

Minutes
Liberty County Board of Commissioners
September 6, 2022
Regular Meeting

1. The meeting was opened by Chairman Lovette with commissioners Thrift, Walden, and Stevens in attendance.
2. The county administrator 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 August meetings. A motion was made by Commissioner Stevens to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Thrift, and approved by all commissioners in attendance.
5. The board considered new business:

A. Mr. Kelly Davis appeared before the board to present resolutions related to preparation of a transportation and land-use study along Islands Highway and the authorization of private development agreements to mitigate the impact to Islands Highway transportation infrastructure. Mr. Davis explained the purpose of the said resolutions which included a update of the land-use plan for that specific area. Following questions from the board a motion was made by Commissioner Stevens to adopt the resolution authorizing preparation of the Islands Highway development corridor public safety transportation and land-use study, seconded by Commissioner Thrift, and approved by all commissioners in attendance. A motion was made by Commissioner Stevens to adopt a resolution authorizing private development agreements to mitigate the impact to Islands Highway transportation infrastructure, seconded by Commissioner Thrift and approved all commissioners in attendance.

B. The board considered an intergovernmental agreement between Richmond Hill and Liberty County associated with fire protection. A motion was made by Commissioner Thrift to approve the intergovernmental agreement, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, and approved by all commissioners in attendance.

C. The board considered the naming of portions of W. 15th St. in the unincorporated area for Secretary Lloyd Alston III. A motion was made by Commissioner Thrift to name the highway in honor of Mr. Alston, seconded by Commissioner Stevens and approved by all commissioners in attendance.

D. The board considered the approval of appropriation of ARPA funds to various academic learning centers. A motion was made by Commissioner Thrift to approve the allocations, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, and approved by all commissioners in attendance.

Commissioner Gilliard joined the meeting

E. The board considered approval of a certificate of distribution for local option sales tax funds. A motion was made by Commissioner Walden to approve the certificate, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, and approved by all commissioners in attendance.

F. The board considered a funding request from Diversity Health Center related to expansion of the facility. A motion was made by Commissioner Thrift to allocate \$30,000 of ARPA funds, seconded by Commissioner Stevens and approved by all commissioners in attendance.

G. The administrative report was presented:

(1) The board was briefed on SPLOST 7 activities and current capital construction projects.

H. Commissioner Walden informed the board that he had been contacted by the City of Flemington for possible assistance with capital projects within their jurisdiction. Commissioner Walden ask that correspondence be generated to the City requesting a list of proposed projects be prepared as developed by the majority of City Council members.

I. A motion was made by Commissioner Stevens to adjourn to executive session for a land

acquisition matter, seconded by Commissioner Thrift and approve all commissioners in attendance.

J. A motion was made by Commissioner Gilliard to adjourn executive session and return to regular meeting, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, and approve all commissioners in attendance.

K. A motion was made by Commissioner Gilliard to adjourn regular meeting, second by Commissioner Stevens with all commissioners present voting in favor of the motion.

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