

MINUTES
Liberty County Board of Commissioners
September 20, 2018
Mid-month Meeting

1. The meeting was opened by Chairman Lovette with all Commissioners in attendance except Commissioner Bowen.
2. The County Administrator certified compliance with the Georgia Meetings Act.
3. Prayer was offered by Deacon Larry Logan followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. Departmental reports were presented:
 - a. EMA Director, Mr. Larry Logan, appeared before the Board to brief them on local efforts related to hurricane Florence and its effects on Liberty County. Mr. Logan presented statistics associated with dissemination of information to the public and stressed the power of social media in that endeavor. The Board thanked Mr. Logan and his team for their work and efforts during the event.
 - b. Ms. Kim McGlothlin, appeared before the Board to present the end of month financial report for August. Ms. McGlothlin highlighted several items in the report for the Board and answered questions.
 - c. County Engineer, Mr. Trent Long, appeared before the Board to present the monthly report. Mr. Long advised that the contractor was ready to begin on John Wells Road and that the County was still awaiting receipt of LMIG funds from the Georgia Department of Transportation. The Board authorized Mr. Long to issue a notice to proceed on the project prior to receipt of the funds. Mr. Long also addressed completion of the Bacon Road sidewalks and County Line Road projects noting some issues to be addressed by both contractors. Mr. Long advised that he was working on plans for Melvin Lane and that he had done some planning related to a recreation park on Airport Road.
5. The Board noted that there was no Old Business.
6. The Board considered New Business:
 - a. Ms. Glenda Roberts appeared before the Board to discuss specifics associated with a Liberty County Family Fun Day. Ms. Roberts presented a flyer associated with the proposed event and discussed options for raising funds. County Attorney, Kelly Davis, appeared before the Board to address the matter of donations and solicitations for the event. The Board voiced support for the activity pending work by Ms. Roberts, the County Attorney, and the County Administrator concerning specifics of fundraising.
 - b. Ms. Tres Hamilton, Executive Director of the Coastal Georgia Community Action Authority, appeared before the Board to gain their approval on a layout plan for the new Head Start facility. A motion was made by Commissioner Gilliard, and duly seconded by Commissioner Stevens, to approve the floor plan and its submittal to the Department of Community Affairs with all Commissioners present voting in favor the motion.
 - c. The Board considered an appointment to the Coastal Regional Commission to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Charles Frasier. A motion was made by Commissioner Walden to appoint Ms. Shirley Frasier, seconded by Commissioner Thrift, and approved by all Commissioners in attendance.
 - d. The County Engineer, Trent Long, appeared before the Board to discuss a letter received concerning funding of a replacement bridge at Screven Fork Road in the Peacock Creek basin to be funded by the Georgia Department of Transportation's local bridge replacement project fund. The Board entered into discussion concerning length of time needed for road closure and ensuring that the new structure was sized to accommodate storms and future growth upstream the facility. A motion was made by Commissioner Frasier to notify the Georgia Department of transportation as to the Board's willingness to participate, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, and approved by all Commissioners in attendance.
 - e. The Administrative report was presented:
 1. The County Administrator informed the Board that he had met with Midway and Riceboro who had expressed possible interest in participation in the Countywide Fire Protection Plan. The Administrator noted that presentations had gone well and that he would communicate further with the entities as to their possible participation prior to a final date for a decision by the Board. The Board was reminded that action needed to occur no later than January 1, 2019 in

order for the program to begin January 1, 2020.

2. The Board was given a letter signed by the Chief Judge, Robert Russell, related to the need to place cameras in the rear parking lot of the Justice Center Complex. The County Administrator informed the Board that they would proceed with obtaining a quote for the work and present it back to the Board.

3. The Board was informed that the County had received notice that both the Liberty County Convention and Visitors Bureau and the Liberty County Chamber of Commerce were recertified by the IRS.

4. The County Administrator noted that Liberty County had been recertified as a Plan First Community in Georgia.

5. The County Administrator shared participation numbers of patrons using the Liberty County branches of the Live Oak Public Library system.

6. The Board was informed that sale of capital assets had occurred and that approximately \$26,564 had been made.

7. A motion was made by Commissioner Gilliard to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Walden, 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