

Minutes
Liberty County Board of Commissioners
August 3, 2021
Regular meeting

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

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

3. Pastor Richard Hayes presented the opening prayer which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

5. Departmental reports were presented:

A. Liberty County 4-H director Aaron Hendrix introduced himself to the board along with several local 4-H students. The board welcomed Mr. Hendrix to the area and commended the student's for their participation in the program.

Commissioner Frasier joined the meeting

B. County attorney Mr. Kelly Davis appeared before the board to discuss several items.

(1) The board reviewed a revised firearms discharge ordinance. Members expressed some concern over acreage requirements as proposed in the ordinance and the ability to enforce sections of the code. Mr. Davis noted concerns expressed and advised that he would have another revision ready for consideration by the board at their midmonth meeting.

(2) The board was briefed on the status of the EMS operational agreement with Liberty Regional Medical Center.

(3) Mr. Davis briefly discussed specifics of an EMS medical director agreement which was being prepared for the midmonth meeting.

(4) Mr. Davis advised the board that he was working on the final draft of an EMS assistance agreement between the Commission and the Board of Education.

C. County engineer, Trent Long, presented the monthly report and highlighted several projects ongoing. The board considered bids received for improvements on Becky and Olive Streets. A motion was made by Commissioner Gilliard to award the bid to Sittle Construction at a total cost of \$90,258.02 plus a 10% contingency, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, and approved unanimously.

6. The board considered new business:

A. Major Bill Kirkendall of the Liberty County Sheriff's office appeared before the board to discuss specifics associated with participation in a H.E.A.T. Grant. Major Kirkendall presented statistics related to the need for the funds in the community. A motion was made by Commissioner Walden to approve the grant application with matching fund requirements, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, and approved unanimously.

B. Mr. David Holton of Buckley and Associates appeared before the board to highlight schematics associated with renovation to the Samuel B. Harris gymnasium in Midway. The board offered input as to possible modifications to the draft. Mr. Holton advised the board that he would make revisions and present a final schematic plan for board approval prior to project bid.

C. Mr. Mike Parker with SP Design Group appeared before the board to present final schematics related to construction of a new EMS station in Midway. The board thanked Mr. Parker for his presentation and authorized final drawings for construction.

D. The board considered an agreement with the City of Flemington to conduct the 2021 municipal election. A motion was made by Commissioner Stevens to approve the contract, seconded by Commissioner Gilliard, with Commissioners Stevens, Lovette, Thrift, Jones, Frasier, and Gilliard voting in favor of the motion, Commissioner Walden absent from the vote.

E. The board considered an agreement with the City of Midway to conduct the 2021 municipal elections. A motion was made by Commissioner Gilliard to approve the contract, seconded by Commissioner Frasier, with commissioners Stevens, Lovette, Thrift, Jones, Frasier, and Gilliard voting in favor of the motion, Commissioner Walden absent from the vote.

7. A motion was made by Commissioner Stevens to adjourn regular meeting, seconded by Commissioner Gilliard, with commissioners Stevens, Lovette, Thrift, Jones, Frasier, and Gilliard, voting in favor of the motion Commissioner Walden absent from the vote.

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