

Minutes
Liberty County Board of Commissioners
July 6, 2021
Regular Meeting

1. The meeting was opened by Chairman Lovette with Commissioners Thrift, Gilliard, and Walden in attendance.
2. The County Administrator certified compliance with the Georgia Open Meetings Act.
3. Prayer was offered by the County Administrator followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. The Board considered minutes of their June meetings. A motion was made by Commissioner Walden to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Thrift, and approved by all Commissioners in attendance.
5. Departmental reports were presented:
 - a. The L.C.P.C. report was presented. A motion was made by Commissioner Thrift to adjourn to public hearing for re-zoning purposes, seconded by Commissioner Gilliard and approved by all Commissioners in attendance.
 - (1) The board considered rezoning action 2021-029-LC a request by Gene Salter to rezone 61.84 acres at the intersection of Hwy 84 and Leroy Coffey highway from B2 to I-1 for a wood transfer station. The property is further described as LCTM-Parcel 120-071. Mr. Nirav Gandhi presented staff reports.

Commissioner Stevens joined the meeting.

Following the presentation of staff reports and questions from the board, a motion was made by commissioner Stevens to approve the rezoning request, seconded by commissioner Thrift, and approved by all commissioners in attendance.

- (2) The board considered special exception request 2021-031-LC a request by Mr. David Cheney to live temporarily for no more than one year in a motor coach on his property at 97 E 1st St., Midway, Georgia. The property is further described as LCTM-Parcel 281B-045. Following the presentation of staff reports Mr. Cheney appeared before the board to answer questions related to the request. Mr. Reggie woods and Mr. Frank Versailles, neighboring property owners, spoke in opposition to the request and presented pictures of the status of the property. Following discussion, a motion was made by commissioner Stevens to table the request until the mid-month meeting, seconded by Commissioner Walden and approved by all commissioners and attendance.

A motion was made by commissioner Gilliard to return to regular meeting, seconded by Commissioner Stevens and approved by all commissioners and attendance.

- (3) The board considered a final plat for the Colonies at Habersham Plantation phase 3A. The board discussed matters related to maintenance issues within the proposed subdivision specifically related to Charles Way. A motion was made by Commissioner Gilliard to approve the final plat, seconded by Commissioner Walden with Commissioners Thrift, Gilliard, Walden, and Chairman Lovette voting in favor of the motion. Commissioner Stevens opposed.

- b. Public works director Mr. Clenton Wells appeared before the board to discuss a previously awarded bid for the purchase of a grapple truck from Freightliner of Savannah. Mr. Wells informed the board that the unit proposed to be supplied by the vendor did not meet specifications or expectations of the division. A motion was made by commissioner Walden to cancel the approval for purchase of the grapple truck unit and to rebid the piece of equipment, seconded by Commissioner Thrift and approved by all commissioners in attendance.

Mr. Wells also informed the board that he would be modifying transfer station operational hours to better suit the demand for services at that location.

6. The board considered new business:
 - a. The board considered an appointment to the Liberty County Forestry Board. A motion was made by commissioner Stevens to appoint Mr. John Long, seconded by commissioner Thrift, and approved by all commissioners in attendance.
 - b. The board considered renewal of contracts with Riceboro and Walthourville associated with the provision of fire services to the unincorporated areas. A motion was made by commissioner Stevens to approve the agreements, seconded by commissioner Gilliard, and approved by all commissioners and attendance.
 - c. The board considered a resolution associated with the receipt of CRSSA funds from the Georgia Department of Transportation for aviation purposes. A motion was made by commissioner Stevens to approve the resolution, seconded by commissioner Thrift, and approved by all commissioners in attendance.
7. A motion was made by commissioner Stevens to adjourn regular meeting, seconded by commissioner Gilliard and approved by all commissioners in attendance.

Liberty County Board of Commissioners

SIGNED:

Donald L. Lovette, Chairman

Justin Frasier, Vice-Chairman

Marion Stevens, Sr., Commissioner

Connie Thrift, Commissioner

Maxie R. Jones, IV, Commissioner

Gary Gilliard, Commissioner

Eddie J. Walden, Commissioner

Attest:

Joseph W. Brown, County Administrator