

Minutes
Liberty County Board of Commissioners
March 2, 2021
Regular meeting

One. The meeting was called order by Chairman Lovette with all commissioners in attendance.

Two. The county administrator certified compliance with the Georgia Open Meetings Act.

Three. Mr. Joseph Mosley offered the opening prayer which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Four. The board recognized the passing of former DFCS director Ms. Sally Richardson and reviewed her many accomplishments within the county.

Five. The board considered the minutes of their February meetings. A motion was made by Commissioner Walden to accept the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Thrift, and approved unanimously.

Six. Departmental reports were presented:

A. L.C.P.C

(One) The board considered variance 2021-006-LC as submitted by Josh Wheeler on behalf of owner AOI South, LLC for a variance to decrease the side setbacks of a property from 15 feet to 10 feet. Parcel identified as LCTM 281A-052. Following the presentation of staff reports and questions from the board, a motion was made by Commissioner Jones to approve the variance request, seconded by Commissioner Frasier, and approved unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Frasier to adjourn to public hearing for a rezoning matter, seconded by Commissioner Walden, and approved unanimously.

(Two) The board considered rezoning request 2021-008-LC as submitted by Brandon Boyce on behalf of Sharonda Tippins to rezone 2 acres from B-2 to AR-1. Property is located on parcel LCTM 164-050. Following the presentation of staff reports a motion was made by Commissioner Stevens to approve the rezoning request subject to standard conditions, seconded by Commissioner Frasier, and approved unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Walden to adjourn public hearing and return to regular session, seconded by Commissioner Thrift, and approved unanimously.

(Three) The board considered the final plat for Richmond Pass Subdivision. Following questions from the board a motion was made by Commissioner Stevens to approve the final plat subject to special conditions, seconded by Commissioner Thrift, and approved unanimously.

Seven. The board considered new business:

(One) State court judge Jeff Osteen appeared before the board to discuss the current contract associated with probation services for the state court of Liberty County. Judge Osteen presented a letter of request to the board associated with termination of the current contract with Peach State Services Inc. The judge discussed with the board continuing problems associated with the current contract provider and recommended engagement of Southeast Corrections LLC as a new provider for the court. Following the discussion of history associated with the matter a motion was made by Commissioner Walden to terminate the current contract with Peach State Services Inc., seconded by Commissioner Stevens, and approved unanimously. A motion was made by Commissioner Walden to contract with Southeast Corrections LLC for the services, seconded by Commissioner Gilliard, and approved unanimously.

(Two) Mr. Trey Scott, representing Malden and Jenkins, appeared before the board to discuss the audit for the year ending June 30, 2020. Mr. Scott reported a clean audit finding and commended the commission and staff on current financial operations of the county. Following questions from the board, Chairman Lovette thanked Mr. Scott for their continued service and his presentation.

(Three) The board considered proposals received for a street sweeper unit for the Liberty County Public Works Department. Public works director Mr. Clinton Wells appeared before the

board to recommend award to Waste Built in the amount of \$228,700 which includes a \$15,000 trade-in for the old sweeper unit. A motion was made by Commissioner Thrift to approve the recommendation of Waste Built, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, and approved unanimously.

(Four) The board discussed the need to revisit matters related to violation of certain ordinances involving construction activity without permits. Several members expressed concern with the increasing amount of noncompliance issues being encountered. The chairman asked that the county administrator engage the county attorney concerning possibilities related to the matter.

Eight. A motion was made by Commissioner Stevens to adjourn regular meeting, seconded by Commissioner's Gilliard 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