

THE SCREVEN COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

SEPTEMBER 13, 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, and Mr. Mike Dixon met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on September 13, 2022, at the Screven County Courthouse. Mr. Edwin Lovett attended via zoom.

PERSONS ATTENDING THE MEETING

Ms. Lori Burke, County Manager, Mr. Aaron Meyer, County Attorney, Mrs. Sonya Gordon, Administrative Clerk, Joy Tuten, Jonna Thompson, Ben Thompson, Randy Hagan, Uley Robbins, Dionne Lovett, Andrea Waits, Kathryn Youles, Lagina Evans, Terry Roberts, Sarah Saxon, Bobby Smith, and Loyd Taylor.

CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Boyd called the meeting to order. Mr. Boyd introduced Mr. Aaron Meyer, the County Attorney, being this is his first in-person meeting. Commissioner Warren gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Commissioner Triplett made a motion to approve the agenda with the added addition. Commissioner Romeo seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

MINUTES

Commissioner Romeo made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 9, 2022 and August 29, 2022 Commissioners' meetings. Commissioner Willis seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

APPEARANCES

(1) **Joy E. Tuten** appeared to discuss the county maintaining Heather Lane. Mrs. Tuten says there are only a few residents on this road but due to bus traffic it has formed a lot of pot holes. Chairman Boyd explained to Mrs. Tuten that this lane is considered a private road and the county can't use county funds to maintain private property. Commissioner Romeo deals with similar situations in her district, so she informed Mrs. Tuten that she would get her information and see what she can do to help.

NEW BUSINESS

(1) **2022 Tax Levy** Commissioner Warren made a motion to adopt the county millage rate and Resolution setting for 2022 Tax Levy. Commissioner Romeo seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote. (See copy of Resolution in minute book page_____).

(2) **Resolution** Commissioner Warren made a motion to approve the financing and adopt the Resolution authorizing the lease purchase agreement with ACCG/Truist Bank for the purchase of a new fire engine. Commissioner Triplett seconded the motion. Chairman Boyd, Commissioner Romeo, Commissioner Dixon, and Commissioner Lovett are in favor of this motion. Commissioner Willis opposed. The motion carried by majority vote. (See copy of Resolution in minute book page_____).

(3) **Equipment Purchase** Bobby Smith and Loyd Taylor from the Roads and Bridges Department provided quotes from several vendors regarding the purchase of a new excavator. Commissioner Dixon made a motion to purchase this equipment from CAT quoted at \$209,267 using SPLOST funds. Commissioner Warren seconded this motion and it carried by unanimous vote. Mr. Smith and Mr. Taylor also provided quotes for some air compressors that they would like to purchase using SPLOST funds as well. Commissioner Willis made a motion to purchase two air

compressors from Ingersoll Rand. Commissioner Romeo seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

COMMISSION/STAFF COMMENTS

Ms. Dionne Lovett, the Executive Director from the CRC introduced herself. Mr. Randy gave an update on the library, stating that the transformer would be in on Wednesday. After the transformer is set up, then Y-Delta can hook up their secondary line to the building. Commissioner Warren discussed the movement of the Ditch Pond dumpsters to Cooperville. This area seems to get constantly abused because it's not a monitored location. Commissioner Dixon is against this move stating that it affects residents in his district as well. Mr. Dixon would like time to try to find another area for the Ditch Pond dumpsters, so the Board agreed to revisit this discussion next month. Commissioner Willis asked about putting some commercial cans at some dump sites for bulk items to try to reduce the amount of bulk waste being dumped alongside the county roads. Mrs. Willis also asked about the status of the items she would like to surplus from the fire department. County Manager Burke stated that the GOV account has to be linked to a checking account, and she is trying to figure out a way to do this without linking it to the county's general fund or fire fund.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Warren made a motion to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing litigation at 9:44 a.m. Commissioner Willis seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

Commissioner Willis made a motion to return to regular session at 12:39 p.m. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

Commissioner Romeo exited executive session at 12:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Boyd adjourned the meeting at 12:39 p.m.

Chairman

County Manager