

MINUTES  
Liberty County Board of Commissioners  
Mid-month Meeting  
September 15, 2016

1. The meeting was opened by Chairman Lovette with Commissioners Thrift, Stevens, and Gilliard in attendance.
2. The County Administrator certified compliance with the Georgia Open Meetings Act.
3. Prayer was offered by Pastor Bradeen followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. The Board considered an amendment to the agenda to add a report by Shawn Parker Director of Liberty Regional EMS. A motion was made by Commissioner Stevens to amend the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Gilliard, and approved by all Commissioners in attendance.
5. Departmental reports were presented:
  - A. Ms. Kim McGlothlin presented the monthly report of the Finance Department and discussed monthly closure balances for August. Ms. McGlothlin also brought to the Board's attention an emergency payment which had to be made to cover pension shortfalls. The Board was also briefed on a proposal forthcoming from ACCG concerning other pension options. The Board requested that an amendment to the financial policy be drafted to cover approval of emergency payments.
  - B. Adam Wilkinson presented the monthly engineering report and updated the Board on various projects underway.
  - C. Mr. Shawn Parker, EMS Director, appeared before the Board to formally introduce himself and to provide an update to the Board on EMS activities and services.
6. The Board entertained New Business:
  - A. Frank Scozzafava and Michelle Ricketson appeared before the Board to update them on the Veteran's Memorial Walk project.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stevens, seconded by Commissioner Thrift, to adjourn to Public Hearing to consider a request by Neo Energy to locate an anaerobic digestion facility at the Tradeport East Business Center in Liberty County with all Commissioners present voting in favor of the motion. The hearing is required pursuant to the Liberty County Solid Waste Management Plan Section 6.3

- B. Robert Nicholson of Neo Energy appeared before the Board to introduce the Company and highlighted general aspects of the proposed facility. Eian Lynch, Project Engineer, presented a PowerPoint related to the specifics of project operations and answered questions from the Board. Mr. Allen Davis, a resident of Liberty County, addressed the Board concerning time to analyze the possible project impacts to Liberty County and the coastal area. Ms. Melissa Jones of the LCPC, appeared to address matters related to the land use provisions required as part of the proposal. Ms. Jones reported that the facility, as proposed, met those requirements and advised that the LCPC had made a recommendation of approval. Following discussion, the Board authorized the request to be placed on the October mid-month agenda.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gilliard, seconded by Commissioner Thrift, to adjourn Public Hearing and return to regular session with all Commissioners present voting in favor of the motion.

- C. The Board considered enrollment in the Blue Cross/Blue Shield Medicare Advantage Plan for eligible retirees of the County. A motion was made by Commissioner Thrift, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, to enroll in the plan effective January 1, 2017 at a cost of \$ 531.69 per retiree with all Commissioners present voting in favor of the motion.
- D. The General Administrative report was presented. The upcoming calendar of events was reviewed.
- E. Commissioner Stevens requested that contracts for services be discussed at the next meeting.

7. A motion was made by Commissioner Stevens, seconded by Commissioner Thrift, to adjourn to executive session for a legal matter with all Commissioners present voting in favor of the motion.
8. A motion was made by Commissioner Stevens, seconded by Commissioner Gilliard, to adjourn executive session and return to regular meeting with all Commissioners present voting in favor of the motion.
9. A motion was made by Commissioner Stevens to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Gilliard, and approved by 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