

Minutes
Liberty County Board of Commissioners
September 7, 2021
Regular meeting

1. The meeting was opened by Chairman Lovette with commissioners Stevens, Gilliard, Jones, and Walden in attendance.
2. The Chairman certified compliance with the Georgia Open Meetings Act.
3. Prayer was offered by Pastor Richard Hayes followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. The board considered approval of their August meeting minutes. A motion was made by Commissioner Gilliard to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, and approved by all commissioners in attendance.
5. Mr. Hunter key of the Coast Regional Commission appeared before the board to recognize IT director Mr. Clint Stanley as a recipient of the 2021 G.M.A.S. award. The board congratulated Mr. Stanley on this award.
6. The board considered new business:
 - A. The board considered a request by Mr. Josh Wheeler to have rural water service provided to his development for Bill Carter Road known as Sassafras Plantation. Project engineer, Mr. Marcus Sack, answered questions for the board pertaining to distribution allocations needed of 30,000 gallons and other specifics of the project. A motion was made by Commissioner Stevens to authorize the allocation, seconded by Commissioner Walden, and approved by all commissioners in attendance.
 - B. Sheriff Will Bowman and staff appeared before the board to request approval of a lease of property for use as a detectives and drug enforcement operations facility. A motion was made by Commissioner Stevens to authorize a lease agreement, seconded by Commissioner Walden, and approved by all commissioners in attendance.
 - C. County attorney Mr. Kelly Davis appeared before the board to present an emergency declaration related to COVID-19. Mr. Davis explained the purpose and need for the declaration and answered questions from the board. A motion was made by Commissioner Gilliard to approve the declaration, seconded by Commissioner Walden, and approved by all commissioners in attendance.
 - D. The board considered an agreement for services with the Hinesville Officials Association. A motion was made by Commissioner Walden to approve the agreement, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, and approved by all commissioners in attendance.
 - E. The board considered an alcoholic beverage license request by Mr. Wayne Jones operating at the PAL and Food Mart. A motion was made by Commissioner Stevens to approve the request, seconded by Commissioner Gilliard, and approved by all commissioners in attendance.
 - F. The board considered a drug abuse treatment education fund request as submitted by Frasier Counseling Center. A motion was made by Commissioner Walden to allocate \$3500, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, and approved by all commissioners in attendance.

G. The board considered a one-time cost of living allowance for those retirees who retired under the ACCG defined benefit plan. A motion was made by Commissioner Walden to approve the cola, seconded by Commissioner Gilliard, and approved by all commissioners in attendance.

H. The board reviewed a PowerPoint associated with the county commissioner redistricting process.

I. The board reviewed a presentation associated with the state physical recovery fund.

J. The board reviewed a presentation associated with the American Rescue Plan Act.

K. The board reviewed a draft agreement of a recreational lease with the City of Riceboro for the Riceboro recreation center.

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

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