

Minutes
Liberty County Board of Commissioners
Midmonth Meeting
March 16, 2023

1. The meeting was opened by Chairman Lovette, with all commissioners present except Commissioner Frasier.
2. The county administrator certified compliance the Georgia open meetings act.
3. Prayer was offered by Commissioner Thrift, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. The board considered a proclamation in recognition of the Red Cross month and accepted said proclamation.

Commissioner Frasier joined the meeting.

5. Departmental reports were presented:

A. Mr. Jeff Ricketson presented the LCPC report.

(1) The board considered the recommendation from the Gateway review board for approval of the site plan for Dorchester Village logistics Park – Blue Scope. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to approve the recommendation, seconded by Commissioner Walden, with all commissioners voting in favor of the motion except Commissioner Jones.

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

(2) The board considered rezoning petition 2023 – 007 – LC submitted by J PC design and construction on behalf of Michael E Bryant life trust to rezone 5.79 acres from AR-1 to B-2. The property is located on Highway 84, west of Interstate 95, and is further described as LCTM 265 – 023. Following the presentation of staff reports, Mr. Jeremy Crosby representing JPC design, appeared before the board to give a brief overview of the proposed project and answered questions from the board. No one else spoke for or against the rezoning petition. A motion was made by Commissioner Stevens to approve the rezoning petition subject to standard conditions, seconded by Commissioner Thrift, and approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stevens to adjourn the public hearing and return to regular session, second by Commissioner Thrift, and approved unanimously.

B. The monthly finance report was presented by Ms. Samantha Richardson, who answered questions from the board.

C. The monthly engineering report was presented by Mr. Trent Long.

D. Ms. Crystal Hensler appeared before the board to present the 2022-year-end report for EMS. The board considered an MOU between Liberty County EMS and Rescue Training Incorporated to provide clinical settings for students. A motion was made by Commissioner Gilliard to approve the MOU, seconded by Commissioner Thrift, and approved unanimously.

Commissioner Thrift was excused from the meeting.

6. The board considered new business:

A. The board reviewed bids received for a backhoe of the public works department. Commissioner Walden made a motion to award the bid to Yancey Brothers in the amount of \$196,476.00, seconded by Commissioner Stevens and approved by all commissioners in attendance.

Commissioner Frasier made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Gilliard, and approved by all commissioners.

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