

Liberty County, FL

Liberty County Board of County Commissioners Budget Workshop

Minutes

Thursday, June 27, 2024 at 6:00 pm

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Meeting Location

Liberty County Courthouse - 10818 NW SR 20; Bristol, Florida 32321

Zoom link and call in numbers

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83586204199?pwd=IWdDCiFapOO5iacKjb7Ya9JW7eoFv7.1>

Meeting ID: 835 8620 4199

Passcode: 65249

Dial by phone: (305) 224-1968

1. Call to Order

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- Vice Chairman Jim Johnson called the meeting to order in person and via zoom at 6:00 P.M. Present at the meeting were Commissioners Dewayne Branch, Doyle Brown, Clerk Daniel Stanley, Finance Director Maggie Holland, Wendy Doyal and Deputy Clerk Jessica Conyers. Commissioner Hannah Causseaux and Attorney Jennifer Shuler were not in attendance.

2. Invocation

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- Invocation led by Commissioner Branch.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

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- Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Brown.

4. Audience Concerns

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- There were no audience concerns.

5. Motion to Amend the Agenda

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- Clerk Stanley advised that Governor Desantis gave an additional Holiday Day for all State Offices, and that day will be on July 05, 2024. Over the last several years the Board has followed that same schedule. If the Board approves the additional day, Shaula will send out a memo informing employees they will be granted eight hours of admin time for July 05, 2024,

6. Motion to Adopt the Agenda**Minutes:**

- Motion to adopt the agenda as amended made by Commissioner Branch, seconded by Commissioner Phillips, motion carried.
- Motion to approve the additional Holiday Day off which is July 5, 2024, made by Commissioner Branch, seconded by Commissioner Phillips, motion carried.
- Clerk Stanley advised due to the Road and Bridge Department being closed every Friday, they will be off on July 03, 2024, as well.

7. Budget discussions for Fiscal Year 2024-2025**Minutes:**

- Clerk Stanley addressed the Board to discuss budget. This is the first budget workshop for Fiscal Year 2024-2025. They are waiting on the audit from the auditor and should be getting that by the end of July.
- Presentation were given by the following Constitutional Officers:
- Sheriff Money and Brett Phillips has increases due to personnel services that are mandatory, retirement increases and Health Insurance.
- Tax Collector Marie Goodman has increases on contracts and salaries.
- Chris Rudd with the Property Appraisers Office has increases in FICA, IT services, and retirement.
- Supervisor of Elections Grant Conyers has increases in salaries, insurance and retirement.
- Clerk Daniel Stanley has a 5% increase for salaries and health insurance.
- Presentations were given by the following Cooperators:
- Rachel Bryant with the Health Department is asking for the same amount as last year.
- Robin Shader with the Library is asking for the same amount as last year with no increases.
- Clerk Stanley spoke on behalf of Court Administration, and they are asking for a increase of \$33,000.00 for updates to the courthouse surveillance and audio system in the courtroom.
- Department Heads will give presentations on July 25, 2024.
- Commissioner Branch had no business to discuss.
- Commissioner Causseaux was not in attendance.
- Commissioner Johnson had no business to discuss.
- Commissioner Brown discussed hiring a county administrator.
- Commissioner Phillips had no business to discuss.
- Clerk Stanley addressed the Board to discuss a number of different items.
- This next fiscal year will be a very heavy lift on the financial management of the county for the LCSO Jail and Administrative Complex, EMS Facility, road construction projects due to a turnover of \$25 million within 16 months. The Board will have to get a loan if we do not

- receive the additional \$3 million needed to complete the new jail project,
- Federal PILT from USDA is in jeopardy. If the pending US House and Senate bill does not pass it has a potential impact of \$800,000.00 per year to the Liberty County Board of County Commissioners and the Liberty County School Board. The BOCC funds go to the Road and Bridge Department.
 - There are three new funds in the budget: County Administration, Builder and Planning Services, and Recreation.
 - General and Liability Insurance premiums are unknown at this time.
 - Health Insurance Premiums increase were estimated to be 5 percent but will be 9.77 percent.
 - Minimal statutory FRS increases for the Board members and county employees.
 - Advertisement of an RFP for Lobbying Services.
 - County Probation, pretrial release, and collections.
 - The second floor of the Courthouse could house space for the State Attorney's Office, Public Defender's Office, State Probation, County Probation, and County Maintenance.
 - The Legislative Budget Requests could be for a statutory fix for payment in lieu of taxes, renovation of old jail for judicial complex, renovation of the current LCSO admin office for the County Administration, Bristol boat ramp, and the development of Sumatra VFD/ Community Center/ Park.

8. Adjourn Budget Workshop

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- Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Branch, seconded by Commissioner Brown, motion carried.

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