

Minutes
Liberty County Board of commissioners
January 5, 2021
Regular Meeting

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lovette with all commissioners in attendance.
2. The county administrator certified compliance with the Georgia Open Meetings Act.
3. Pastor Richard Hayes offered the opening prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. The board recognized newly elected Commissioner Maxie R. Jones, IV and welcomed him to the group. Each Commissioner offered opening statements for the New Year.
5. The board considered a proclamation designating January 9, 2021 as Bring One for the Chipper Day in Liberty County. Keep Liberty beautiful Director Karen Bell, along with KLB board members, updated the Commission on activities planned for the month.
6. The board considered minutes of their December meetings. A motion was made by Commissioner Thrift to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, with commissioners Frasier, Thrift, Stevens, Lovette, Gilliard, and Walden voting in favor, Commissioner Jones abstaining from the vote.
7. Departmental reports are presented:
 - A. Sheriff Will Bowman addressed the board to express his support for the commission as the newly elected sheriff of Liberty County. Sheriff Bowman explained several goals of the sheriff's office and introduced Chief Deputy Max Brown as part of his team. The board welcomed Sheriff Bowman and his staff.
 - B. Ms. McGlothlin, chief financial officer for Liberty County, presented the monthly reports for the general fund, special-purpose local option sales tax fund, solid waste fund, and transportation special-purpose local option sales tax fund. Ms. McGlothlin answered questions from the board and reported on various other financial items.
 - C. Mr. Nirav Gandhi presented the monthly report of the Liberty Consolidated Planning Commission.
 - (1) The board considered variance request 2020 – 044 – LC a request by Henry and Cheryl Strickland for a setback variance for an accessory building from 10 feet to 1 foot at 344 Big Oak Rd. Property located on liberty County tax map 216 – 024. Ms. Strickland addressed the board to answer questions, offer a history related to the shed placement, and to request approval. A motion was made by Commissioner Stevens to approve the request, seconded by Commissioner Thrift, and approved unanimously.
 - D. Mr. Trent Long presented the monthly engineering report and reviewed several items including solid waste convenience centers and road improvement safety projects.
 - E. Recreation director Mr. Jimmy Martin appeared before the board to discuss timelines associated with the possible reopening of facilities. The board discussed benchmarks associated with making such a decision and asked that Mr. Martin director highlight activities of staff during this time.
8. The board considered new business:
 - A. Mr. Jeff Ricketson appeared before the board to present a draft of the Liberty County addressing ordinance. Mr. Ricketson gave a brief history associated with

ordinance development and asked the board to review the matter for possible adoption and February.

B. The administrative report was presented. The board was updated on various dates associated with County activities.

9. Motion was made by Commissioner Gilliard to adjourn regular meeting, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, and approved unanimously.

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