

Minutes
Liberty County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
January 4, 2022

1. The meeting was opened by Chairman Lovette with commissioners Thrift, Stevens, Gilliard, 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.
4. The Board considered minutes of their December 2021 meetings. A motion was made by Commissioner Thrift to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, and approved by all commissioners in attendance.
5. Departmental reports were presented:

(A) the LCPC report was presented by Mr. Jeff Ricketson.

1) The Board considered conditional use request 2021-061-LC a request by Coastal Solar on behalf of Jeffrey Hildebrand to place a small ground mounted solar energy system at 224 Hager Ln. Following the presentation of staff reports, a motion was made by Commissioner Stevens to approve the request, seconded by Commissioner Thrift, and approved by all commissioners in attendance.

Commissioner Frasier joined the meeting.

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

2) The Board considered rezoning petition 2021-063-LC a request by Joseph A. Brodham III, to rezone property on Bill Carter Road from AR-1 to B-2 in order to operate a storage yard. Following the presentation of staff reports, Mr. Brodham answered questions from board members concerning proposed usage of the property. Ms. Dorothy Mosley, a resident of the area, appeared to express objections to the proposed rezoning. A motion was made by Commissioner Stevens to table the matter for 30 days, seconded by Commissioner Frasier, with commissioners Stevens, Thrift, Frasier, Walden, and Chairman Lovette voting in favor. Commissioner Gilliard opposed.

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

(B) The monthly finance report for November was presented by Ms. Kim McGlothlin who answered questions from members concerning the report.

©. The monthly engineering report was presented by Trent Long. Mr. Long briefed the Board on various projects underway and answered questions from members.

6. The board considered new business:

(A) County attorney Mr. Kelly Davis appeared before the board to request their adoption of a resolution concerning approval of new County commission district lines for submittal to the general assembly. Commissioner Stevens expressed concern over possible inaccuracies of census numbers used as part of the process. A motion was made by Commissioner Thrift to approve the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Gilliard, with commissioners Thrift, Walden, Gilliard, Frasier, and Chairman Lovette voting in favor. Commissioner Stevens opposed.

(B) The board considered a resolution supporting an increase in the local hotel motel tax from 5% to 8%. A motion was made by Commissioner Walden to approve the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Thrift, with all commissioners present voting in favor of the motion.

(C) The board considered a resolution as requested by ACCG restating the defined benefit plan for tax purposes as required by law. A motion was made by Commissioner Gilliard to approve the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Thrift, and approved by all commissioners in attendance.

(D) The board considered a resolution associated with the receipt of funds in the amount of \$32,000 from the Georgia Department of Transportation related to expenditures at Mid-Coast Regional Airport. A motion was made by Commissioner Walden to approve the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Gilliard, and

approved by all commissioners in attendance.

(E) The board considered an agreement with the Georgia Department of Transportation associated with participation in cost for the Lewis Frasier Bridge replacement. A motion was made by Commissioner Stevens to approve the agreement, seconded by Frasier, and approved by all commissioners in attendance.

(F) Commissioner Stevens brought to the Board's attention that he had been approached about naming the Hinesville VA Center for two local veterans of the Vietnam War. The Board discussed a Resolution that may be forwarded to Representative Al Williams. The Board authorized preparation of a Resolution.

(G) The Board discussed modification of an order with Custom Truck and Body Works for an ambulance unit due to delivery problems on the original chassis specified. A motion was made by Commissioner Thrift to modify the order to add \$7596, seconded by Commissioner Walden, and approved by all members in attendance.

7. A motion was made by Commissioner Gilliard to adjourn to executive session for a land acquisition matter seconded by Commissioner Thrift and approved by all commissioners in attendance.

8. A motion was made by Commissioner Gilliard to adjourn executive session and return to regular meeting, seconded by Commissioner Thrift, and approved by all commissioners in attendance.

9. a motion was made by Commissioner Gilliard to adjourn regular meeting, seconded by Commissioner Thrift, and approved by all commissioners in attendance.

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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