

Minutes
Liberty County Board of Commissioners
September 21, 2023
Midmonth Meeting

1. The meeting was opened by Chairman Lovette with all commissioners in attendance except Commissioner Walden.

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

3. Prayer was offered by Bishop Kevin Betton followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. The board performed a swearing-in ceremony for members of the Liberty County youth commission.

5. Departmental reports were presented:

A. The July 2023 finance report was presented by Ms. Samantha Richardson.

B. The monthly engineering report presented by Mr. Trent Long.

(1) the board reviewed bids received for sidewalk improvements for Elm Street and Windhaven. A motion was made by Commissioner Frasier to award the bid to Swindle Construction at a total cost of \$463,953.00 +10% contingency, seconded by Commissioner Gilliard, and approved by all commissioners in attendance.

6. New business was considered:

A. Mr. David Floyd presented an update of the 2023 summer food program.

B. Bishop Kevin Betton appeared before the board to discuss the possibility of assignment of churches to commission districts in order to improve communication efforts in the community. Following comments from board members Bishop Betton was asked to explore the opportunity further.

C. Ms. Leah Poole, Executive Director of the Liberty County Convention and Visitors Bureau appeared before the board to present her bi-annual update.

D. The board considered the approval of various historical and cultural grants as part of SPLOST 7 funding. A motion was made by Commissioner Gilliard to award \$274,040.00 To various nonprofit corporations for projects, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, and approved by all commissioners in attendance.

E. The board considered reinstatement of an ordinance pertaining to the process for Road name changes. A motion was made by Commissioner Thrift to approve the ordinance, seconded by Commissioner Gilliard, and approved by all commissioners in attendance.

F. The board discussed moving forward with the process related to the possible imposition of impact fees. A motion was made by Commissioner Thrift to move forward on the matter, seconded by Commissioner Frasier, and approved by all commissioners in attendance.

G. The board considered an appointment to the Coastal Georgia RC & D Council to replace Mr. M.L. Coffey. A motion was made by Commissioner Frasier to appoint Mr. Andrew Standard, seconded by Commissioner Thrift, and approved by all commissioners in attendance.

7. A motion was made by Commissioner Frasier to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Thrift, and approved by all commissioners in attendance.

Liberty County Board of Commissioners

SIGNED:

Donald L. Lovette, Chairman

Connie Thrift, Vice-Chairman

Marion Stevens, Sr., Commissioner

Justin Frasier, Commissioner

Maxie R. Jones, IV, Commissioner

Gary Gilliard, Commissioner

Eddie J. Walden, Commissioner

Attest:

Joseph W. Brown, County Administrator