

LONG COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

April 4, 2017

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Mike Riddle with the following members present: Mr. Thompson, Mr. Walker, Mr. Richardson and Mr. Deloach.
2. Invocation led by Pastor Bryon E. Powers.
3. Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. Thompson.
4. Motion made by Mr. Deloach, seconded by Mr. Walker and carried to approve the minutes. Mr. Richardson voted yea, Mr. Riddle voted yea and Mr. Thompson voted yea.
5. Motion made by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Thompson and carried to accept the Preliminary Plat for Belfair Subdivision. Mr. Walker stated we would like to speak with the Engineer. Mr. Riddle voted yea, Mr. Deloach voted yea and Mr. Richardson voted yea.
6. Motion made by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Walker and carried to hire Brandon McManus as full – time Recreation Director on a 90 day probationary period. Mr. Deloach voted yea, Mr. Riddle voted yea and Mr. Richardson voted yea.
7. Motion made by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Thompson and carried to increase the Atlantic Judicial Circuit Public Defenders FY: 17-18 Budget. Mr. Richardson voted yea, Mr. Riddle voted yea and Mr. Deloach voted yea.
8. Motion made by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Thompson and carried to appoint Doug Diller as representative for Long County on the Region IX Council. Mr. Riddle voted yea, Mr. Deloach voted yea and Mr. Richardson voted yea.
9. Motion made by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Walker and carried to reappoint Mr. Richard Long to the Long County Tax Assessors Board. Mr. Long will serve a 5 year term to begin on April 4, 2017 and will expire on April 3, 2022. Mr. Riddle voted yea, Mr. Deloach voted yea and Mr. Richardson voted yea.
10. Motion made by Mr. Deloach, seconded by Mr. Walker and carried to reappoint Linda Smith and Betty Baxter to the Long County Library Board for a three year term that will begin on July 1, 2017 and expire on June 30, 2020. Mr. Riddle voted yea, Mr. Thompson voted yea and Mr. Richardson voted yea.

11. Motion made by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Thompson and carried to appoint Mr. Clifton Deloach to the Liberty County Hospital Authority Board. Mr. Richardson voted yea, Mr. Riddle voted yea and Mr. Deloach voted yea.
12. Motion made by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Thompson and carried to appoint Mr. Mike Riddle to the Long County Health Department Board. Mr. Deloach voted yea, Mr. Richardson voted yea and Mr. Riddle voted yea.
13. Motion made by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Thompson and carried to appoint Mr. David Richardson to the E-911 Board. Mr. Riddle voted yea, Mr. Deloach voted yea and Mr. Richardson voted yea.
14. Motion made by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Riddle and carried to appoint Mr. Willie Frank Thompson to the E-911 Board. Mr. Richardson voted yea, Mr. Deloach voted yea and Mr. Thompson voted yea.
15. Motion made by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Richardson and carried to authorize Mr. Walker to work with the County Attorney on SPLOST. Mr. Riddle voted yea, Mr. Deloach voted yea and Mr. Walker voted yea.
16. Motion made by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Thompson and carried to enter into Executive Session. Mr. Riddle voted yea, Mr. Richardson voted yea and Mr. Deloach voted yea.
17. Motion made by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Thompson and carried to exit Executive Session. Mr. Riddle voted yea, Mr. Deloach voted yea and Mr. Richardson voted yea.
18. Motion made by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Deloach and carried to add to the agenda for the betterment of the County (Buy Back Program for the Road Department Equipment). Mr. Riddle voted yea, Mr. Richardson voted yea and Mr. Thompson voted yea.
19. Motion made by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Walker and carried and agreed to buy the scoreboard for the Recreation Department. Mr. Riddle voted yea, Mr. Richardson voted yea and Mr. Deloach voted yea.
20. Motion made by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Richardson and carried to pay bills. Mr. Riddle voted yea, Mr. Deloach voted yea and Mr. Walker voted yea.
21. Motion made by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Richardson and carried to adjourn. Mr. Deloach voted yea, Mr. Walker voted yea and Mr. Riddle voted yea.

DISCUSSION

1. MIKE HESTER CEO, LIBERTY COUNTY HOSPITAL AUTHORITY: Mr. Hester expressed his appreciation for the letter of approval for the clinic that will be located at Coastal Manor.
2. MISHELLE ORISINI: Wanted a update on the drainage issue at Crawford Subdivision. She was advised that Bill Nutting was sent a certified letter, when Mr. Nutting repairs the problem in the subdivision the county will take over.
3. REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION AT BRIARCREST SUBDIVISION: Representatives with the Briarcrest Homeowners Association discussed drainage issues with the Commissioners. Phase 1 had plastic culverts but is now using concrete culverts in Phase 2. Speed bumps and lights should be brought to the attention of the developer, this is a safety issue. Mr. Deloach stated he would pay for one speed bump. They complained about houses not being built up to code. The code enforcement officer that signed off on it is no longer employed by the county.
4. SCOTT STAFFORD – BRIARCREST AND BELFAIR SUBDIVISION: Mr. Stafford discussed he has all of his permits and core of engineer permits as well. We sold the lots to the builders. The builders went in and landscaped they changed the grading and the ditch and they put in concrete pipes. The Road department supervisor and chief code enforcement officer has checked the roads in Briarcrest and reported that there were no problems
5. ROAD DEPARTMENT VEHICLE: Mr. Riddle discussed the need for a four door truck to transport employees to work sites, the Finance Director will be soliciting for bids and will then be turned over to Mr. Riddle for decision.
6. BUY BACK EQUIPMENT: Mr. Walker discussed how the buy back program works with the Commissioners. He also, discussed the USDA Loan for equipment and in return you receive a \$50,000.00 grant. Representative from Yancey Caterpillar will be at the next work session.

LONG COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

SPECIAL MEETING

April 18, 2017

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Mike Riddle with the following members present: Mr. Thompson, Mr. Walker, Mr. Richardson and Mr. Deloach.
2. Invocation led by Mr. Thompson.
3. Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. Thompson.
4. Motion made by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Walker and carried to enter into Executive Session. Mr. Riddle voted yea, Mr. Deloach voted yea and Mr. Richardson voted yea.
5. Motion made by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Deloach and carried to exit Executive Session. Mr. Richardson voted yea, Mr. Riddle voted yea and Mr. Walker voted yea.
6. Motion made by Mr. Walker, seconded by Thompson and carried to hire Travis Carter for the full-time position of Recreation Assistant at \$10.00 per hour on a 90 day probationary period. Mr. Riddle voted yea, Mr. Richardson voted yea and Mr. Deloach voted yea.
7. Motion made by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Thompson and carried to adjourn. Mr. Richardson voted yea, Mr. Riddle voted yea and Mr. Deloach voted yea.

DISCUSSION

1. PERSONELL: Mr. Deloach discussed the assistance of a part time clerk from the Elections/Registrars Office helping with our office when the situation arose. Mr. Riddle stated he would discuss the possibility with Kierra Hamilton the Elections supervisor. Recreation Director Brandon McManus requested to drive the Recreation vehicle home due to being a Department Head on call. All Commissioners agreed that all Department Heads with issued vehicles could drive the vehicles home but were to use for County Business only.
2. SPLOST: Mr. Walker presented the renewal letter for SPLOST and discussed changing the percentage from sixty (60) percent in Roads to fifty-five (55) percent, twenty-five percent in Recreation to twenty-eight (28) percent, and fifteen (15) percent in Public Safety to seventeen (17) percent.

3. HOLIDAYS: Mr. Riddle proposed adding 4 holiday days to the Georgia State Holidays we abide by for Long County. The extra days would be in conjunction with the school holidays. Mr. Riddle stated he would propose this at the next County Commissioners meeting. Mr. Walker stated he would like to wait until the budget review to make any decisions.

4. AL GROOVER: Discussed a site plan with the Commissioners regarding Air Evac to cover all residents within the county.