

Minutes
Liberty County Board of commissioners
August 19, 2021
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 with the Georgia Open Meetings Act.
3. Prayer was offered by Mr. Joseph Mosley followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. Mr. Joseph Mosley and Mr. Larry Murray presented awards to those persons involved with assisting in the youth summer intern program.

Commissioner Frasier joined the meeting.

5. Departmental reports are presented:

A. Ms. Kim McGlothlin presented the monthly financial reports for the periods ending June and July 2021 and answered questions from the board.

B. The board received the monthly engineering report from Mr. Trent Long who briefed them on several ongoing projects. The board considered a request for a 40 day time extension for the Youmans Road improvement project. A motion was made by Commissioner Stevens to approve the extension, seconded by Commissioner Thrift, and approved unanimously. The board considered bids received for improvements to Palm Drive and Pointe South Drive. A motion was made by Commissioner Frasier to award the bid to Sikes Brothers Inc. at a total cost of \$309,218.03 with a 10% contingency, seconded by Commissioner Gilliard, and approved unanimously.

C. The LCPC report was presented by Mr. Nirav Gandhi.

(1) the board considered variance request 2021-043-LC a variance petition submitted by Josh Wheeler on behalf of Michael Zabarac to decrease side setbacks from 15 feet to 10 feet on LCTM-Parcel 281B-079 within the Isle of Wight subdivision. Following the presentation of staff reports a motion was made by Commissioner Jones to approve the request, seconded by Commissioner Frasier, and approved unanimously.

6. The board considered new business:

A. Mr. Reginald Pierce, Liberty County Coroner, appeared before the board to discuss the need to construct specific space for coroner operations. Mr. Pierce presented case statistics and photos associated with the type of building recommended. The board thanked Mr. Pierce for his presentation and advised that they would place the matter under consideration in the upcoming special purpose local option sales tax program.

Commissioner Walden was excused the meeting.

B. The board considered a revised firearms discharge ordinance as presented by the county attorney. The board discussed distances associated with proximity to homes and suggested changing the acreage requirement to 2 acres and the distance to structures to 1000 feet. A motion was made by Commissioner Stevens to approve the ordinance subject to changes recommended, seconded by Commissioner Gilliard, with commissioners Stevens, Jones, Gilliard, and Chairman Lovette voting in favor of the motion, Commissioner Thrift and Frasier opposed.

C. The board considered an agreement for managed EMS services between the Board of Commissioners and Liberty Regional Medical Center. A motion was made by Commissioner Gilliard to approve the agreement, seconded by Commissioner Thrift,

and approved by all commissioners in attendance.

D. The board considered an agreement between the Board of Commissioners and the Liberty County Board of Education to provide EMS services to major school events. A motion was made by Commissioner Gilliard to approve the agreement, seconded by Commissioner Thrift, and approved by all commissioners in attendance.

E. The board considered an agreement between the Liberty County Board of commissioners and Dr. Jonathan Williams to provide EMS medical director services. A motion was made by Commissioner Gilliard to approve the agreement, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, and approved by all commissioners in attendance.

F. The board considered proposals received for the purchase of a grapple truck loader for the Liberty County solid waste division. A motion was made by Commissioner Thrift to award the proposal to Freightliner a total cost of \$171,816.00, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, and approved by all commissioners in attendance.

G. The board considered an agreement with Southeast corrections LLC for the provision probation services for Superior Court as recommended by Chief Judge Robert Russell. A motion was made by Commissioner Stevens to approve the contract, seconded by Commissioner Thrift, and approved by all commissioners in attendance.

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