

Minutes
Liberty County Board of Commissioners
April 19, 2018
Midmonth Meeting

1. The meeting was opened by Chairman Lovette with Commissioners Walden, Gilliard, Frasier, Thrift, and Stevens in attendance.
2. The County Administrator certified compliance with the Georgia Open Meetings Act.
3. Prayer was offered by Judge, Linnie Darden, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. The Board considered New Business:
 - a) Juvenile Court Judge Linnie Darden appeared before the Board to present an overview of the current status of juvenile court service operations and to highlight procedures associated with cases in Liberty County. Ms. Vickie Cook, administrative assistant, discussed in detail procedures associated with handling juvenile cases and cost associated with various phases. Judge Darden and the Board discussed increasing cost and cases for the division and considered the possibility of accepting proposals from qualified legal firms to handle future caseloads. The Commission emphasized the need to continue to discuss more funding at the state level.
 - b) Ms. Kim McGlothlin, Chief Financial Officer, appeared before the Board to give a brief overview of general fund financials. Ms. McGlothlin and the Board discussed staffing levels within the finance department, the need to produce reports on a regular basis, and the need to finalize yearly financial audits so as to be in compliance with the state in order to receive state funds. The Board offered its continued support for matters related to County finances and asked that needs for manpower or other services be addressed during the upcoming budget cycle.
 - c) County Engineer, Mr. Trent Long, appeared before the Board to present the monthly report. Mr. Long briefed the Board on the status of several ongoing projects and answered questions. Commissioner Stevens asked that Mr. Long please look back at estimates done for the paving of the remainder of Youman's Road and furnish a 2018 update for planning purposes.
 - d) The Board considered a right of entry agreement and lease of property at the old airport as an emergency staging area for Georgia Power Company. A motion was made by Commissioner Thrift to enter into the right of entry with Georgia Power, seconded by Commissioner Gilliard, and approved by all Commissioners in attendance.
 - e) The Board considered a resolution authorizing certain changes to the County defined-benefit retirement plan. Mr. Bob sprinkle, Assistant County Administrator, highlighted proposed changes for the Board. A motion was made by Commissioner Thrift to adopt the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, and approved by all Commissioners in attendance.
 - f) The Board considered an agreement for the provision of certain indigent health care services with Diversity Health Incorporated. A motion was made by Commissioner Walden to approve the agreement and release \$25,000.00 budgeted for this purpose, seconded by Commissioner Gilliard, with Commissioners Walden, Gilliard, Stevens, and Lovette voting in favor of the matter, Commissioners Thrift and Fraser abstaining from the vote.
 - g) The Board discussed work session days associated with the 2019 budget and decided on May 8, 11th, and 18th.
 - h) The Board reviewed a short handout associated with the 2018 youth employment program.
5. A motion was made by Commissioner Gilliard to adjourn midmonth meeting, seconded by Commissioner Frasier, and approved by all Commissioners in attendance.

SIGNED:

Donald L. Lovette, Chairman

Marion Stevens, Sr., Commissioner

Justin L. Frasier, Commissioner

Connie Thrift, Commissioner

Pat Bowen, Commissioner

Gary Gilliard, Commissioner

Eddie J. Walden, Vice Chairman

ATTEST:

Joseph W. Brown
County Administrator