

Minutes
Liberty County Board of Commissioners
February 1, 2022
Regular Meeting

1. The meeting was opened by Chairman Lovette with all commissioners in attendance except Commissioner Frasier.
2. The county administrator 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 minutes of their January meetings. A motion was made by Commissioner Stevens to accept minutes as presented, seconded by Commissioner Thrift, and approved by all commissioners in attendance.
5. Dr. Karen Bell, director of Liberty clean and beautiful, appeared before the board to seek approval of proclamations in honor of Arbor Day and Paint Liberty Purple. The Board accepted both Proclamations.
6. The county administrator introduced Mr. Raymond Gross and Mr. David O'Hagan, newly appointed director of recreation and newly appointed director of government buildings respectively. The board welcomed them to the team.
7. Departmental reports were presented:
 - A. Ms. Kim McGlothlin, finance director for Liberty County, presented the financial report for December 2021 and answered questions from the board.
8. The board considered old business:
 - A motion was made by Commissioner Gilliard to adjourn to public hearing for a rezoning matter, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, and approved by all Commissioners in attendance.
 - A. The board considered rezoning petition 2021-063-LC a request by Joseph A. Bradham III to rezone property on Bill Carter Road from a R-1 to B-2 to operate a storage yard. An adjoining neighbor, Ms. Mosley, appeared before the board to speak in objection to the petition. Mr. and Mrs. Bradham addressed the board to answer questions about business operations and asked the board to consider approval. A motion was made by Commissioner Stevens to follow the LCPC recommendation for disapproval, seconded by Commissioner Jones, with commissioners Stevens, Lovette, and Jones voting in favor of the motion commissioners Gilliard, Thrift, and Walden voting against.

9. The board considered new business:

A. The board considered rezoning petition 2022-004-LC a requested by Terry Wheeler to rezone 142.12 acres of land from an AR-1 and A-1 to R-1 for a single-family residential subdivision. Property is identified as LCTM-120-037. Following the presentation of staff reports Ms. Darlene Jefferson, an adjoining neighbor, appeared before the board to express safety and traffic concerns. A motion was made by Commissioner Stevens to approve the rezoning request, seconded by Commissioner Gilliard, and approved by all commissioners in attendance.

B. The board considered rezoning petition 2022-005-LC a request by David McDonald Enterprises to rezoning 30.51 acres of land from A-1 to R-1 for a single-family residential subdivision. Property is identified as LCTM-014-019. Following the presentation of staff reports a motion was made by Commissioner Thrift to approve the request, seconded by Commissioner Gilliard, and approved by all commissioners in attendance.

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

10. Mr. Trent Long, county engineer, appeared before the board to present a bid tabulation for improvements to Bill Carter Road. Mr. Long recommended rejection of bids and rebidding of the project at a later date. A motion was made by Commissioner Stevens to reject all bids received, seconded by Commissioner Thrift, and approved by all commissioners in attendance.

11. The board considered a request from the City of Hinesville for participation in Phase I construction of South Side Park. Following some discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Thrift to allocate the following amounts from Sales Tax 6 proceeds. \$100,000 from district 3, \$100,000 from the Chairman, \$75,000 from district 5, and \$75,000 from district six, seconded by Commissioner Walden, and approved by all commissioners in attendance.

12. The board received an update on the compensation plan for fire and EMS services. Following questions from the board a motion was made by Commissioner Stevens to implement the results of the study, seconded by Commissioner Thrift, with all commissioners present voting in favor of the motion.

13. The board considered appointments to the Board of Tax Assessors to fill two positions. A motion was made by Commissioner Walden to appoint Mr. John Hodges, seconded by Commissioner Thrift, with all commissioners present voting in favor of the motion. A motion was made by Commissioner Walden to appoint Mr. Lloyd Byrd, seconded by Commissioner Thrift, and approved by all commissioners in attendance. Commissioners clarified that Mr. John Hodges was to serve the longer of the two remaining terms on said board.

14. County attorney Mr. Kelly Davis discussed with the board a resolution requesting local legislation to implement a State Court technology surcharge not to exceed \$10.00. A motion was made by Commissioner Walden to approve the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Gilliard, and approved by all commissioners in attendance.

15. The administrative report was presented. The board reviewed the status of capital projects currently underway.

16. A motion was made by Commissioner Gilliard to adjourn regular meeting, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, and approved by all commissioners in attendance.

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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