

Minutes
Liberty County Board of Commissioners
December 19, 2019
Midmonth meeting

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lovette with all Commissioners in attendance except Commissioner Bowen.
2. The County Administrator certified compliance with the Georgia Open Meetings Act.
3. Commissioner Stevens offered the opening prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. Recreation Director Mr. Jimmy Martin appeared before the Board to present the class B state championship team for Georgia Recreation and Park Association 8-U class. The Board presented certificates to members of the team, cheerleaders, and coaches.
5. Departmental reports were presented:
 - (A) Ms. Kim McGlothlin presented the monthly finance report and answered questions from the Board. Ms. McGlothlin noted that overall funds were on track with budgetary spending requirements and mentioned that the November special-purpose local option sales tax proceeds were down.
 - (B) Mr. Trent Long presented the monthly engineering report and highlighted projects currently underway.
6. New business was presented:
 - (A) County Attorney Mr. Kelly Davis appeared before the Board to present a TSPLOST bond ratification resolution for consideration which specified maximum amounts that could be borrowed by the City of Hinesville and Liberty County. A motion was made by Commissioner Frasier to adopt the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Thrift, and approved by all Commissioners in attendance.
 - (B) State Representative Al Williams appeared before the Board to discuss a possible statewide referendum dealing with destination resorts. Mr. Williams explained the possible gains associated with economic growth for the state and county should such a destination be located here. Mr. Williams stressed his belief that it should be the public's decision on whether to allow their location within the State of Georgia. Mr. Williams asked the commission to adopt a resolution requesting the state to place the matter on the ballot for voter's decision. The Board asked that the County Administrator get with Mr. Williams and the County Attorney to have a resolution prepared for the January 2020 regular meeting.
 - (C) Mr. Nirav Gandhi of the Liberty Consolidated Planning Commission appeared before the Board to discuss the Liberty County comprehensive plan update. A motion was made by Commissioner Stevens to adjourn to public hearing associated with the Liberty County comprehensive plan update, seconded by Commissioner Frasier, and approved by all Commissioners in attendance. Mr. Gandhi explained the purpose of the hearing as part of the update of the comprehensive plan and opened the floor for any comments associated with preparation of the update. No comments were received from the public. A motion was made by Commissioner's Stevens to adjourn public hearing, seconded by Commissioner Thrift, and approved by all Commissioners in attendance. A motion was made by Commissioner Thrift to return to regular meeting, seconded by Commissioner Frasier, and approved by all Commissioners in attendance.
 - (D) The Board recognized outgoing Riceboro Mayor Mr. William Austin and thanked him for his dedication to the citizens of Riceboro and Liberty County.
 - (E) The Board considered an appointment to the Liberty County Development Authority. A motion was made by Commissioner Frasier to appoint Ms. Willa Lewis, seconded by Commissioner Gilliard, and approved by all Commissioners in attendance.
 - (F) The Board considered an intergovernmental agreement with the City of Walthourville for the County to perform actions necessary under the Dangerous Dog Act. A motion was made by Commissioner Walden to approve the agreement for one year, seconded by

Commissioner Thrift, and approved by all Commissioners in attendance.

7. A motion was made by Commissioner Stevens to adjourn the midmonth meeting, seconded by Commissioner Thrift, 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