

MINUTES
Liberty County Board of Commissioners
August 16, 2018
Midmonth Meeting

1. The meeting was opened by Chairman Lovette with Commissioners Walden, Gilliard, Bowen, Thrift, and Stevens in attendance.
2. The County administrator certified compliance with the Georgia open meetings act.
3. Prayer was offered by Mr. Bob Sprinkle followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. The Chairman recognized Commissioner Gilliard who offered special comments in recognition of Mr. Charles Frasier former City Councilman and community leader.
5. Departmental reports were presented:
 - (a) Ms. Kim McGlothlin presented the monthly Finance report for the period ending June 30, 2018. Ms. McGlothlin noted savings by several departments and the need to perform budget amendments related to others. Ms. McGlothlin also briefed the board on the tentative schedule for adoption of the millage rate for 2018. In light of the suggested schedule, a motion was offered by Commissioner Stevens to move the October midmonth meeting date to October 25, seconded by Commissioner Thrift, and approved by all Commissioners in attendance.
 - (b) Mr. Trent Long presented the monthly Engineering report.
 1. The Board considered bids received for the repair and upgrade to John Wells Road. A motion was made by Commissioner Thrift, seconded by Commissioner Walden, to award the bid to East Coast Asphalt at a total cost of \$510,765.58. The Board entered into discussion concerning work previously performed by the firm and outlined several expectation levels for Mr. Long related to award of this bid. Final vote was taken with all Commissioners present voting in favor the motion.
 2. Mr. Long discussed with the Board the need to prioritize the use of 2019 LMIG funds in the amount of \$364,990.41. Following some discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Gilliard to utilize \$125,000 of these funds towards John Wells Road project with the remaining funds being split between improvements to Lewis Frasier Road and Melvin Lane, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, and approved by all Commissioners in attendance.
 - (c) Public Safety Director, Mr. Mike Hodges, appeared before the board to present the annual report of 911 activities. Mr. Hodges also reported on the status of equipment upgrades in the center and answered questions from the board.
6. The Board considered new business:
 - (a) The Board considered proposals received for a new motor grader for public works. A motion was made by Commissioner Stevens to award the proposal to Flint Equipment Company at a total cost of \$233,217.59, seconded by Commissioner Walden, and approved by all Commissioners in attendance.
 - (b) The Board considered proposals received for the purchase of a backhoe for use in the Solid Waste Department. A Motion was made by Commissioner Thrift to award the proposal to Flint Equipment Company at a total cost of \$151,500, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, and approved by all Commissioners in attendance.
 - (c) The Board considered proposals received for the purchased of a frontloading garbage truck for Solid Waste. A Motion was made by Commissioner Walden to award the proposal to the Pete Store at a total cost of \$260,255, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, and approved by all Commissioners in attendance.
 - (d) The Board considered an agreement with the City of Hinesville related to application of grant funds for law enforcement purposes through the 2018 Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant program. A motion was made by Commissioner Walden to approve the agreement, seconded by Commissioner Gilliard, and approved by all Commissioners in attendance.
 - (e) The Board considered various appointments:
 1. A motion was made by Commissioner Stevens to appoint Mr. Ernest Brown to the HAMPO Citizens Advisory Committee, seconded by Commissioner Walden, and approved by all Commissioners in attendance.
 2. A motion was made by Commissioner Walden to appoint Mr. Zeke Walthour to the Board of Assessors, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, and approved by all Commissioners in

attendance.

3. A motion was made by Commissioner Stevens to appoint Ms. Patricia Hewitt to the Board of Assessors, seconded by Commissioner Walden, and approved by all Commissioners in attendance.

7. A motion was made by Commissioner Stevens to adjourn midmonth meeting, seconded by Commissioner Gilliard, 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