

Minutes
Liberty County Board of commissioners
June 17, 2021
Midmonth meeting

1. The meeting was opened by Chairman Lovette with all commissioners in attendance.
2. The Chairman certified compliance with the Georgia Open Meetings Act.
3. Prayer was offered by Mr. Joseph Mosley followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. The board considered a resolution for adoption of the 2022 budget. Ms. Kim McGlothlin presented a brief overview of items proposed for funding pursuant to the resolution. The board entered into discussion concerning employee merit pay and the funding of SRO officers pursuant to a proposed agreement with the Board of Education. Mr. Kelly Davis, County attorney, appeared before the board to discuss cost and specifics associated with the SRO agreement.

The board discussed the proposed SRO agreement with the liberty County Board of Education in the Liberty County Sheriff to provide SRO officers to certain schools for the upcoming school year. A motion was made by Commissioner Stevens to authorize the chairman to execute the agreement on behalf of the commission, seconded by Commissioner Frasier with commissioners Stevens, Frasier, and Lovette voting in favor of the motion Commissioners Jones, Thrift, Walden, and Gilliard opposed.

The board returned to discussion of adoption of resolutions necessary for FY 22 funding. Following discussion the board asked that the matter be shifted to later in the agenda so that Ms. McGlothlin could obtain exact documents related to the budget proposal originally submitted for public review.

5. County engineer Trent long appeared before the board to present the monthly report and answered questions associated with current projects.
6. Ms. Kim McGlothlin appeared before the board to discuss the original budget submitted for public review. The board considered a resolution associated with adoption of the original budget for FY 22 general fund operations. A motion was made by Commissioner Walden to approve the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Gilliard, and approved unanimously. The board considered a resolution associated with the adoption of the budget for FY 22 special revenue funds. A motion was made by Commissioner Thrift to adopt the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, and approved unanimously. The board considered a resolution associated with the adoption of the budget for FY 22 capital funds. A motion was made by Commissioner Frasier to adopt the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, and approved unanimously.

Ms. McGlothlin reviewed the financial report ending May 31, 2021, with the board and answered questions.

8. Mr. Clinton Wells, public works director, appeared before the board to present proposals submitted for a grapple truck and roll on/roll off truck. Mr. Wells asked that the board consider acceptance of proposal by Freightliner for the roll on/roll off unit at a cost of \$181,650. A motion was made by Commissioner Walden to accept the proposal, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, and approved unanimously. Mr. Wells asked the board consider acceptance of the proposal for the grapple truck from Freightliner at a cost of \$164,910. A motion was made by Commissioner Thrift to award the proposal to Freightliner, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, and approved unanimously.
9. Major Bill Kirkendall of the Liberty County Sheriff's department appeared before the board to ask them to consider acceptance of funds related to a law enforcement training grant opportunity. A motion was made by Commissioner Stevens to authorize acceptance of grant funds for these purposes, seconded by Commissioner thrift, and approved unanimously.
10. Reverend Katrina Deason of the liberty County Manna House appeared before the board to request their assistance in the purchase of equipment needed for the new Manna house location. The board thanked Ms. Deason for her assistance to the community and advised that they would take the matter into consideration.

12. The board considered an amendment to the current timber harvesting ordinance as presented by the county attorney. A motion was made by Commissioner Walden to accept the ordinance amendment, seconded by Commissioner Frasier, and approved unanimously.

13. Mr. Randy Branch, representing Liberty County Historical Society, appeared before the board to ask their permission to conduct studies related to property owned by the commission known as the old labor department building. Mr. Branch brought the board up to speed on the desired use of the building and purposes thereof if studies prove fruitful. The board authorized Mr. Branch to work with County staff to conduct studies necessary to ascertain possible use the building.

14. The board considered an amendment to the agenda to add item H associated with resuming indoor activities in county buildings. A motion was made by Commissioner Stevens to authorize adding the item, seconded by Commissioner Frasier, and approved unanimously.

15. The board considered authorizing reopening of County facilities for indoor activities. A motion was made by Commissioner Frasier to authorize reopening of the facilities effective Monday, June 21, 2021 seconded by Commissioner Thrift and approved unanimously.

16. The board considered an appointment to the liberty County Library Board. A motion was made by Commissioner Thrift to appoint Mr. Doris Barrett, seconded by Commissioner Frasier, and approved unanimously.

17. A motion was made by Commissioner Frasier to adjourn to executive session to discuss personnel and land matters, seconded by Commissioner Gilliard, and approved unanimously.

13. A motion was made by Commissioner Gilliard to adjourn executive session and reconvene regular meeting, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, and approved unanimously.

14. A motion was made by Commissioner Thrift to adjourn regular meeting, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, and approved unanimously.

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