

MINUTES
Liberty County Board of Commissioners
August 15, 2019
Midmonth Meeting

1. The meeting was opened by Chairman Lovette with all Commissioners in attendance.
2. The County Administrator certified compliance with the Georgia Open Meetings Act.
3. Mr. Jerry Johnson offered the opening prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. The Board recognized departments and local agencies that participated in the Liberty County Summer Youth Program.
5. Departmental reports were presented:
 - A. Ms. Kim McGlothlin presented the year-end closing statement preliminary reports followed by the monthly wrap-up for July 2019.
 - B. Mr. Trent Long presented the monthly engineering report and answered questions from the Board.
6. The Board considered new business:
 - A. Councilman Keith Jenkins appear before the Board of Commissioners to request assistance with a drainage project in the Sequoia Circle area of Hinesville. Councilman Jenkins and Mr. Marcus Sack of PC Simonton Associates, outlined specifics of the improvement project for the Board. Following some discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Gilliard to authorize \$25,000 of District 5 and \$25,000 of Chairman SPLOST dollars to fund the project, seconded by Commissioner Bowen, with Commissioners Walden, Gilliard, Bowen, Thrift, Frazier, and Chairman Lovette voting in favor of the motion; Commissioner Stevens voting against.
 - B. The County Administrator provided the Board with an update concerning potential statewide strategic plan projects for the upcoming transportation special-purpose local option sales tax referendum.
 - C. The Board reviewed a layout of improvements for the Sunbury Boat Ramp.
 - D. The Board considered fire protection agreements with the City of Riceboro and the City of Walthourville. A motion was made by Commissioner Thrift to approve the agreements, seconded by Commissioner Frasier, and approved unanimously.
 - E. The Board considered an intergovernmental agreement with the City of Hinesville for the application of federal law enforcement funds. A motion was made by Commissioner Frasier to approve the agreement, seconded by Commissioner Thrift, and approved unanimously.
7. A motion was made by Commissioner Thrift to adjourn to executive session for a land acquisition matter, seconded by Commissioner Frasier, 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. The Board considered the purchase of a drainage easement from Ms. Julia Roberts for the Melvin Lane improvement project. A motion was made by Commissioner Gilliard to authorize expenditure of funds from District 5 special-purpose local option sales tax proceeds in the amount of \$650.00, seconded by Commissioner Frasier, and approved unanimously.
10. A motion was made by Commissioner Frasier to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Gilliard, and approved unanimously.

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