

MINUTES
Liberty County Board of Commissioners
May 17, 2018
Midmonth Meeting

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

2. The County Administrator certified compliance with the Georgia Open Meetings Act.

3. Prayer was offered by Commissioner Thrift followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Departmental reports were presented:

A. Mr. Trent Long, County Engineer, appeared before the Board to present the status of several projects. Mr. Long also reported on the status of Slade Road, a potential road for County acceptance, and advised the Board on improvements needed thereto.

5. The Board considered New Business:

A. The Board considered an easement with the US Army Corps of Engineers related to access rights to a certain part of Dairy Farm Road. A motion was made by Commissioner Thrift to accept the easement, seconded by Commissioner Gilliard, and approved by all Commissioners in attendance.

B. The Board considered a designee to receive claims of local significance on their behalf from the Georgia Department of Revenue. A motion was made by Commissioner Thrift to designate the County Administrator, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, and approved by all Commissioners in attendance.

C. The Board considered appointments to various boards:

(1) A motion was made by Commissioner Walden to reappoint Rev. Henry Frasier Sr. to the Aging Services Council, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, and approved by all Commissioners in attendance.

(2) A motion was made by Commissioner Walden to reappoint Mr. Charles Frasier to the Coastal Regional Commission, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, and approved by all Commissioners in attendance.

(3) A motion was made by Commissioner Gilliard to appoint Mr. Richard Hayes to the Coastal Regional Commission Council subject to approval from other municipal entities, seconded by Commissioner Walden, with Commissioners Walden, Gilliard, Thrift, and Stevens voting in favor of the motion, Commissioner Lovette opposed.

(4) A motion was made by Commissioner Walden to reappoint Mr. Phil Odom to the Cultural Historic Committee, seconded by Commissioner Thrift, and approved by all commissioners in attendance.

(6) A motion was made by Commissioner Gilliard to reappoint Ms. Luciria Lovette to the Cultural Historic Committee, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, and approved by all Commissioners in attendance.

(7) A motion was made by Commissioner Gilliard to reappoint Ms. Michelle Ricketson to the Cultural Historic Committee, seconded by Commissioner Walden, and approved by all Commissioners in attendance.

(8) A motion was made by Commissioner Gilliard to reappoint Mr. Jeffrey Porter to the Cultural Historic Committee, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, and approved by all Commissioners in attendance.

(9) A motion was made by Commissioner Gilliard to appoint Ms. René Reese to the Cultural Historic Committee, seconded by Commissioner Walden, and approved by all Commissioners in attendance.

(10) A motion was made by Commissioner Gilliard to appoint Ms. Natalie Hines to the Cultural Historic Committee, seconded by Commissioner Walden, and approved by all Commissioners in attendance.

(11) A motion was made by Commissioner Gilliard to appoint Ms. Natalie Hines to the DBHDD Advisory Council, seconded by Commissioner Thrift, and approved by all Commissioners in attendance.

(12) A motion was made by Commissioner Gilliard to appoint Ms. Petula Gomillion to the DFCS Board, seconded by Commissioner Walden, and approved by all Commissioners in attendance.

(13) A motion was made by Commissioner Gilliard to reappoint Mr. Layton Frasier to the Georgia Forestry Board, seconded by Commissioner Walden, and approved by all Commissioners in attendance.

(14) A motion was made by Commissioner Gilliard to submit the names of Dana Ingram and Natalie Hines to the Hospital Authority for consideration to fill one unexpired term of Mr. James Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walden, and approved by all Commissioners in attendance.

(15) A motion was made by Commissioner Gilliard to appoint Mr. Joseph Harris to the local Live Oak Library Board, seconded by Commissioner Walden with Commissioners Walden, Gilliard, Thrift, and Stevens voting in favor, Commissioner Lovette opposed.

(16) A motion was made by Commissioner Gilliard to reappoint Ms. Carmen Cole to the MCUDA Board, seconded by Commissioner Walden, and approved by all Commissioners in attendance.

(17) A motion was made by Commissioner Gilliard to reappoint Mr. James Rogers to the Public Facilities Authority, seconded by Commissioner Walden, and approved by all Commissioners in attendance.

(18) A motion was made by Commissioner Gilliard to reappoint Ms. Renea Camper to the Public Facilities Authority, seconded by Commissioner Walden, and approved by all Commissioners in attendance.

(19) A motion was made by Commissioner Gilliard to reappoint Ms. Charlene Godley to the Liberty County Recreation Board, seconded by Commissioner Walden, and approved by all Commissioners in attendance.

D. The administrative report was presented:

(1) The Board was briefed on a meeting with the local Mayors concerning implementation of the countywide fire plan and a possible TSPLOST referendum.

E. The Board was briefed by Mr. Bob Sprinkle on upcoming activities associated with the Summer Youth Program.

6. A motion was made by Commissioner Walden to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Gilliard, and approved by all Commissioners in attendance.

SIGNED:

Donald L. Lovette, Chairman

Gary Gilliard, Commissioner

Marion Stevens, Sr., Commissioner

Justin Frasier, Commissioner

Connie Thrift, Commissioner

Pat Bowen, Commissioner

Eddie J. Walden, Vice Chairman

ATTEST:

Joseph W. Brown
County Administrator