

Minutes  
Liberty County Board of Commissioners  
March 18, 2021  
Midmonth meeting

One. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lovette with commissioners Walden Gilliard Jones and Stevens in attendance.

Two. The county administrator certified compliance with the Georgia Open Meetings Act.

Three. The commission recognized several persons of the community who had recently passed including Commissioner Thrift's sister, Mr. Joe Parker, and Mr. Danny Pittman.

Four. Prayer was offered by Mr. Joseph Mosley followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Frasier joined the meeting

Five. The board recognized recent graduates of the University of Georgia's supervisors program and commended them on their success.

Six. The board considered proclamations in recognition of the Great American Cleanup and Earth Day. Dr. Karen Bell, KLB director, appeared before the board to highlight specifics of the proclamations. The proclamations were approved by the board.

Seven. The board considered and adopted a proclamation in recognition of Autism awareness.

Eight. Departmental reports were presented:

A. Ms. Kim McGlothlin presented the monthly finance report and answered questions from the board.

B. Mr. Trent long presented the monthly engineering and project status report and answered questions from the board.

C. The board considered a final plat for Mr. John Tzen on Luke Road. Ms. Mardee Sanchez presented particulars associated with the final plat. The board discussed issues related to drainage in the plat area and potential downstream effects. Following further discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Jones to accept the final plat, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, with Commissioners Stevens, Frasier, Gilliard, Jones and Chairman Lovette voting in favor, Commissioner Walden opposed.

D. Recreation Director Mr. Jimmy Martin appeared before the board to discuss the status of recreation activities in the county. Mr. Martin asked the board to consider possible reopening of certain outdoor facilities as part of the Covid reopening plan. Following questions related to the matter and comments from board members a motion was made by Commissioner Walden to authorize reopening of outdoor pavilions, playgrounds, and basketball courts, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, with commissioners Stevens, Frasier, Jones, Walden and Chairman Lovette voting in favor, Commissioner Gilliard opposed.

Nine. The board considered new business:

A. EMA director Mr. Robert Dodd appeared before the board to ask them to consider formal adoption of the hazard mitigation plan as prepared by Bold Planning. Following questions from the board, a motion was made by Commissioner Walden to accept the plan for submission, seconded by Commissioner Frasier, and approved unanimously.

B. The board considered a list of off system road safety projects to be presented to the Georgia Department of Transportation for possible improvements. Mr. Trent long reviewed the proposed list for the board and answered questions. Board members asked Mr. Long to consider the addition of several roadways to the list for possible funding. A motion was made by Commissioner Gilliard to approve the list subject to recommendations offered by the board, seconded by Commissioner Frasier, and approved unanimously.

C. The board discussed ADA improvements, and the cost thereof, for various recreation parks the Liberty County and costs associated with improvements to Gill Park. A motion was made by Commissioner Jones to move forward with development of construction drawings and bidding related to Gill Park phase 2 improvements and American with Disabilities Act improvements, seconded by Commissioner Frasier, and approved unanimously.

D. The board reviewed layout plans associated with improvements for Miller Park. Following discussion the board authorized construction drawings and bidding of the project.

E. The board reviewed proposals received for improvements to playground equipment at Miller Park. A motion was made by Commissioner Stevens to award the proposal to Dominica Gametime at a total cost of \$55,601, seconded by Commissioner Frasier, and approved unanimously.

F. The board reviewed proposals received for the purchase of two ambulance units for EMS operations. A motion was made by Commissioner Frasier to award the proposal to Custom Truck and Bodyworks at a total cost of \$196,756 per unit, seconded by Commissioner Gilliard, and approved unanimously.

G. The board considered appointment of a Chairman for the Liberty County Board of elections. A motion was made by Commissioner Stevens to appoint Mr. John D. McIver, seconded by Commissioner Frasier, with commissioners Stevens, Frasier, Gilliard, Jones and Chairman Lovette voting in favor, Commissioner Walden absent from the vote.

H. The board discussed possibilities associated with changing meeting times of one or more of their monthly meetings. The administrator was asked to distribute a calendar associated with these possible changes.

10. A motion was made by Commissioner Frasier to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Gilliard, and approved unanimously.

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Donald L. Lovette, Chairman

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Justin Frasier, Vice-Chairman

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Marion Stevens, Sr., Commissioner

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Connie Thrift, Commissioner

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Maxie R. Jones, IV, Commissioner

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Gary Gilliard, Commissioner

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Eddie J. Walden, Commissioner

Attest:

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Joseph W. Brown, County Administrator