

MINUTES
Liberty County Board of commissioners
August 6, 2019
Regular meeting

1. The meeting was opened by Chairman Lovette with Commissioners Thrift, Stevens, Gilliard and Walden in attendance.
2. The Chairman certified compliance with the Georgia Open Meetings Act.
3. The prayer was offered by Chairman Lovette followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. The Board considered an addendum to the agenda removing the monthly finance report and adding a resolution for TSPLOST. A motion was made by Commissioner Walden to approve the amendment, seconded by Commissioner Thrift, and approved by all Commissioners in attendance.
5. Departmental reports were presented:
 - A. Mr. Trent Long, County Engineer, appeared before the Board to discuss alternatives associated with use of the 2020 LMIG funds. Mr. Long presented an option of using LMIG funds for Pine Avenue, Cornfield Avenue, Limerick Road, Rosalyn Drive, and Lewis Frasier Road projects. These funds were to be matched with special purpose local option sales tax funds from those participating Commission districts. The Board entered into discussion concerning future use of LMIG funds and an ability to possibly have greater input into the use and purpose of the funds. A motion was made by Commissioner Gilliard to authorize use of the funds as presented by Mr. Long, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, and approved by all Commissioners in attendance.
 - B. County Attorney, Kelly Davis, appeared before the Board to present a resolution associated with a procedural process for adoption of a local transportation special purpose local option sales tax. Mr. Davis explained that by adoption of the resolution the Board had signified that there would be no potential regional sales tax call at the same time as the local election was planned. A motion was made by Commissioner Walden to approve the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Thrift, and approved by all Commissioners in attendance.
6. The Board considered minutes of their July meetings. A motion was made by Commissioner Thrift to accept minutes as presented, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, and approved by all Commissioners in attendance.
7. The board considered new business:
 - A. Mr. Alan Seifert, transportation planner for the LCPC, appeared before the Board to discuss the possibility of requesting certain modifications to the Highway 84 corridor between Flemington and I-95 in association with planned resurfacing by the Georgia Department of Transportation. Mr. Seifert explained to the Board the possibility of asking GDOT to relocate shoulder rumble strips to the outer edge line in order to provide a better path of travel for bicyclists along the corridor. A motion was made by Commissioner Thrift to authorize the Chairman to sign a letter on behalf of Board supporting these modifications, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, and approved by all Commissioners in attendance.
 - B. The Board considered renewal of a memorandum of agreement and contract with the Coastal Regional Commission associated with the provision of GIS and 911 addressing services. A motion was made by Commissioner Walden to accept the contract, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, and approved by all Commissioners in attendance.
 - C. The Board considered designation of a voting delegate for the 2019 ACCG legislative session. A motion was made by Commissioner Thrift to designate Commissioner Stevens, seconded by Commissioner Gilliard, and approved by all Commissioners in attendance.
8. A motion was made by Commissioner Gilliard to adjourn regular meeting, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, and approved by all Commissioners in attendance.

SIGNED:

Donald L. Lovette, Chairman

Marion Stevens, Sr., Vice Chairman

Justin L. Frasier, Commissioner

Connie Thrift, Commissioner

Pat Bowen, Commissioner

Gary Gilliard, Commissioner

Eddie J. Walden, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Joseph W. Brown
County Administrator