

Minutes
Liberty County Board of Commissioners
October 3, 2023
Regular Meeting

1. The meeting was opened by Chairman Lovette with commissioners Stevens, Thrift, and Walden in attendance
2. The Chairman certified compliance with the Georgia Open Meetings Act.
3. Prayer was offered by Mr. Joseph Mosley followed by the Pledge of Allegiance as led by Ms. Daisy Clay.
4. The board considered the September minutes. A motion was made by Commissioner Thrift to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, and approved by all commissioners in attendance.
5. Various proclamations were approved by the board including Paint Liberty Pink Day, Georgia Military Veterans Hall of Fame Day, National 4-H week, and Save our Next Generation Day.
6. Departmental reports were presented:
 - A. The LC PC report was presented by Mr. Jeff Ricketson.

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

- (1) The board considered conditional use request 2023-059-LC as submitted by Clay Sykes family LLC for a borrow pit. The property is located off Islands Highway and is further described as LCTM parcel 363005. Following the presentation of staff reports Mr. Trent Long spoke on behalf of the applicant and answered questions from board members.

Commissioner Frasier joined the meeting.

Miss Rhonda Durney addressed the board with concerns about chemicals and residue from truck traffic. Ms. Donna Rushing presented a letter of opposition to the project, discussed the large scope of the project, and pointed out the road capacity was not built to address that level of use. Ms. Ashley Mosher addressed problems being incurred because of high traffic volumes. Mr. Tommy Carter expressed concerns over water discharge from property development. Following discussion among the board members a motion was made by Commissioner Stevens to approve the conditional use request, seconded by Commissioner Walden, with commissioners Stevens Frasier Lovette and Walden voting in favor of the motion, Commissioner Thrift opposed.

- (2) The board considered conditional use request 2023-062-LC as submitted by Carrie G Worlds and Adeline G Nelson on behalf of the Ben Golden estate for a family cemetery. The property is located off Holmestown Road in unincorporated Liberty County and is further described as parcel 104096. Following the presentation of staff reports Ms. Nelson and Ms. Worlds expressed thanks to the commission for being allowed to address them and for any consideration they might give. No one spoke in opposition. Following questions from the board a motion was made by Commissioner Stevens to approve the conditional use request, seconded by Commissioner Thrift, and approved by all commissioners in attendance.

- (3) The board considered a type B home occupational permit number 2023-064-LC as submitted by Selia Tumanuvao to have a commissary base of operations for food trucks at her residence located at 265 Ruben Wells Rd. Property location is further described as parcel 035C017. Following the presentation of staff reports Ms. Tumanuvao thanked the board for their consideration. No one spoke in opposition. A motion was made by Commissioner Thrift to approve the request, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, and approved by all commissioners in attendance.

(4) The board considered conditional use request is it 2023–067–LC as submitted by Brian Pearson on behalf of Calvin Barrett for a borrow pit. The property is located on E. Oglethorpe Hwy. and is further described as parcel 140016. Mr. Pearson addressed the board to discuss proposed operations at the site. No one spoke in opposition. A motion was made by Commissioner Stevens to approve the request, seconded by Commissioner Walden, and approved by all commissioners in attendance.

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

7. The board considered new business.

A. The board considered appointments to two positions on the Liberty Regional Medical Center Board of Directors. A motion was made by Commissioner Stevens to submit the names of Reginald Pierce, Daisy Pray, and Freddy Howell for position one and the names of Daisy Pray, Reginald Pierce, and Freddy Howell for position number two, seconded by Commissioner Thrift and approved by all commissioners in attendance.

B. The board considered a resolution urging the State of Georgia to continue efforts related to mental health awareness. A motion was made by Commissioner Frasier to approve the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Thrift, and approved by all commissioners in attendance.

8. A motion was made by Commissioner Stevens to adjourn the regular meeting, second by Commissioner Frasier, 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