

Liberty County, FL

Liberty County Board of County Commissioners - Regular Meeting

Thursday, April 10, 2025 at 6:00 pm

1. Call to Order
2. Invocation
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Awards and Recognitions
5. Audience Concerns

Public comment shall be limited to three minutes per person. Topics to be addressed by speakers should pertain to items on the agenda. Comments shall be directed to the chair and not be directed to engage commissioners or other members of the public in debate. Speakers may not give their time to other people.

COUNTY DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Monthly Department Briefing

- Brian Eddins – Fire Control Coordinator
- Marie Arick – Extension Director
- Tommy Duggar Jr – Recreation Director
- Melissa Peddie – Ambulance Director
- Cole Maloy – Solid Waste Director
- Boo Bryant – Road and Bridge Superintendent
- Monica Welles – Transit Director
- Katie Kellett – Housing Director
- Ben Guthrie – Emergency Management Director
- Teresa Stossel – Grants and Special Projects Coordinator
- County Engineer - Dewberry

6. Motion to Amend Agenda

7. Adoption of the Agenda

CONSENT ITEMS

8. Motion to Approve Board Minutes
9. Motion for the Clerk to pay the bills

Attachments:

- Item #9 (Motion_for_Clerk_to_Pay_the_bills.pdf)

10. Letters of Support

11. Human Resource Management

New Hires
Resignations
Retirements

12. Next month meeting schedule

Liberty County Board of County Commissioners - Regular Meeting on May 8th 2025 @ 6:00pm

Attachments:

- **Item #12** (Next_month_meeting_schedule.pdf)

13. Sheriff's Office - 5k route

BOCC to consider approval of 5k run route. The run is sponsored by Earthen Vessels and will take place in Bristol on May 3rd at 8:00am.

Attachments:

- **Item #13** (Sheriff_s_Office_-_5K_route.pdf)

14. Transit - Monica Welles

Requesting BOCC approval to attend training in Tampa on June 8th - 12th. Training will cover FDOT/CUTR PDW.

Attachments:

- **Item #14** (Transit_-_Monica_Welles.pdf)

15. Transit - Monica Welles

Requesting BOCC approval to sell 2 surplus vans to Sheriff's Dept. \$1000.00 each.

Attachments:

- **Item #15** (Transit_-_Monica_Welles.pdf)

16. Road Dept. - Boo Bryant

Superintendent Boo Bryant requesting BOCC approval to trade 2024 day cab truck for 2026 day cab truck. Trade will cost a total of \$5,557.72, charged to road department. Trade is part of the recurring Nextran Truck Center agreement.

Attachments:

- **Item #16** (Road_Dept._Boo_Bryant.pdf)

17. Road Dept. - Boo Bryant

Superintendent Bryant to present a quote for BOCC approval for the purchase of new lawnmowers for the road department. Purchase will utilize government contract pricing.

Attachments:

- [Item #17 \(Road_dept._Boo_Bryant_2.pdf\)](#)

18. Extension - Marie Arick

Requesting BOCC approval to spend \$155 toward travel expenses not covered by University of Florida. Travel will be Monday, April 21, 2022, through Friday, April 25, 2025. She will be participating in a National Extension Conference on volunteerism.

Attachments:

- [Item #18 \(Extension_-_Marie_Arick.pdf\)](#)

19. Emergency Management - Ben Guthrie

EM Director, Ben Guthrie to address the board to discuss extension of CERES debris contract 2021, BERGERON debris contract 2021 and TFR debris contract 2021.

Attachments:

- [Item #19 \(Emergency_Management_-_Ben_Guthrie_Contracts.pdf\)](#)

20. Emergency Management - Ben Guthrie

EM Director, Ben Guthrie to address the Board to discuss Task Orders to be signed for next fiscal year deliverables for our CEMP and LMS Plans.

Attachments:

- [Item #20 \(Emergency_Management_-_Ben_Guthrie.pdf\)](#)

INDIVIDUAL ACTION ITEMS

21. NWF Health Network - Bibi Ramos

Requesting Civic Center fees to be waived for event on October 13th. Event will be for local health services vendors to showcase various services to officials in surrounding counties.

Attachments:

- [Item #21 \(NWF_Health_Network_-_Bibi_Ramos.pdf\)](#)

22. CR 67 phases 1 & 2 bid award

BOCC to consider awarding bid for CR 67 phases 1 & 2

23. Ochlocknee bridge repair bid award

BOCC to consider awarding bid for repairs to Ochlocknee bridge.

24. Budget Resolution - Clerk Ford

Clerk Ford to present budget resolution 2025-08 for unanticipated revenue due to the following:

An insurance check in the amount of \$9,911.36, related to damage at the Bristol Boat Landing Pavilion. These funds will be returned to the Recreation budget.

A second check in the amount of \$31,617.00, representing the final installment of an overpayment refund from the previous insurance carrier. These funds will be allocated to the General Revenue - Maintenance of other buildings.

Attachments:

- **Item #24** (Budget_Resolution_-_Clerk_Ford.pdf)

25. Tax Collector's Office Budget Resolution - Marie Goodman

BOCC to consider budget resolution 2025-09 for Tax Collector's office in the amount of \$5,270 to cover additional Life / Health insurance costs.

Attachments:

- **Item #25** (Tax_Collector_s_Office_Budget_Resolution_-_Marie_Goodman.pdf)

26. DOGE Resolution - Clerk Ford

Clerk Ford to present resolution 2025-10 stating Liberty County's desire to participate with the Governor's DOGE team.

Attachments:

- **Clerk #26** (DOGE_Resolution_-_Clerk_Ford.pdf)

27. Tri-County Advisory Council - Yearly Donation

Tri-County Advisory Council has requested their annual \$5,000 donation. Funds will benefit the Tri-County Ag Complex.

Attachments:

- **Item #27** (Tri-County_Advisory_Council_-_Yearly_Donation.pdf)

28. Florida's Great Northwest dues

BOCC to consider paying for portion of Florida's Great Northwest dues. Dues to be shared with the chamber of commerce. County portion would be \$750.

Attachments:

- **Item #28** (Florida_s_Great_Northwest_dues.pdf)

29. Small County Coalition Annual Participation Fees

BOCC to consider approval of Small County Coalition annual participation fees. This payment reflects participation fees for services associated with the Small County Coalition that will be provided to the Liberty Board of County Commission as a regular member of the Small County Coalition during FY2024-2025.

Attachments:

- [Item #29 \(Small_County_Coalition_Annual_Participation_Fees.pdf\)](#)

30. Jail project line of credit

Clerk Ford to present line of credit options for jail project funding. Term sheets have been received from Peoples South Bank, Centennial Bank and Regions Bank.

Attachments:

- [Item #30 \(Jail_project_line_of_credit.pdf\)](#)

31. Position structure - Brian Edins

BOCC to consider options for fire coordinator position.

Attachments:

- [Item #31 \(Position_Structure_-_Brian_Edins.pdf\)](#)

DISCUSSION ITEMS

32. Dewayne Branch, Chairman - District 1
33. Hannah Causseaux, Commissioner - District 2
34. Jim Johnson, Commissioner - District 3
35. Doyle Brown, Vice Chairman - District 4
36. Derrick Arnold, Commissioner - District 5
37. Ken Hosford, County Attorney
38. Dusty Arnold, Liberty County Sheriff
39. Jace Ford, Liberty County Clerk of Court and Clerk to the Board
40. Motion to Adjourn
41. Signature

• Dewayne Branch, Chairman _____

• Jace Ford, Clerk _____

Florida Statute 125.001 requires that due public notice be given of all regular meetings of the Board of County Commissioners of a County in the State of Florida. Florida Statute 286.0105 requires that notices of any meeting or hearing, if a meeting or hearing is required, must include the following language, "if a person decides to appeal any decision made by the board, agency or commission with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing he will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he may need to insure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based."