

MINUTES
Liberty County Board of Commissioners
Midmonth Meeting
February 20, 2020

Chairman Lovette

1. **The meeting was opened by** with Commissioners Walden, Gilliard, 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.

Commissioner Frasier joined the meeting

4. Departmental reports were presented:
 - A. The monthly finance report was presented by Ms. Kim McGlothlin. Following review of close out statements for January, Ms. McGlothlin asked the Board to consider a contract with MSW Consultants to examine the current solid waste fee schedule. A motion was made by Commissioner Thrift to approve the contract, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, and approved by all Commissioners in attendance.
 - B. County Engineer, Mr. Trent Long appeared before the Board to present the monthly engineering report. Mr. Long highlighted various projects underway and answered questions from the Board. The Board considered the assumption of maintenance for grading purposes only on Leon Lane. A motion was made by Commissioner Stevens to accept the roadway for maintenance, seconded by Commissioner Gilliard and approved by all Commissioners in attendance. Mr. Long discussed with the Board the status of Isle of Wight Fire Station and asked the Board to consider award of the sub-elements for plumbing to Sanitary Plumbing at a total cost of \$3,975.00, and award of the foundation to Jerry Bamberg at a cost of \$8,100.00. Following discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Stevens to approve the sub-elements, seconded by Commissioner Frasier, and approved by all Commissioners in attendance.
 - C. County Attorney, Mr. Kelly Davis, appeared before the Board to discuss the Liberty County Ethics Policy and possible modifications thereto. Mr. Davis, noting that the policy was not required by law, suggested that certain changes be made for possible re-establishment by the Board of Commissioners. Following questions from the Board, Mr. Davis advised that he would have a draft ready by the midmonth March meeting for Commission review.
5. The Board considered new business:
 - A. Jim Thomas appeared before the Board to request support for the establishment of a Boys and Girls Club in Liberty County. Mr. Thomas highlighted specifics of the proposed organization and asked the Board for support and a possible contribution toward establishment. The Board expressed support for the establishment of the club in Liberty County and authorized a letter to be prepared on their behalf.
 - B. Mr. Shawn Parker, EMS Director for Liberty Regional Medical Center, appeared before the Board to present an update related to EMS activity.
 - C. Mr. Clint Stanley, Liberty County IT Director, appeared before the Board to present a renewal contract with Hargrave Communications. A motion was made by Commissioner Walden to accept the contract, seconded by Commissioner Thrift, and approved by all Commissioners in attendance.
 - D. Mr. Larry Logan, EMA Director, appeared before the Board to present a recommendation on proposals received for a standby contract for debris removal. Mr. Logan recommended to the Board that the firm of Crowder Gulf be engaged for the services. A motion was made by Commissioner Gilliard to approve the proposal, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, and approved by all Commissioners in attendance.
 - E. Ms. Karen Durham, Hinesville Downtown Development Authority Director, appeared before the Board to highlight aspects of the recently completed Renaissance Plan for the downtown area. Ms. Durham requested the Board's permission to place artwork on the side of an existing building at the corner of MLK and Main. The Board approved the request subject to presentation of proposed art materials to be displayed.

- F. The Board considered board appointments:
 - 1. A motion was made by Commissioner Walden to appoint Mr. Marcus Sack to the Liberty County Development Authority, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, and approved by all Commissioners in attendance.
 - 2. A motion was made by Commissioner Stevens to appoint Ms. Camilla Medina-Riviera to the Board of Tax Assessors, seconded by Commissioner Walden, and approved by all Commissioners in attendance.
- G. The Board recognized Mr. Robert Sprinkle for his 18+ years of service with the County and offered comments regarding his service.
- H. A motion was made by Commissioner Thrift to adjourn to executive session for personnel matters, seconded by Commissioner Gilliard, and approved by all Commissioners in attendance.
- I. A motion was made by Commissioner Stevens to adjourn executive session and return to regular meeting, seconded by Commissioner Thrift, and approved by all Commissioners in attendance.
- J. A motion was made by Commissioner Stevens to adjourn regular meeting, seconded by Commissioner Gilliard, 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