

Minutes
Liberty County Board of commissioners
May 4, 2021
Regular meeting

1. The meeting was opened by Chairman Lovette with commissioners Stevens, Thrift, and Jones in attendance.

2. Chairman Lovette certified compliance with the Georgia Open Meetings Act.

3. Prayer was offered by Mr. Joseph Mosley.

4. The board considered minutes of their April meetings. A motion was made by Commissioner Stevens to accept the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Thrift, and approved by all commissioners in attendance.

5. The board considered proclamations:

A. The board considered a proclamation in honor of International Firefighters Day. Chief Brian Darby accepted the proclamation on behalf of Liberty County Fire Services.

B. The board considered a proclamation in recognition of the EMS week. Ms. Crystal Hensler and Mr. John Dickel appeared to accept a proclamation on behalf of EMS.

Commissioner Gilliard joined the meeting.

6. The board entertained new business:

A. The board considered conditional use request 2021-020-LC a request by John Mahoney to build a solar array on residential property. The property is further described as LCTM-Parcel 260-234 located on N. 4th St. Following the presentation of staff reports, a motion was made by Commissioner Jones to approve the conditional use request subject to standard and special conditions including a 6 foot fence and 15 vegetative buffer and compliance associated with decommissioning activities, seconded by Commissioner Thrift, and approved by all commissioners in attendance.

B. The board considered approval of the FY 22 budget submission by the Georgia Public Defender program. Mr. Brandon Clark, local administrator of the program, appeared before the board to answer questions. A motion was made by Commissioner Thrift to approve the budget submittal, seconded by Commissioner Gilliard, and approved by all commissioners in attendance.

C. Mr. Chris Whiteside, representing Enterprise fleet management appeared before the board to present program specifics associated with a proposal submitted by Enterprise for Liberty County operations. Following questions from the board Mr. Whiteside was advised that the commission would consider the proposal as part of their FY 22 budget.

D. The board considered proposals received for construction of an additional T hanger at Midcoast Regional Airport. A motion was made by Commissioner Thrift to award the proposal to Johnson Lauz Construction at a total cost of \$1,227,000.00, seconded by Commissioner Gilliard, with commissioners Stevens, Thrift, Gilliard and Lovette voting in favor of the motion, Commissioner Jones opposed.

E. The board considered adoption of a Resolution for a contract with the Georgia Department of Transportation associated with construction of the new T hangars at Midcoast Airport. A motion was made by Commissioner Thrift to adopt the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, with commissioners Stevens, Thrift, Gilliard, and Lovette voting in favor of the motion, Commissioner Jones opposed.

F. The board considered a request by Commissioner Frasier to re-allocate funds associated with transportation purposes in sales tax 6 to recreation in the amount of

\$30,000. A motion was made by Commissioner Gilliard to approve the request, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, and approved by all commissioners in attendance.

G. The commission discussed the possibility of changing their regular or midmonth meeting schedule. Following discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Gilliard to leave the meeting schedules as currently assigned, seconded by Commissioner Thrift, and approved by all commissioners in attendance.

H. The board considered an alcoholic beverage license request for Hook and Real. A motion was made by Commissioner Gilliard to approve the request, seconded by Commissioner Jones, and approved by all commissioners in attendance.

I. The administrator reported to the board that the county was moving forward with the summer youth employment program, that the grant for improvements in the Sunbury area related to the Savannah Sailing Center had not been approved, and that an agreement to use a portion of the islands fire station land for purposes for filming had been approved.

7. A motion was made by Commissioner Gilliard to adjourn regular meeting, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, and approved by all commissioners in attendance.

Liberty County Board of Commissioners

SIGNED:

Donald L. Lovette, Chairman

Justin Frasier, Vice-Chairman

Marion Stevens, Sr., Commissioner

Connie Thrift, Commissioner

Maxie R. Jones, IV, Commissioner

Gary Gilliard, Commissioner

Eddie J. Walden, Commissioner

Attest:

Joseph W. Brown, County Administrator