

MINUTES  
Liberty County Board of Commissioners  
September 17, 2020  
Midmonth Meeting

1. The meeting was opened by Chairman Lovette with Commissioners Stevens, Gilliard, and Walden in attendance.
2. The County Administrator certified compliance with the Georgia Open Meetings Act.
3. The prayer was offered by Mr. Joseph Mosley followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. Departmental reports are presented:
  - A. Ms. Kim McGlothlin presented the monthly finance report and answered questions from the Board. Ms. McGlothlin reported that most departments were running according to schedule and that the special-purpose local option sales tax program had regained positive status.

Commissioners Frasier and Bowen joined the meeting.

- B. Mr. Trent Long presented the monthly engineering report and updated the Board on various projects underway including Third Street and preparation of LMIG projects for Board review. The Board reviewed bids received for improvements to the tipping floor at the Liberty County transfer station. A motion was made by Commissioner Stevens to award the bid to Osborne Contract Services at a total cost of \$230,332 + 10% contingency, seconded by Commissioner Frasier, and approved by all Commissioners in attendance.
  - C. Recreation Director Mr. Jimmy Martin appeared before the Board to discuss a request to name the basketball courts at Stafford Park after Albert "Spud" Dock. Mr. Martin provided history on Mr. Dock and his affiliation with the Liberty County Recreation Department. Commissioners Frasier and Gilliard both offered support for the renaming request through comments regarding Mr. Dock. A motion was made by Commissioner Bowen to approve the request, seconded by Commissioner Frasier, and approved by all Commissioners in attendance. The Board also reviewed a potential facility usage policy as recommended by the Liberty County Recreation Board. Mr. Martin reviewed specific details of requirements for use of the facilities with the Board and answered questions. A motion was made by Commissioner Bowen to approve the facility usage policy in the COVID environment, seconded by Commissioner Walden, with Commissioners Stevens, Frasier, Bowen, Walden, and Chairman Lovette voting in favor, Commissioner Gilliard opposed.
    - D. County Attorney, Mr. Kelly Davis appeared before the Board to present an ordinance concerning disorderly conduct and misdemeanor marijuana use. Mr. Davis provided an overview of the process for development of the potential ordinance, offered explanation as to practical use, and answered questions from the Board. The Commissioners discussed pros and cons associated with the adoption of the proposed ordinance. The Board took no formal action on adoption and decided to do further research into the matter.

5. The Board entertained new business:

- A. The Board considered a resolution authorizing the Tax Commissioner to conduct judicial tax foreclosures. The County Attorney highlighted specifics of the resolution and process for the Board. A motion was made by Commissioner Bowen to adopt the resolution as presented, seconded by Commissioner Walden, and approved by all Commissioners in attendance.
- B. The Board considered an application on behalf of Savannah Sailing for Improvements in the area of the Sunbury public boat landing. The County Administrator briefly summarized specifics of the proposed project and grant process as presented during the September regular meeting. Commissioner Stevens expressed concern over the possible congestion associated with the proposed program development. A motion was made by Commissioner Stevens to move forward with the Georgia Stewardship grant application subject to a traffic study being performed to ensure that the area, if developed, was capable of handling the increased volume of traffic without causing interruption to normal traffic at the public boat landing, seconded by Commissioner Bowen, and approved by all Commissioners in attendance.
- C. The administrative report was presented. The Board was briefed on projects currently underway, grants in process, and upcoming items. The Board also received a short briefing on the status of operations at Liberty County Animal Control and was introduced to the new animal control Director, Mr. Steve Marrero. The Board also reviewed and accepted revised standard

operating procedures for the division. The Board received an update on the new website development and authorized the County Administrator to move forward with changes to the Commission room bench and associated infrastructure.

6. A motion was made by a Commissioner Gilliard to adjourn to executive session for personnel action, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, and approved by all Commissioners in attendance.
7. A motion was made by Commissioner Gilliard to adjourn executive session and return to regular meeting, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, and approved by all Commissioners in attendance.
8. 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