

MINUTES
Liberty County Board of Commissioners
August 2, 2016
Regular Meeting

1. The meeting was opened by Chairman Lovette with all Commissioners in attendance.
2. The County Administrator certified compliance with the Georgia Open Meetings Act.
3. Prayer was offered by Pastor Bradeen followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. The Board considered adoption of a Proclamation for Gullah Geechee Nation Appreciation Week. The Chairman read the proposed proclamation and introduced Ms. Queen Quet who gave a brief overview of activities associated with the recognition. The Board adopted said proclamation and presented it to Ms. Quet.
5. The Board considered minutes of their July meetings. A motion was made by Commissioner Walden to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, and approved by all Commissioners.
6. The Board considered New Business:
 - A.) The LCPC report was presented by Ms. Melissa Jones.

A motion was made by Commissioner Thrift to adjourn to public hearing for rezoning, seconded by Commissioner Walden, and approved all Commissioners.

1. The Board considered rezoning petition 2016-018, a request by Soon Woodward to rezone 2.52 acres of land from AR-1 and A-1 to R-3 in order offer transitional housing for probationers and parolees and to house and care for homeless and indigent persons. Property is further described as LCTM-064C-007. Following the presentation of staff reports Mr. John Woodward spoke on behalf of the petitioner and gave a brief history surrounding the request and intent for use of the property. Mr. L.C. Williams, adjoining property owner addressed the Board to express concern and opposition to the request. Following questions from the Board, a motion was made by Commissioner Stevens to deny the rezoning petition, seconded by Commissioner Walden, and approved by all Commissioners.

A motion was made by Commissioner Frasier to return to regular session, seconded by Commissioner Thrift, and approved by all Commissioners.

- B. The Board considered an intergovernmental agreement with the municipalities in Liberty County associated with the use and disbursement of special sales and use tax funds. A motion was made by Commissioner Thrift to approve the intergovernmental agreement, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, and approved by all Commissioners.
- C. The board considered a resolution to re-impose, levy, and collect a special sales and use tax within Liberty County. Mr. Kelly Davis appeared before the Board to highlight specifics of the resolution and answer questions. A motion was made by Commissioner Walden to adopt the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, and approved by all Commissioners.
- D. The Board considered a bid received in the amount of \$394,555.20 for improvements to the intersection of Bill Carter Road. Mr. Trent Long, County Engineer, appeared before the Board to discuss specifics of the project and to recommend that the project be re-bid. A motion was made by Commissioner Stevens to formally reject the bid and re-advertise with changes, seconded by Commissioner Frasier, and approved by all Commissioners.
- E. The Board considered an appointment to the Liberty County Board of Tax

Assessors. A motion was made by Commissioner Gilliard to appoint Mr. David Smiley to fill the expiring term of Ms. Pat Garrow, seconded by Commissioner Walden, with Commissioners Gilliard, Walden, Bowen, and Thrift voting in favor of the motion, Commissioners Frasier, Lovette, and Stevens opposed.

- F. The Board considered an amendment to the Liberty County Personnel Policy to designate certain positions as over time exempt under FLSA regulations. A motion was made by Commissioner Walden to adopt the amendment, seconded by Commissioner Gilliard, and approved by all Commissioners.
- G. A motion was made by Commissioner Gilliard to adjourn to executive session for a legal matter, seconded by Commissioner Walden, and approved by all Commissioners.
- H. A motion was made by Commissioner Frasier to return to regular session, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, and approved by all Commissioners.
- I. A motion was made by Commissioner Stevens to adjourn regular session, seconded by Commissioner Thrift, and approved by all Commissioners.

SIGNED:

Donald L. Lovette, Chairman

Gary Gilliard, Vice Chairman

Marion Stevens, Sr., Commissioner

Justin Frasier, Commissioner

Connie Thrift, Commissioner

Pat Bowen, Commissioner

Eddie J. Walden, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Joseph W. Brown
County Administrator