

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

1. The meeting was opened by Chairman Lovette, with commissioners Frasier, Gilliard, and Walden in attendance.
2. The county administrator certified compliance with the Georgia open meetings act.
3. Pastor Richard Hayes offered prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. The board considered approval of the February minutes. Commissioner Walden motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Gilliard, and approved by all commissioners in attendance.
5. Departmental reports were presented:

Commissioner Stevens joined the meeting.

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

(1) The board considered an amendment to the Liberty County comprehensive plan. Commissioner Gilliard made a motion to approve the amendment, seconded by Commissioner Frasier and approved by all commissioners in attendance.

Commissioner Frasier made a motion to adjourn to the public hearing for a rezoning matter, seconded by Commissioner Stevens and approved by all commissioners in attendance.

(2) The board considered rezoning petition 2023-002-LC submitted by Charlie Frasier to rezone 1.6 acres from AR-1 to R-3 for apartments. The property is located at 2916 Highway 196 W. and is further described as LCTM 030-040. Following the presentation of staff reports, Mr. Trent Long provided some history of work done with the family concerning the platting of the areas. No other persons spoke for or against the rezoning petition. Commissioner Gilliard made a motion to approve the petition subject to standard conditions, seconded by Commissioner Frasier and approved by all commissioners in attendance.

Commissioner Gilliard made a motion to return to the open session, second by Commissioner Walden, and approved by all commissioners in attendance.

6. The board considered new business:

A. Chief deputy Al Hagan appeared before the board to request a budget amendment on behalf of the Sheriff's Department to reduce the regular employee line item by \$11,177.60 and increase contract labor by the same amount for the remainder of the fiscal year. Chief Hagan informed the board that the modification was needed to hire a community relations officer. Commissioner Gilliard made a motion to approve the budget amendment, seconded by Commissioner Frasier and approved by all commissioners in attendance.

B. The board considered a resolution in support of the sale of real property to the Georgia Forestry Commission for a new headquarters. Commissioner Frasier made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Gilliard and approved by all commissioners in attendance.

C. The board considered motor grader bids received for the public works department. Following the review of the bids, Commissioner Frasier made a motion to reject bids received, seconded by Commissioner Gilliard, and approved by all commissioners in attendance.

D. The administrative report was presented by the County Administrator and Assistant County administrator.

7. Commissioner Walden made a motion 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