

MINUTES  
Liberty County Board Of Commissioners  
Mid-Month Meeting  
July 21, 2016

1. The meeting was opened by Chairman Lovette with Commissioners Gilliard, Frasier, and Stevens in attendance.
2. The Chairman certified compliance with the Georgia Open Meetings Act.
3. The prayer was offered by Mr. Bob Sprinkel followed by the Pledge of Allegiance as led by Mr. Andrew Stevens.
4. Mr. Bob Sprinkel introduced those youth in attendance that were involved in the Riceboro summer intern project. Commissioners expressed support for the ongoing program and a desire to help fund its continuance if possible.
5. Departmental reports were presented:
  - a. Ms. Kim McGlothlin presented the monthly financial report for the Commission. Ms. McGlothlin noted that the closeout of June and July reports for the general fund was not yet complete, but presented a tentative closeout for the year on the SPLOST 5 fund.
  - b. Mr. Clinton Wells, Public Works Director, appeared before the Board to present bids received for a roll on/roll off unit for solid waste. Mr. Wells recommended award to Freightliner of Savannah at a total cost of \$146,483.00. A motion was offered by Commissioner Stevens, and duly seconded by Commissioner Gilliard, to award the bid to Freightliner as recommended with all Commissioners present voting in favor the motion.
  - c. Mr. Trent Long appeared to give the monthly engineering report. Mr. Long reported on the status of various projects including bids received for intersection improvements at Holmestown /Westfield road intersection. Mr. Long noted that one bid had been received on the project and that the bid had exceeded budgeted estimates. Mr. Long recommended that the bid be rejected and that the project be revised to possibly reflect authorized budget amounts. A motion was made by Commissioner Gilliard to reject the bid, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, and approved by all Commissioners in attendance.
6. The Board considered new business:
  - a. Ms. Kelly Hill, with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, appeared to present a PowerPoint presentation on the coastal resiliency project. Ms. Hill highlighted the fact that Liberty County would be used as a model in the project utilizing a federal green infrastructure grant. Ms. Hill outlined project deliverables for the Board and answered questions related to the process.
  - b. Ms. Melissa Jones, of the LCPC, appeared before the Board to recommend their approval of the draft of the 2020 comp plan update. A motion was made by Commissioner Stevens to approve the document, seconded by Commissioner Gilliard, and approved by all Commissioners in attendance.
  - c. Ms. Leah Poole, Executive Director of the Convention and Visitors Bureau, appeared to present the semiannual update of the CVB to the Commission and answered questions regarding activities.
  - d. The Board considered a resolution authorizing a referendum concerning Sunday alcohol sales in the unincorporated area. The County Attorney highlighted aspects of the resolution for the Board and noted that it would appear, if approved, on the November 8, 2016 ballot. A motion was offered by Commissioner Frasier to approve

the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Gilliard, and approved by all Commissioners in attendance.

- e. The Board considered an appointment to the Liberty County Board of Tax Assessors. A motion was made by Commissioner Gilliard to appoint Mr. David Smiley. The motion died for lack of a second. A motion was made by Commissioner Stevens to appoint Ms. Pat Garrow, seconded by Commissioner Frasier, with Commissioners Lovette, Stevens and Fraser voting in favor, Commissioner Gilliard voting against. The motion failed for lack of majority.
  - f. Mr. Bob Sprinkel addressed the Board concerning the designation of certain positions under the county commission as exempt positions as specified in the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act. Mr. Sprinkel answered questions from the Board related to the qualifications associated with these exempt positions and asked that the Board review the matter for possible adoption during the regular August meeting.
  - g. The administrative report was presented which included the schedule of upcoming meetings, a review of matters related to the special use tax referendum, and capital projects update.
7. A motion was made by Commissioner Frasier to adjourn regular meeting, seconded by Commissioner Gilliard, and approved with all Commissioners in attendance.

SIGNED:

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Donald L. Lovette, Chairman

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Gary Gilliard, Vice Chairman

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Marion Stevens, Sr., Commissioner

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Justin Frasier, Commissioner

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Connie Thrift, Commissioner

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Pat Bowen, Commissioner

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Eddie J. Walden, Commissioner

ATTEST:

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Joseph W. Brown  
County Administrator