

MINUTES  
Liberty County Board of commissioners  
Mid-month Meeting  
December 20, 2018

1. The meeting was opened by Chairman Lovette with Commissioners Walden, 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. Departmental reports are presented:
  - a. Kim McGlothlin presented the report associated with the special-purpose local option sales tax fund and answered questions from the Board. The Board considered budget amendment 2019– 02. A motion was made by Commissioner Thrift, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, to approve the budget amendment with all Commissioners present voting in favor of the motion.

Commissioner Bowen joined the meeting.

- b. Mr. Trent Long presented the monthly engineering report and reviewed the status of various projects for the Board. Mr. Long asked the Board to consider consent to assignment and assumption presented by Carol and Carol Inc. related to contractual obligations at Liberty Independent Troop Park. A motion was made by Commissioner Bowen to approve the consent to assignment, seconded by Commissioner Walden, and approved by all Commissioners in attendance.
5. The Board considered new business:
  - a. Mr. Mike Hester, CEO of Liberty Regional Medical Center, appeared before the Board to introduce Mr. Van Loskoski, Financial Operations Manager, who updated the Board on various hospital activities. Mr. Loskoski reviewed statistical data related to hospital operations and gave a brief report on the new immediate med facility at the hospital.
  - b. The Board received an update on the status of a proposed fire plan for Liberty County as presented by the finance, administration, and fire services departments. Following some discussion, the Board was informed that Eastern District Fire Rescue would be ceasing operations soon and that a potential contract for temporary lease of their facilities and equipment was being prepared for presentation at the January meeting. The Board discussed matters surrounding the funding and possible implementation of manned stations in certain locations and the possible need to move forward with construction of certain stations authorized in the special purpose local option sales tax program.
6. A motion was made by Commissioner Stevens to adjourn to executive session for consultation with the County Attorney and property acquisition, seconded by Commissioner Thrift, and approved by all Commissioners in attendance.
7. A motion was made by Commissioner Thrift, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, to adjourn executive session and return to regular meeting, with all Commissioners present voting in favor of the motion.
8. A motion was made by Commissioner Stevens to accept the donation of certain property located at 101 West Court St. from Liberty Commercial Rentals LLC, seconded by Commissioner Thrift, and approved by all Commissioners in attendance.
9. A motion was made by Commissioner Stevens to adjourn regular meeting, seconded by Commissioner Thrift, with all Commissioners present voting in favor of the motion.

SIGNED:

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Donald L. Lovette, Chairman

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Marion Stevens, Sr., Commissioner

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Justin L. Frasier, Commissioner

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Connie Thrift, Commissioner

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Pat Bowen, Commissioner

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Gary Gilliard, Commissioner

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Eddie J. Walden, Vice Chairman

ATTEST:

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Joseph W. Brown  
County Administrator