

MINUTES  
Liberty County Board of Commissioners  
Midmonth Meeting  
April 18, 2019

1. The meeting was opened by Chairman Lovette with Commissioners Walden, Gilliard, Thrift and Stevens in attendance.
2. The County Administrator certified compliance the Georgia Open Meetings Act.
3. Prayer was offered by Pastor Richard Hayes followed by the Pledge of Allegiance as led by Richard Hayes II.
4. Departmental reports are presented:
  - A. County Engineer, Mr. Trent Long, presented the monthly report. Mr. Long highlighted various projects underway and informed the Board that he would be preparing an estimate related to the repair of Interstate Paper Road.

Commissioner Frasier joined the meeting.

5. The Board considered various proclamations:
  - A. Pastor Richard Hayes accepted a proclamation from the Board in recognition of National Day of Prayer.
  - B. 911 Director, Erica Smith, accepted a proclamation in recognition of National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week.

Commissioner Bowen joined the meeting.

6. The Board considered New Business:
  - A. Mr. Brandon Clark, Administrator for the Atlantic Judicial Circuit Public Defender program, appeared before the Board to present the proposed FY 20 budget. Mr. Clark presented statistics and data related to current caseload and answered questions from the Board.
  - B. The. Mr. Pete Hoffman, Vice President for student affairs at Savannah Technical College, appeared before the Board to highlight aspects of a grant received under the defense community economic fund of the State of Georgia. Mr. Hoffman highlighted aspects of the grant including commercial driver's license training for transitioning service members.
  - C. Mr. Don Masisak, Rural Transportation Director for the Coastal Georgia Regional Development Commission, appeared before the Board to provide an update on transportation activities.
  - D. The Board considered appointment of a Summer Food Coordinator for 2019. A motion was made by Commissioner Thrift to appoint Mr. David Floyd, seconded by Commissioner Gilliard, and approved unanimously.
  - E. The administrative report was presented which included an update on various projects including an analysis of the City of Hinesville's and Liberty County's alcoholic beverage setbacks.
7. A motion was made by Commissioner Gilliard to adjourn to executive session to discuss land acquisition and legal matters, seconded by Commissioner Walden, and approved unanimously.
8. A motion was made by Commissioner Frasier, seconded by Commissioner Gilliard, to adjourn executive session and return to regular meeting with all Commissioners voting in favor of the motion.
9. County Attorney, Mr. Kelly Davis, appeared before the Board to request approval to purchase 2.36 acres near Fort Morris Road from the Heritage Bank at a cost of \$80,000. A motion was made by Commissioner Stevens to authorize the purchase, seconded by Commissioner Thrift, and approved unanimously.
10. A motion was made by Commissioner Stevens to adjourn regular meeting, seconded by Commissioner Bowen, and approved unanimously.

SIGNED:

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Donald L. Lovette, Chairman

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Marion Stevens, Sr., Vice Chairman

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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, Commissioner

ATTEST:

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Joseph W. Brown  
County Administrator