

Minutes
Liberty County Board of Commissioners
April 20, 2023
Midmonth Meeting

1. Chairman Lovette opened the meeting with all commissioners in attendance.
2. Chairman Lovette certified compliance with the Georgia Open Meetings Act.
3. Mr. Joseph Mosley offered prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. The board adopted a proclamation designating April 22, 2023, as Earth Day in Liberty County.
5. Departmental reports were presented:
 - A. The board reviewed monthly financial reports as submitted by Ms. Samantha Richardson, who answered questions from the board. Next, the board considered adopting the FY 24 capital improvement program budget. Commissioner Stevens motioned to adopt the budget, seconded by Commissioner Thrift, and approved by all commissioners. Next, the board considered a proposal for audit services submitted by Mauldin and Jenkins for fiscal years 2023 through 2025. Commissioner Walden made a motion to accept the proposal, seconded by Commissioner Gilliard, with all commissioners except Commissioner Stevens voting in favor of the motion.
 - B. The monthly engineering report was submitted by Mr. Trent Long, who answered questions from board members related to various projects.
6. The board considered new business:
 - A. Mr. Reginald Pierce, Liberty County coroner, appeared before the board to present the status of operations within his department.
 - B. The board considered an agreement for the sale and purchase of real property with Coastal Electric Membership Corporation for the purchase of 5 acres at a total cost of \$30,000. A motion was made by Commissioner Thrift to authorize the Chairman to proceed with the execution of documents and paperwork necessary for the land acquisition, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, and approved unanimously.
 - C. The board considered accepting a limited warranty deed pursuant to the land transfer from the Hospital Authority of Liberty County. A motion was made by Commissioner Frasier to accept the limited warranty deed, seconded by Commissioner Gilliard, and approved unanimously.
 - D. The board reviewed quotes received to date for the renewal of property and casualty insurance policies. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to authorize the Chairman to execute policy requirements based on the best final quotes received, seconded by Commissioner Walden, and approved unanimously.
 - E. The board considered an agreement with the City of Hinesville to conduct their municipal election. A motion was made by Commissioner Walden to approve the agreement, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, and approved unanimously.
 - F. The board considered bids received to purchase one ambulance unit for EMS. Following discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Gilliard to reject the bid, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, and approved unanimously.
7. Commissioner Gilliard made a motion to adjourn to the executive session to discuss real estate matters, seconded by Commissioner Stevens and approved unanimously.
8. Commissioner Gilliard made a motion to adjourn the executive session and return to the regular meeting, seconded by Commissioner Thrift and approved unanimously.
9. A motion was made by Commissioner Stevens to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Gilliard, and approved unanimously.

Liberty County Board of Commissioners

SIGNED:

Donald L. Lovette, Chairman

Connie Thrift, Vice-Chairman

Marion Stevens, Sr., Commissioner

Justin Frasier, Commissioner

Maxie R. Jones, IV, Commissioner

Gary Gilliard, Commissioner

Eddie J. Walden, Commissioner

Attest:

Joseph W. Brown, County Administrator