

Minutes
Liberty County Board of Commissioners
Mid-month Meeting
January 20, 2022

1. The meeting was called to order by chairman Lovette with commissioners Stevens, Thrift, 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. The board took a minute to remember a longtime employee of the county, Mr. George Ginter, who recently passed.
5. Departmental reports were presented:
 - A. The board received the monthly engineering report as presented by Mr. Trent Long. Mr. Long highlighted projects underway and answered questions from the board.
 - B. Ms. Mardee Sanchez presented the monthly report for the LCPC.
 - (1) The board considered a final plat for the Colonies at Habersham Plantation phase 3C. Following questions from the board a motion was made by commissioner Gilliard to approve the final plat, seconded by commissioner Walden, and approved by all commissioners in attendance.
6. The board considered new business:
 - A. The board received the FY 2021 financial audit report as presented by Mr. Trey Scott of Maulden & Jenkins. Mr. Scott highlighted certain sections of the report and answered questions from the Board.
 - B. Ms. Sheron Morgan, Executive Director of Worksource Coastal Georgia, appeared before the Board to highlight activities of the program and answer questions from the Board.
 - C. The Board received a report on ADP systems as presented by the Finance Director and HR administrator. A motion was made by Commissioner Gilliard, and seconded by Commissioner Stevens, to authorize a contract with ADP with all commissioners present voting in favor of the motion.
 - D. The Board received an overview of a process related to the distribution of ARPA funds to small businesses and non-profits in the County including a contract with United Way of Coastal Georgia for administration of the application process. A motion was made by Commissioner Gilliard to approve the process and contract with United Way, seconded by Commissioner Thrift, and approved by all commissioners in attendance.
 - E. The Board considered a Resolution requesting that the Hinesville VA clinic be named the John Gibson/Dan James Clinic. Following discussion by Board members concerning the process a motion was made by Commissioner Walden not to approve the Resolution, seconded by Commissioner Gilliard, with Commissioners Walden, Gilliard, and Thrift voting in favor, Commissioners Stevens and Lovette opposed.
 - F. The Board considered an alcoholic beverage license request for Pal N Food Mart. A motion was made by Commissioner Stevens to approve the request, seconded by Commissioner Gilliard, with all Commissioners present voting in favor of the motion.
 - G. The Board considered the lease of space to the District Attorney's office for Child Support Recovery Services. A motion was made by Commissioner Thrift to approve the lease, seconded by Commissioner Gilliard, with all commissioners present voting in favor of the motion.
 - H. The Board considered the declaration of June 19th as an official County holiday for Juneteenth. A motion was made by Commissioner Thrift to approve the declaration, seconded by Commissioner Gilliard, and approved by all members present.
 - I. The Board considered the request of local legislation related to the addition of a surcharge for State Court criminal cases to assist with funding public safety technology. A motion was made by Commissioner Walden to create a Resolution for this purpose, seconded by Commissioner Thrift, and approved by all members present.
 - J. The Board considered ratification of an emergency order declaring a Local State of Emergency in response to the COVID-19 public health threat. A motion was made by

Commissioner Thrift to approve ratification, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, and approved by all members present.

7. A motion was made by Commissioner Stevens to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Gilliard, and approved by all members present.

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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