

Minutes
Liberty County Board of Commissioners
November 7, 2023
Regular Meeting

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lovette, with commissioners Stevens, Thrift, Jones, and Gilliard in attendance.
2. The Chairman certified compliance with the Georgia Open Meetings Act.
3. Prayer was offered by Pastor Kevin Betton, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. The board considered the minutes of their November meetings. A motion was made by Commissioner Thrift to approve the minutes, seconded by commissioner Stevens, and approved by all commissioners in attendance.
5. The board entertained certain proclamations and awards:
 - A. Mr. Ben Peterelli of the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia appeared before the board to present the 2024 wellness grant award to Liberty County. Ms. Laura Troutman presented an update on the recently completed health fair for County employees.
 - B. The board adopted a proclamation in recognition of America Recycles Day.
 - C. The board adopted a proclamation in support of National GIS Day.
 - D. The Board made formal presentations of historical grants to various agencies.

Commissioner Frasier joined the meeting.

6. The board considered a public hearing to receive comments on the proposed 2023 millage rate. A motion was made by Commissioner Frasier to adjourn to a public hearing, seconded by Commissioner Thrift, and approved by all Commissioners in attendance.

The board received comments from Mr. Robert Sprinkel, Ms. Marcie Hamilton, Ms. Nancy Maier, Ms. Janice Kay, and Mr. Amos Morel.

A motion was made by Commissioner Frasier to close the public hearing, second by Commissioner Stevens, and approved by all commissioners in attendance.

7. The board considered new business:

- A. Mr. David Holton of Buckley and Associates appeared before the board to present an update on design related to the new Liberty County Health Department facility. Mr. Holton answered questions from the board and was asked to proceed with the completion of the drawings for the new facility.

Commissioner Frasier was excused from the meeting.

- B. The board considered adopting the annual speed ordinance for Liberty County. A motion was made by Commissioner Gilliard to approve the ordinance, seconded by Commissioner Thrift, and supported by all commissioners in attendance.

- C. The Board considered approving specific projects for submission to the Georgia Department of Transportation for local maintenance improvement grant funds for 2024. A motion was made by Commissioner Thrift to approve the LMIG submittal, seconded by Commissioner Gilliard, and approved by all commissioners in attendance.

- D. The board considered a memorandum of agreement with the Georgia Department of Transportation for the Peacock Creek Bridge replacement project. A motion was made by

Commissioner Stevens to approve the MOA, seconded by Commissioner Thrift, and approved by all commissioners in attendance.

E. The board considered an appointment to the RC & D Council. A motion was made by Commissioner Thrift to appoint Mr. Andrew Standard, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, and approved by all commissioners in attendance

F. The board considered an appointment to the Liberty County Development Authority. A motion was made by Commissioner Stevens to appoint Ms. Willa Lewis, seconded by Commissioner Gilliard and approved by all commissioners in attendance.

G. The board considered proposals for replacing playground equipment at Gumbranch Park. A motion was made by Commissioner Thrift to award the proposal to Haisley for \$77,477.58, seconded by Commissioner Stevens and approved by all commissioners in attendance.

8. The administrative report was presented.

9. A motion was made by Commissioner Stevens to adjourn the regular meeting, seconded by Commissioner Gilliard, 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