Liberty County, FL

Liberty County Board of County Commissioners - Regular Meeting

Thursday, July 9, 2026 at 6:00 pm

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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 UPDATES

Monthly Department Briefing

- Brian Eddins – Fire Control Coordinator
  - Clerk Ford provided an update on behalf of Fire Control Coordinator Brian Eddins. He reported that he recently spoke with Mr. Eddins, who is recovering well and hopes to return to work within the next couple of months. Clerk Ford also informed him that the County was awarded a $550,000 appropriation through the Governor's Office for the purchase of a new fire pumper truck. He encouraged everyone to keep Mr. Eddins in their thoughts and prayers and noted that he appears to be doing better.
- Marie Arick – Extension Director
  - Nothing to address.
- Deanna Bryant – Recreation Director
  - Not in attendance.
- Melissa Peddie – Ambulance Director
  - On agenda.
- Cole Maloy – Solid Waste Director
  - Cole Maloy discussed the possibility of allowing waste from other counties to be accepted at the County's solid waste facility. He reported that he contacted the Executive Director, who

advised that Liberty County has the authority to establish its own disposal fees. During the discussion, County Attorney Ken Hosford clarified that the County cannot operate the service for profit or at a loss and may only recover its actual costs. Mr. Maloy acknowledged the potential challenges with accepting waste from other counties and indicated the topic could be discussed further at a later date.

- Boo Bryant – Road and Bridge Superintendent
    - Nothing to address.
- Monica Welles – Transit Director
    - Monica Welles provided an update on Transit operations, noting several upcoming staffing changes. She reported that Sterling Owen plans to retire in October, and the department will begin advertising for his position due to the qualifications required. She also advised that Melissa and Marian have left the department, requiring additional hiring efforts, and noted that employee retention has been challenging as staff have accepted higher-paying opportunities elsewhere. Mrs. Welles also updated the Board on the progress of the new Transit building, stating that construction is projected to be completed by August 17, with only the installation of backordered doors expected to delay completion. She praised the contractor for staying ahead of schedule, noting that painting, drywall, HVAC installation, and other major work have already been completed. Mrs. Welles informed the Board that the grant funding intended to expand next-day transit service and provide transportation for after-school programs in Bristol was vetoed by the Governor. She explained that the grant was supplemental to the department's regular funding, so Transit operations will not be impacted, although the additional services would have been beneficial. She added that while the veto affected Liberty County's request, she understood the decision based on the size of funding requests submitted by some larger counties.
- Tera Hinson - SHIP Director
    - Everything is going well.
- Ben Guthrie – Emergency Management Director
    - At a training but on the agenda.
- Kaly Barfield – Grants and Special Projects Coordinator
    - On the agenda.
- Kaly Barfield - Building Department
    - Nothing to report.
- Dewberry - County Engineer
    - Noah stated that Roberts & Roberts started construction on HWY 3798 with the widening resurfacing project.

6. **Motion to Amend Agenda**
7. **Adoption of the Agenda**
8. **Motion to Approve Consent Items**

CONSENT ITEMS

9. **Motion to Approve Board Minutes**

Attachments:

- **Liberty BOCC - Regular Meeting - June 4th, 2026 - Draft Minutes** (Liberty_BOCC_-_Regular_Meeting_-_June_4th_2026_-_Draft_Minutes.pdf)

- **Liberty BOCC - Workshop - June 16th, 2026 - Draft Minutes** (Liberty_BOCC_-_Workshop_-_June_16th_2026_-_Draft_Minutes.pdf)

10. **Motion for the Clerk to Pay the Bills**

Attachments:

- **June-2026 Check Warrant List** (June-2026_Check_Warrant_List.pdf)

11. **Human Resource Management**

New Hires
Resignations
Retirements

Attachments:

- **7-9-26 HR Update** (7-9-26_HR_Update.pdf)
- **MEMO July 2nd-6th 2026** (MEMO_July_2nd-6th_2026.pdf)

12. **Budget Resolution 2026-22 (BR #10)**

- BOCC to consider Budget Resolution 2026-22 (BR #10) that amends Fund 114 - E911 to recognize additional revenues for $58,955.32 and provide spending authority for GIS-managed services.

Attachments:

- **Resolution 2026-22 BR#10** (Resolution_2026-22_BR_10.pdf)

13. **Road & Bridge - Nextran Trade-In**

- BOCC to consider approving the purchase of a new 2027 Mack PI64T truck from Nextran Truck Centers, with the trade-in of a 2026 Mack PI64T truck and $5,500.

Attachments:

- **Liberty 27 PI invoice and trade** (Liberty_27_PI_invoice_and_trade.pdf)

14. **Kaly Barfield - EMS PCCO #4**

- BOCC to consider approving PCCO #04 for the Liberty County EMS project with Culpepper Construction Company, Inc. for $1,302.02 for additional concrete work, including modifications to the concrete and installation of dowels.

Attachments:

- **PCCO 4 To Owner RFI 17** (PCCO_4_To_Owner_RFI_17.pdf)

PRESENTATIONS & UPDATES

15. **Tax Collector - 2025 Tax Roll Errors & Insolvencies**
    - Clerk Ford to provide to the BOCC the 2025 Tax Roll Errors & Insolvencies Report submitted by the Tax Collector.

Attachments:

- **2025 Tax Roll Errors and Insolvencies Report - Tax Collector - 06-11-2026** (2025_Tax_Roll_Errors_and_Insolvencies_Report_-_Tax_Collector_-_06-11-2026.pdf)

16. **Clerk Ford - Update on Waste Pro Services**
    - Clerk Ford to provide updates on recent complaints against Waste Pro.

ACTION ITEMS

17. **County Attorney Hosford - Data Center Moratorium**
    - BOCC to consider County Attorney Hosford to draft a moratorium on data centers.

18. **Kaly Barfield - OVID Administration Contract**
    - BOCC to consider the OVID Administration contract for the Veterans Park Improvement Grant Project.

Attachments:

- **Administration Contract** (Administration_Contract.pdf)

19. **Kaly Barfield - Veterans Park CDBG CEI**
    - BOCC to consider contract for the Veterans Park CDBG grant for Dewberries CEI services.

Attachments:

- **LC Veterans Park CDBG CEI - Dewberry Contract** (LC_Veterans_Park_CDBG_CEI_-_Dewberry_Contract.PDF)

20. **Dewberry - Safety Action Plan**
    - BOCC to consider Dewberry task order to perform a Safety Action Plan for Liberty County as part of grant funding from the USDOT Safe Streets 4 All grant fund.

Attachments:

- **Liberty County - US DOT SS4A Grant - Task Order** (Liberty_County_-_US_DOT_SS4A_Grant_-_Task_Order.PDF)

21. **Melissa Peddie - Firetruck Trade**

- BOCC to consider trading an unused firetruck with Sycamore VFD, who has a brush truck to offer in exchange.

22. **Ben Guthrie - Debris Monitoring & Removal Recommendations**
    - Ben Guthrie to update the Board on the Debris Monitoring RFPs, with his recommendation being presented at a later date.

Attachments:

- **Debris RFP** (Debris_RFP.pdf)
- **RFP Debris Monitoring** (RFP_Debris_Monitoring.pdf)

23. **Apalachee RRTP - Central Avenue Multi-Use Path**
    - BOCC to consider adding the proposed Central Avenue Multi-Use Path project to the Apalachee Regional Rural Transportation Plan. The Project consists of constructing a new 8-foot multi-use path in Bristol starting at State Road 20 and ending at the Bristol Boat Ramp.

24. **Clerk Ford - Meeting Schedule**
    - BOCC to discuss plans for an additional meeting scheduled on July 23rd.
    - The next regular BOCC meeting will take place on August 6th, 2026, at 6:00 PM EST.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

25. **Dewayne Branch, Chairman - District 1**
26. **Jim Johnson, Commissioner - District 3**
27. **Doyle Brown, Vice Chairman - District 4**
28. **Derrick Arnold, Commissioner - District 5**
29. **Ken Hosford, County Attorney**
30. **Dusty Arnold, Liberty County Sheriff**
31. **Jace Ford, Liberty County Clerk of Court and Clerk to the Board**
32. **Motion to Adjourn**
33. **Signature**
    - Dewayne Branch, Chairman _____
    - Jace Ford, Clerk _____

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appeal is to be based."