MINUTES
Liberty County Board of Commissioners
Midmonth Meeting
November 17, 2016

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lovette with Commissioners Walden, Gilliard, Thrift, and Stevens in attendance

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

Commissioner Frasier joined the meeting.

3. The prayer was offered by Chairman Lovette followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Chairman Lovette welcomed those in attendance and offered opening remarks related to passage of the Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax program for Liberty County. Chairman Lovette, and Board members, thanked the public and those involved with helping to renew the one percent sales tax in Liberty County.

5. Departmental reports were presented:
    a. Ms. Kim McGlothlin presented the monthly report of the Liberty County Finance Department and answered questions from the Board.
    b. Mr. Mike Hodges, EMA Director, appeared to update the Board on the current status of debris cleanup. Mr. Hodges informed the Board that his Department was continuing efforts towards finalizing materials related to Hurricane Matthew. Mr. Hodges announced that an expected 200,000 CY of debris was anticipated to be collected countywide.
    c. Mr. Trent Long, County Engineer, appeared before the Board to discuss projects associated with the 2017 LMIG grant from the State of Georgia. The Board discussed several projects for possible use of the funds including; continuation of Lewis Frasier road resurfacing, sidewalks down Highway 196 to Airport Road, sidewalks within the Holmestown area, sidewalks to connect General Stewart to General Screven, and sidewalks in the McDowell Road area. The Board asked Mr. Long to gather information related to potential cost of these projects for further Board consideration.

5. Ms. Eva Elmer, representing Chatham County Safety Net, appeared before the Board to present an overview of program activities for adults and children. Ms. Elmer informed the Board that they had received a grant to expand into Liberty County. She encouraged the Board of Commissioners to assist with helping to steer possible participants to the program. The Board was made aware that Chatham County Safety Net was already affiliated with several local agencies including Diversity Health. Ms. Stephanie Jones-Theacker of Liberty County Diversity Health program addressed the Board concerning their relationship with Safety Net, locations of Diversity Health in Liberty County, and the move to develop a new center for operations. The Board thanked Chatham County Safety Net for the presentation and vowed their support towards helping to get the word out about program offerings.

6. The Board considered adoption of documents necessary to transition their defined-benefit plan to ACCG/GEBCorp effective July 1, 2017 and to create a 401(a) defined contribution plan for employees through ACCG/ GEBCorp as part of this transition. The Board considered a resolution to adopt an amended and restated ACCG defined-benefit plan for Liberty County employees. A motion was made by Commissioner Walden, and seconded by Commissioner Frasier, to adopt the resolution with all commissioners present voting in favor the motion. The board considered a resolution in association with the creation of a 401 (a) defined contribution plan with ACCG/GEBCorp. A motion was made by Commissioner Thrift to adopt the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, and approved by all Commissioners in attendance. The Board considered a member program agreement for a defined-benefit retirement program with ACCG/ GEBCorp. A motion was made by Commissioner Walden to accept the agreement and authorize the Chairman to execute the agreement and any other documents necessary for establishment of plans with ACCG/GEBCorp, seconded by

Commissioner Gilliard, and approved by all Commissioners in attendance.

7. The Board considered adoption of an emergency compensation policy for Liberty County employees during times of the declared emergencies. Following discussion, the Board agreed to place the item on the December meeting agenda.

8. The Board considered appointments to various boards within Liberty County:

   LCDA – A motion was made by Commissioner Walden, and seconded by Commissioner Stevens, to appoint Mr. Matthew Barrow and Mr. Al Williams with all Commissioners present voting in favor the motion.

   Liberty Regional Medical Center – A motion was made by Commissioner Stevens, and seconded by Commissioner Walden, to offer the names of Ms. Stephanie Osteen and Mr. James Thomas Jr., with all Commissioners present voting in favor of the motion.

   There were no applications received for the HAMPO CAC or Coastal Workforce Board.

9. The Board considered proposals received for stand-by airport engineering services. A motion was made by Commissioner Walden, seconded by Commissioner Frasier, to award the no-cost standby contract to CDM Smith with Commissioners Walden, Gilliard, Frasier, Stevens and Chairman Lovette voting in favor the motion.

10. A motion was made by Commissioner Gilliard to adjourn to executive session for consultation with the county attorney, seconded by Commissioner Frasier, and approved by all Commissioners in attendance.

11. A motion was made by Commissioner Walden to return to regular session, seconded by Commissioner Gilliard, and approved by all Commissioners in attendance.

12. A motion was made by Commissioner Stevens to petition the Superior Court of Liberty County for the approval of a temporary tax digest for the collection of taxes, seconded by Commissioner Walden, and approved by all Commissioners in attendance.

13. A motion was made by Commissioner Walden to adjourn regular meeting, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, and approved by all Commissioners in attendance.

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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