

Minutes
Liberty County Board of commissioners
June 16, 2022
Midmonth meeting

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

2. The Chairman certified compliance the Georgia Open Meetings Act.

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

4. The board recognized and paid tribute to coach Kurt Warner former coach of the Liberty County Panthers football team.

5. Recognitions and proclamations were presented:

(A) Mr. Chuck Groover, State certification coordinator for the aw Georgia law enforcement certification program appeared to present Sheriff Will Bowman and staff a recognition certificate for completing state certification of the Liberty County Sheriff's Office.

(B) the board recognized a proclamation in recognition of Gullah Geechee nation appreciation week.

Commissioner Frasier joined the meeting

6. Departmental reports were presented:

(A) Mr. Brandon Purcell of TR Long Engineering appeared to present the monthly report and answered questions from board members.

(B) The LCPC report was presented by Ms. Mardee Sanchez.

(1) The board considered a final plat for the Colonies at Habersham phase 3-D. Following discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Jones to approve the final plat with standard and special conditions those being final approval by the Department of Public Health, seconded by Commissioner Thrift and approved unanimously.

(2) The board considered a resolution for amendment of the countywide service delivery strategy related for a change in the water service delivery area for Liberty County. A motion was made by Commissioner Stevens to approve the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Walden, and approved unanimously.

7. The board considered new business:

(A) The board considered resolutions associated with the adoption of the general operations budget, special revenue operational budgets, and special fund budgets. A motion was made by Commissioner Walden to adopt a resolution associated with the FY 2023 general fund budget, seconded by Commissioner Thrift, and approved unanimously. A motion was made by Commissioner Thrift to adopt a resolution associated with all special revenue operational budgets for 2023, seconded by Commissioner Frasier, and approved unanimously. A motion was made by Commissioner Frasier to accept the resolution associated with the special purpose local option sales tax budgets and Wright Army Airfield fund, seconded by Commissioner Thrift, and approved unanimously.

(B) Ms. Ronda Walthour, election superintendent for Liberty County, appeared before the board to provide an update on the upcoming elections and related material.

(C) Mr. Joh Culbertson of MSW consultants appeared before the board to present detailed findings associated with the possible implementation of Polycart service in the unincorporated areas of Liberty County. The board advised Mr. Culbertson that they would consider the findings and determine possible next steps in the process.

(D) The board considered proposals received for the purchase of an ambulance unit for EMS operations. Following discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Thrift to award the proposal to Custom Truck and Body Works at a total cost of \$276,718, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, and approved unanimously.

(E) The board considered renewal of a memorandum of agreement with Liberty Regional Medical Center the operation of EMS. A motion was made by Commissioner Thrift to approve the agreement for one year., Seconded by Commissioner Stevens, and approved unanimously.

(F) The board reviewed an application document for agencies to use when applying for educational assistance from the American Rescue Plan Act. Following review the board authorized used of the application and asked that the distribution process and communication process to perspective agencies begin immediately.

8. A motion was made by Commissioner Frasier to adjourn to executive session for a land acquisition matter, seconded by Commissioner Thrift, and approved unanimously.

9. A motion was made by Commissioner Frasier to adjourn executive session and return to regular meeting, seconded by Commissioner Walden, and approved unanimously.

10. A motion made by Commissioner Frasier to adjourn regular meeting, seconded by Commissioner Walden, 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