MINUTES
Liberty County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
November 1, 2016

1. Meeting was opened by Chairman Lovette with Commissioners Walden, Gilliard, Thrift, Frasier, and Stevens in attendance.

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

3. Pastor Bradeen offered the opening prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. The Board considered minutes of their October meetings. A motion was made by Commissioner Thrift to approve minutes as presented, seconded by Commissioner Frasier, and approved by all Commissioners in attendance.

5. Departmental reports were presented:
   a. Mr. Fraser Sylvers, Mosquito Control Director for Liberty County, appeared before the Board to present an update on spraying activities. Mr. Sylvers noted an increase in the mosquito control population related to Hurricane Matthew and advised the Board that he had increased spraying times and would continue to do so until the population subsided. Mr. Sylvers discussed these spraying times and routes associated with coverage of the County. Following questions from the Board the Chairman thanked Mr. Sylvers and staff for their efforts.

Commissioner Bowen joined the meeting

   b. Mr. Mike Hodges, EMA Director, appeared before the Board to present an update on debris removal activities following Hurricane Matthew. Mr. Hodges discussed items associated with the hurricane including FEMA reimbursement. Mr. Hodges advised that he would keep the board up-to-date on activities of cleanup and reimbursements as they occurred.

6. The Board considered New Business:
   a. The Board reviewed results of an RFP associated with the acquisition of play structures for Parks in Riceboro and Fleming. Mr. Jimmy Martin, Recreation Director, reviewed the proposals with the Board and recommended award to Play South at a cost of $99,978. Following questions from the Board, a motion was offered by Commissioner Stevens to accept the proposal, seconded by Commissioner Bowen, and approved by all Commissioners.
   b. The Chairman recognized representatives of ESG, Environmental Services Group, the new public works contractor for the City of Hinesville. Mr. Clay Sikes, representative of ESG, thanked the Board for the recognition and pledged total community support during their tenure as contractor of public works.
   c. The Board reviewed a presentation by Mr. Cale Hodges of ACCG /GEBCorp related to the provision of a defined benefit and defined contribution plan for Liberty County. Mr. Hodges answered questions from the Board related to proposed services and discussed possible implementation of the plan effective July 1, 2017. The Chairman thanked Mr. Hodges for his presentation and advised that the Board would place the matter on their midmonth agenda for further consideration.
   d. The Board considered an enforcement order for cleanup activities located at 340 Brigantine Dunmore Road in Liberty County. The Board reviewed a presentation associated with a public nuisance activity occurring at the location. A motion was made by Commissioner Bowen to approve the enforcement order allowing 45 days for the nuisance to be resolved, seconded by Commissioner Gilliard, and approved by all Commissioners.
   e. The Board considered a request by the City of Riceboro to add Lambert Drive to the maintenance agreement between Riceboro and Liberty County. A motion was made by Commissioner Stevens to accept the request, seconded by Commissioner Frasier, and approved by all commissioners.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stevens to adjourn to executive session for a personnel matter, seconded by Commissioner Gilliard, and approved by all Commissioners.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stevens to adjourn executive session and return to regular meeting, seconded by Commissioner Thrift, and approved by all Commissioners.

A motion was made by Commissioner Frasier to adjourn regular meeting, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, and approved by all Commissioners.

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