

Liberty County Board of Commissioners COVID-19
March 20, 2020

Liberty County has begun implementing countermeasures and precautions as needed to protect citizens, employees, and the workplace as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. All persons should follow guidance issued by the CDC and Department of Public Health in association with the matter. The State of Georgia has set up a COVID-19 hotline at (844)-442-2681 to answer questions. Please only use 911 to report an emergency.

Meetings of the Commission

The board has reduced the number of regular scheduled meetings to one per month. This meeting will occur on the first Tuesday of each month beginning at 6:00 P.M. The Board reserves the right to hold additional meetings if necessary. Only those persons who are authorized to comment on action items will be permitted to physically attend meetings of the Board. However, appreciating the vital importance of continued public access to its meetings, the Board will live stream all meetings via its Facebook page. For those members of the public who are not able to access the Board's Facebook page, recordings of all meetings will be made available upon request. Additionally, a synopsis of meeting events will be posted on the County website at www.libertycountyga.com within forty-eight (48) hours of each meeting.

For those persons who are authorized to comment on action items before the Board, and who may be medically compromised or exhibit symptoms of respiratory illness or who are otherwise reluctant to attend a meeting of the Board in-person during the current public health emergency, accommodations may be made to allow simultaneous participation by teleconference. If such remote participation is desired, it is requested that the Board be contacted as soon as possible so that appropriate arrangements may be made. All such requests should be directed to Debbie Whitehurst at (912) 876-2177 or Debbie.whitehurst@libertycountyga.com.

All in-person attendance at public meetings will be subject to such conditions as deemed appropriate by the Board to safeguard the public health. These include, but are not limited to (1) requiring that all attendees observe recommended social distancing protocols (and maintain at least a three-chair distance from other participants); and (2) to the extent available, wear face masks or similar protective gear as needed. Additionally, the Board has implemented enhanced cleaning protocols prior to each meeting and will have sanitizing wipes or similar personal hygiene items available for use by participants.

Animal Control

For the safety of our officers and the public they serve, Liberty County Animal Control has advised officers to take extra measures to mitigate the short and long-term effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. These measures include protecting themselves properly to reduce risk of spreading the virus, as well as, working to manage and minimize the number of new animals entering our facility.

As members of the public safety community, they have an obligation to perform our sworn duties during disasters both natural and man-made. To that end, **EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY** they have implemented the following protocols:

High priority/emergency calls: Officers will continue to respond to emergency and high priority calls. High priority/emergency calls include; law enforcement assistance, injured or sick stray animals, cruelty and neglect complaints, bite complaints, and dangerous/ aggressive dog complaints.

Non-emergency calls and activities: We have suspended low priority/non-emergency activity. This includes; non-aggressive stray animal pick-up, leash law and licensing complaints, barking and nuisance complaints, trapping and transport of community cats, and conflict mitigation scenarios.

Shelter intake reduction: We are implementing measures to reduce non-essential shelter intake. These include; returning pets in the field in certain situations instead of impounding them, encouraging owners who are ill to keep their pets at home, and asking that voluntarily trapping by citizens be discontinued. Traps will not be provided by animal control during this time.

For further information related to these or other matters you may contact (912) 876-9191. Updates will be provided through the departmental page at Libertycountyga.com and Facebook.

Operations

All services under the Board of Commissioners continue to be operational with normal business hours. However, walk-in traffic is still limited so as to minimize contact. We encourage citizens to conduct business by alternate means where possible. The following is a list of contact numbers for our departments:

Administration	(912) 876-2164
Animal Control	(912) 876-9191
Building/Licensing	(912) 876-8454
Building Maintenance	(912) 876-2543
EMA	(912) 368-2201
Finance / water /Solid waste	(912) 876-2874
Fire services	(912) 876-4511
Human Resources	(912) 876-1815
I.T.	(912) 876-2460
KLB	(912) 880-4888
Mosquito Control	(912) 884-2065
Public Safety	(912) 368-2201
Public Safety Communications	(912) 368-3911
Recreation	(912) 876-5359
Road	(912) 877-3310
Solid Waste	(912) 884-5353

Employment Applications

The County is not currently accepting walk-in job applications. Applications may be obtained online at www.libertycountyga.com under Quick Links: Employment and returned via one of the following methods:

- Fax to 1-912-348-0090
- Email to patricia.bratcher@libertycountyga.com

- Mail to Liberty County BOC, 100 Main St. Suite 1320, Attn: Human Resources, Hinesville, GA 31313