

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

**SEPTEMBER 12, 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 September 12, 2023, at the Screven County Courthouse.

**PERSONS ATTENDING THE MEETING**

Ms. Lori Burke, County Manager, Mr. Aaron Meyer, County Attorney (via zoom), Mrs. Gina Jordan, Payroll Clerk, Kathryn Counts, Ben Counts, Jake Gay, Jerry Winters, Rodney Howard, Ruthie Robbins, Uley Robbins, Carrie Williamson, Faith Williamson, Joe Bohannon, Mary Felton, Thomas James, Kathryn Youles, Lagina Evans, Kathleen O'Connor, Jerry Lister, T. Roberts, Isabella Burt, Danielle LaVerde, Becca Hughes, Shannon Ward, Caitlin McBride, Jarrett McBride, Billiego Lea, Kaytie Doyle, and Rose Roberts

**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 August 8, 2023 Commissioners' meeting. Commissioner Warren seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**NEW BUSINESS**

(1) **Resolution** Commissioner Warren made a motion adopt the County Millage Rate and Resolution setting 2023 Tax Levy. Commissioner Romeo seconded this motion and it carried by unanimous vote. (See copy of Resolution in Minute Book page \_\_\_\_\_).

(2) **RFP** Commissioner Warren made a motion to approve RFP for tree trimming and debris removal. Commissioner Willis seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

(3) **Appointment/BOE** Commissioner Willis made a motion to appoint Mr. Ben Counts, Mrs. Mary Felton and Mrs. Rosalind Evans to the Board of Elections for four-year terms, and Mr. Burton Kemp and Mrs. Veronica Bing for two-year terms. Commissioner Warren seconded this motion and it carried by unanimous vote. Commissioner Romeo thanked all citizens who applied and if not chosen, please do not be discouraged from applying in the future.

(4) **Animal Shelter** Commissioner Willis has been working on setting guidelines and requirements for citizens to volunteer at the animal shelter. Upon the Board's approval, Mrs. Willis would like no more than five volunteers to help with dog walking and basic human interaction. County Attorney Meyer will review guidelines and add proper wording for liability issues. Commissioner Lovett made a motion to post requirements and guidelines to the website for review and revisit this topic at next month's meeting. Commissioner Romeo seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

(5) **Discussion** Commissioner Willis discussed with the Board the difference between what is illegal and what is unlawful. Mrs. Willis feels strongly that the Board is doing things that are deemed unlawful. After giving several examples of what Mrs. Willis feels is not proper protocol, she demanded a commitment from the Board that they follow policies moving forward or change them.

**COMMISSION/STAFF COMMENTS**

County Manager Burke announced that Briar Creek Site asked for a letter of support from

the Board to apply for grants. Mr. Jake Gay, Animal Control Officer gave an update on the animal shelter, stating that he has had six adoptions in September. Commissioner Warren thanked the Roads & Bridges Department and the Fire Department for a job well done during the storm. Mrs. Lagina Evans gave an update on the hospital.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There was no executive session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Boyd adjourned the meeting at 6:38 p.m.

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Chairman

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County Manager