

Minutes
Liberty County Board of Commissioners
March 17, 2022
Mid-month Meeting

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lovette with commissioners Frasier, Stevens, Thrift, Gilliard, and Walden in attendance.
2. The county administrator certified compliance the Georgia Open Meetings Act.
3. Assistant County manager Mr. Joseph Mosley presented the prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. The board recognized employees with 20 and 25 years of service with the county.
5. Departmental reports were presented:
 - A. The monthly engineering report was presented by Mr. Trent long followed by questions from the board.
6. The board considered new business:
 - A. The board considered proposals received for improvements to the Gum Branch convenience center. A motion was made by Commissioner Thrift to award the proposal to Taylor's Creek Construction in the amount of \$750,000 plus a 10% contingency, seconded by Commissioner Walden and approved by all commissioners in attendance.
 - B. The board considered proposals received for construction of an EMS facility. A motion was made by Commissioner Stevens to award the proposal to Dabbs Williams at a cost of \$2,498,000 +10% contingency, seconded by Commissioner Frasier and approved by all commissioners in attendance.
 - C. Mr. John Culbertson of MSW consultants appeared before the board to present preliminary results of the countywide Polycart study for liberty County. Mr. Culbertson advised that he take comments received from the board into consideration during the process of developing a final report.
 - D. Recreation director Mr. Raymond Gross appeared before the board to present bids received for grass mowing in recreational facilities. Mr. Gross recommended award to Signature Lawncare at a cost of \$14,944 per year. A motion was made by Commissioner Thrift to approve the contract, seconded by Commissioner Gilliard, with commissioners Stevens, Frasier, Thrift, Lovette, and Gilliard voting in favor of the motion, Commissioner Walden opposed.
 - E. The board reviewed a letter received by the president of the Republican Party in Liberty County appointing Mr. Greg McDougall is the party representative to the board of elections. The board formally acknowledged receipt of the appointment.

F. The board reviewed a living wage analysis as performed by Condrey and Associates. Assistant county administrator Mr. Joseph Mosley answered questions from the board related to the survey. A motion was made by Commissioner Stevens to adopt the findings of the survey with an effective date of March 20, 2022, seconded by Commissioner Frasier, and approved by all commissioners in attendance.

G. The board discussed the distribution of ARPA funds related to the category of educational assistance programs. The County administrator advised the board that staff was finalizing details of the application process for presentation to the board.

7.A motion was made by Commissioner Gilliard to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, and approve 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