

Minutes
Liberty County Board of Commissioners
September 5, 2023
Regular Meeting

1. The meeting was opened by Chairman Lovette with commissioners Stevens, Thrift, Frasier, Gilliard, and Walden in attendance.
2. The Chairman certified compliance with the Georgia Open Meetings Act.
3. Prayer was offered by Mr. Joseph Mosley followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. The board considered the minutes of their August meetings. A motion was made by Commissioner Stevens to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Thrift, and approved by all commissioners in attendance.
5. Departmental reports were presented:

A. The LCPC report was presented by Mr. Jeff Ricketson.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stevens to adjourn to the public hearing, seconded by Commissioner Gilliard, and approved by all commissioners in attendance.

(1) The board considered rezoning petition 2023-056-LC as submitted by Jonathan Clark to rezone .5 acres from R-8 to MFR for a four unit quadraplex at 9081 East Oglethorpe Hwy. Following the presentation of staff reports, a motion was made by Commissioner Stevens to approve the request subject to standard conditions, seconded by Commissioner Gilliard, and approved by all commissioners in attendance.

(2) The board considered rezoning petition 2023-057-LC submitted by EIG Coastal Saltwater Investments LLC to rezone 3.75 acres from C-2 and AR-1 to C-3 for boat storage. Ms. Meredith Devendorff Belford spoke in opposition to the total rezoning proposed to C-3. Mr. Bruce McCartney spoke on the history of the parcel and expressed support for the rezoning request. Following the presentation of staff reports a motion was made by Commissioner Stevens to approve the rezoning petition, seconded by Commissioner Thrift, and approved by all commissioners in attendance.

A motion was made by Commissioner Frasier to adjourn the public hearing and return to regular meeting, seconded by Commissioner Thrift, and approved by all commissioners in attendance.

B. The monthly finance report was presented by Ms. Samantha Richardson.

C. The monthly engineering report was presented by Mr. Trent Long. The board considered a sole bid received for replacement of a box culvert on Islands Highway. A motion was made by Commissioner Frasier to reject the bid, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, and approved by all commissioners in attendance.

D. Recreation director Raymond Gross appeared before the board to present a proposed update to user fee schedules. Following discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Thrift to implement the new schedules as indicated on page 3 dealing with fees for non-LCR D affiliate usage, seconded by Commissioner Frasier, with commissioners Stevens, Frasier, Thrift, and Gilliard voting in favor of the motion, Commissioner Walden opposed.

6. The board considered new business:

A. The board considered proposals received for the resurfacing of Jack Carter Park. A motion was made by Commissioner Gilliard to move forward with the project not to exceed \$15,000, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, and approved by all commissioners in attendance.

7. A motion was made by Commissioner Gilliard to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Walden, and approved by all commissioners in attendance.

Liberty County Board of Commissioners

SIGNED:

Donald L. Lovette, Chairman

Connie Thrift, Vice-Chairman

Marion Stevens, Sr., Commissioner

Justin Frasier, Commissioner

Maxie R. Jones, IV, Commissioner

Gary Gilliard, Commissioner

Eddie J. Walden, Commissioner

Attest:

Joseph W. Brown, County Administrator