

Minutes
Liberty County Board of Commissioners
July 15, 2021
Midmonth Meeting

1. The meeting was opened by Chairman Lovette with commissioners Jones, Walden, Gilliard, and Thrift in attendance.
2. The Chairman certified compliance with the Georgia Open Meetings Act.
3. Prayer was offered by Chairman Lovette followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Stevens joined the meeting.

4. Departmental reports were presented:

A. The finance report was delivered by Ms. Kim McGlothlin. Ms. McGlothlin reported on the status of special funds and advised the board that due to year enclosure procedures the general fund report had not been yet finalized. The board entered into discussion concerning digest preparation along with millage and associated revenues.

B. The monthly engineering report was presented by Mr. Trent Long, followed by questions from the board on various projects.

C. The LCPC report was presented.

(1) Ms. Mardee Sanchez presented a preliminary plat for Alder Grove Subdivision Phases one and two. The board entered into discussion over secondary access points and proposed maintenance inside of the subdivision areas. A motion was made by Commissioner Stevens to approve the preliminary plat subject to standard conditions, seconded by Commissioner Thrift, and approved by all commissioners in attendance.

(2) The board considered special exception request 2021-031-LC a request by Mr. David Cheney to locate a camper on his property at Isle of Wight. The matter was originally tabled from the July 6, 2021, meeting. Mr. Cheney spoke to the board about the process involved with placement of the camper on the site and his intent to rebuild. Following questions from the board to Mr. Cheney, Mr. Frank Versailles appeared to read a letter on behalf of Mr. Reggie Woods an adjacent property owner. Following discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Jones to allow the special exception for six months., seconded by Commissioner Gilliard, and approved by all commissioners in attendance.

D. County attorney Mr. Kelly Davis appeared before the board to present items for commission consideration.

(1) The board reviewed a firearms discharge ordinance and offered comments to Mr. Davis for development of the final document.

5. The board considered new business:

A. Ms. Leah Poole, Executive Director of the liberty County Chamber CVB appeared to present the July 2021 report and answered questions from the board. The board also discussed with Ms. Poole a proposed increase in the hotel motel tax and asked that she and the county administrator work to position the county to be able to move forward with this increase.

B. The board considered an agreement with Enterprise Fleet leasing for County vehicles. Mr. Chris Whiteside representing Enterprise appear before the board to

answer questions. A motion was made by Commissioner Stevens to approve the agreement, seconded by Commissioner Thrift, and approved by all commissioners in attendance. Commissioner Jones asked that staff look toward the engagement of alternate fuel and energy methods during the acquisition of future vehicles.

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

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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