

Minutes
Liberty County Board of Commissioners
March 21, 2019
Mid-month Meeting

1. The meeting was opened by Chairman Lovette with all Commissioners in attendance except Commissioner Frasier.
2. The County Administrator certified compliance with the Georgia Open Meetings Act.
3. Prayer was offered by Chairman Lovette followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. Awards and recognitions were presented:
 - A. The board recognized the Liberty County recreation department's 12 and under basketball team for winning the state championship.

Commissioner Frasier joined the meeting.

- B. The Board recognized Ms. Karen Bell and Keep Liberty Beautiful for the receipt of various awards at the national and state level and commended them on their hard work and continued excellence.
5. Departmental reports were presented:
 - A. Ms. Kim McGlothlin presented the February financial status report and answered questions from the board.
 - B. Mr. Trent Long presented the monthly engineering report and highlighted the status of several projects.
 - C. Mr. Paul Zechman presented a recap of 2018 building and licensing activities. Mr. Zechman answered questions from the board and offered comparisons between 2017 and 2018 statistical data.

6. New business was presented:
 - A. Mr. John Clark appeared before the board to discuss matters related to the possibility of a change or variance related to required setbacks for the sale of alcohol as part of the possible construction of a new convenience store in the Lake George area. The board offered suggestions related to the matter unrelated to altering the ordinance or issuing a variance.
 - B. The County Administrator provided an update related to transportation activities in Liberty County, more specifically the transportation special-purpose local option sales tax. The Board reviewed projected revenue and expenditure amounts on the issue.
 - C. Assistant County Administrator Bob Sprinkel presented an update on 2020 census activities and reported that Ms. Krystal Hart had been hired as the coordinator for the program. Mr. Sprinkel also updated the Commission on the upcoming youth program and matters related thereto.
 - D. The County Administrative report was presented. The board considered the approval of an emergency purchase of a gasoline distribution system from L and T Inc. at a cost of \$14,564.20. A motion was made by Commissioner Walden to authorize the purchase, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, with all commissioners voting in favor of the motion
7. A motion was made by Commissioner Gilliard to adjourn to executive session for land acquisition matters, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, and approved unanimously.

8. A motion was made by Commissioner Stevens to adjourn executive session and return to regular meeting, seconded by Commissioner Gilliard, and approved unanimously.
9. A motion was made by Commissioner Stevens to adjourn regular meeting, seconded by Commissioner Gilliard, and approved unanimously.

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