

MINUTES  
Liberty Board of Commissioners  
September 19, 2019  
Midmonth Meeting

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 Commissioner Thrift followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. The board considered an amendment to the proposed agenda with the addition of letter F under new business to handle agreements for elections with the cities of Hinesville and Riceboro. A motion was made by Commissioner Stevens to amend the agenda for these purposes, seconded by Commissioner Walden, and approved by all Commissioners in attendance.
5. Departmental reports were presented:
  - A. Ms. Kim McGlothlin presented the August 31, 2019 financial status report and answered questions from the Board.

Commissioner Bowen joined the meeting

The Board considered budget amendment 2020 – 01 associated with an increase in appropriations for the Liberty County Coroner in the amount of \$9689.

Commissioner Gilliard joined the meeting

Liberty County Coroner, Reginald Pierce, appeared before the Board to highlight changes occurring within his operational policies which dictated the need for this additional appropriation of funds. A motion was made by Commissioner Frasier to approve the budget amendment, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, and approved unanimously.

B. County Attorney, Kelly Davis, appeared before the Board to provide a brief overview of the proposed referendum for E-commerce exemptions. The Board discussed available dates in 2020 to conduct the referendum along with pros and cons associated with its possible implementation. A motion was made by Commissioner Walden to authorize the date of November 3, 2020 for the referendum on the matter, seconded by Commissioner Thrift, and approved unanimously.

C. EMA Director, Larry Logan, appeared before the Board to brief them on matters associated with hurricane Dorian. Mr. Logan highlighted certain activities and responses related to the event and informed the Board that, at this time, reimbursement of expenditures was not forthcoming.

D. The County Engineer appear before the Board to update them on various projects and answered questions related to these matters.

6. The Board considered New Business:

A. Ms. Tammy Mims, Executive Director of Liberty County Regional Medical Center, appeared before the Board to provide a status report on activities at the facility.

B. The Board considered a resolution authorizing a change in the plan year to the current ACCG defined benefit plan. A motion was made by Commissioner Walden to approve the resolution changing the plan year to January 1 through December 31, seconded by Commissioner Thrift, and approved unanimously.

C. The Board reviewed a recommendation related to proposals received for juvenile court services. A motion was made by Commissioner Walden to authorize the juvenile court judge to negotiate contracts with Ivy Hurt, Presley Smith, Misty Reneau PC, and Mitchell Law Firm seconded by Commissioner Frasier and approved unanimously.

D. The Board considered proposals received for replacement of roof structures at the Stafford Pavilion and bathhouse. A motion was made by Commissioner Walden to execute a contract with Southeast Roofing Solutions at a total cost of \$130,000, seconded by Commissioner Frasier, and approved unanimously.

E. The Board considered an agreement with the City of Riceboro to conduct municipal elections. A motion was made by Commissioner Thrift to approve the agreement, seconded by Commissioner Walden, and approved unanimously.

F. The Board considered an agreement with the City of Hinesville to conduct municipal elections. A motion was made by Commissioner Frasier to approve the agreement, seconded by Commissioner Gilliard, and approved unanimously.

G. The Board was briefed on a Veterans appreciation program and picnic scheduled for November 2, 2019.

7. A motion was made by Commissioner Gilliard to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Walden, and approved unanimously.

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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