Dixon is still in the process of looking for a new location for the Ditch Pond dumpsters.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Boyd adjourned the meeting at 10:27 a.m.

Chairman

County Manager