

Minutes
Liberty County Board of Commissioners
May 18, 2023
Midmonth Meeting

1. The meeting was opened by Chairman Lovette with all commissioners present except Commissioner Gilliard.
2. Chairman Lovette 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 adopted a proclamation proclaiming May 21-27, 2023 as EMS week in Liberty County.
5. The board took a moment to recognize Commissioner Frasier on his appointment to the Association of County Commissioners board of directors.
6. Departmental reports were presented:
 - A. The monthly finance report was reviewed with the board by Ms. Samantha Richardson.
 - B. The monthly engineering report was reviewed with the board by Mr. Trent Long.
 - C. Chief Brian Darby appeared before the board to discuss renewal of the intergovernmental agreements for fire protection services with Walthourville and Riceboro. Chief Darby highlighted minor changes in the agreement and also discussed a potential change in protocols for answering calls within municipal jurisdictions. Following some discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Stevens, and seconded by Commissioner Thrift, to approve the intergovernmental agreements as presented with all commissioners present voting in favor of the motion. The board asked Chief Darby to convene a meeting with the mayor's to discuss protocol changes.
7. The board considered new business:
 - A. Mr. Jeff Ricketson appeared before the board to conduct a public hearing related to the Liberty County unified development ordinance.

Commissioner Frasier made a motion to adjourn to public hearing for these purposes, seconded by Commissioner Thrift, and approved by all commissioners in attendance.

Mr. Ricketson reviewed with the board matters related to the ordinance development and answered questions. No members of the public appeared to comment.

Commissioner Stevens made a motion to adjourn the public hearing and return to the regular meeting, second by Commissioner Thrift, and approved by all commissioners in attendance.
 - B. Ms. Tammy Mims, CEO of Liberty Regional Medical Center, appeared before the board to give a status on operations.
 - C. The board considered bids received for the provision of lunches for the summer food program. Commissioner Walden made a motion to award the bid to Coastal Georgia Community Action Authority at a cost of \$4.25 per meal, seconded by Commissioner Thrift, and approved by all commissioners in attendance.
 - D. The board considered an agreement to conduct the Municipal election for the city of Riceboro. Commissioner Thrift made a motion to approve the agreement, seconded by Commissioner Frasier, and approved by all commissioners in attendance.

E. The board was presented the draft of a food truck ordinance for review. Assistant county administrator Joseph Mosley highlighted sections of the ordinance and answered questions from the board.

F. The administrative report was presented. The board authorized construction drawings for the new EMS administrative facility.

Commissioner Frasier made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, with all commissioners present voting in favor of the motion.

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