

MINUTES  
Liberty County Board of Commissioners  
Midmonth Meeting  
January 16, 2020

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lovette with Commissioners Thrift, Stevens, Frasier, and Bowen 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. Departmental reports were presented:
  - A. Ms. Kim McGlothlin presented the monthly finance report.

Commissioner Gilliard joined the meeting.

Ms. McGlothlin discussed with the Board the need to contract with John Culbertson and Associates to conduct a review of the current solid waste model. The Board discussed the possibility of expanding the scope of services and decided to defer the matter for further discussion.

- B. Mr. Trent Long presented the monthly engineering report and reviewed the status of current projects. Mr. Long advised that a request had been received to consider the addition of 270 feet of roadway known as Leon Lane for County maintenance purposes related to grading only. Mr. Stevens asked that approval be deferred pending review of the roadway.

5. New Business was presented:

- A. Mr. Trey Scott of Malden and Jenkins appeared before the Board to present an overview of the comprehensive annual financial report for FY '19. Mr. Scott reported a clean audit opinion and answered questions from the Board.
  - B. County Attorney, Mr. Kelly Davis, appeared before the Board to present a summary of the ordinance related to the ethics board. Mr. Davis answered questions from the Board and suggested that the Board allow him to consult with other jurisdictions for possible changes needed to the current ordinance. Mr. Davis noted, however, that there was no requirement by Georgia law to have such a board or ordinance in place.
  - C. The Board reviewed the 2020 election calendar as presented by the county attorney.
  - D. The Board considered qualifying fees for the 2020 election cycle. (Attached) A motion was made by Commissioner Thrift to adopt the qualifying fee schedule as presented, seconded by Commissioner Frasier, and approved by all Commissioners in attendance.
  - E. The Board considered proposals received for construction of the Islands Fire Station. A motion was made by Commissioner Stevens to authorize the Chairman to execute a contract with Hubbard and Hudson Construction in the amount of \$1,469,000, seconded by Commissioner Thrift, and approved by all Commissioners in attendance.
  - F. A motion was made by Commissioner Stevens to authorize the Chairman to execute loan documents necessary for the borrowing of funds not to exceed \$600,000 for the purpose of a construction loan for the Island's Fire Station, seconded by Commissioner Frasier, and approved by all Commissioners in attendance.
  - G. The Board briefly discussed the resignation of Mr. Matthew Barrow from the Liberty County Development Authority. The 2020 review committee advised the Board that they would have a recommendation for the position in the February timeframe.

6. A motion was made by Commissioner Stevens to adjourn regular meeting, seconded by Commissioner Gilliard, and approved by all Commissioners in attendance.

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