

MINUTES
Liberty County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
October 4, 2016

1. The meeting was opened by Chairman Lovette with Commissioners Walden, Bowen, Thrift, and Stevens in attendance.
2. The Reverend Doug Harn offered prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. The County Administrator certified compliance with the Georgia Open Meetings Act.
4. The Board considered minutes of their September meetings. A motion was made by Commissioner Stevens to approve minutes as presented, seconded by Commissioner Thrift, and approved by all Commissioners in attendance.
5. Departmental reports were presented:
 - a. Ms. Melissa Jones presented the monthly report of the LCPC. The Board considered variance request 2016-026-LC by Warner M. and Nancy E. Winn in front and side yard setbacks for a carport and boat cover at 1205 Lake Drive Lake George located on LCTM-260B-058. Following the presentation of staff reports, a motion was made by Commissioner Bowen to approve the request, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, with all Commissioners present voting in favor of the motion.
 - b. The Board considered final adoption of the 2040 Liberty County Comprehensive Plan. A motion was made by Commissioner Thrift to adopt the plan, seconded by Commissioner Thrift, with all Commissioners present voting in favor of the motion.
6. The Board considered new business:
 - a. Rev. Doug Harn, Chairman of the Live Oak Library Board of Directors, appeared before the Commission to present an update on the status of operations within the Live Oak system in light of recent changes in administration. Rev. Harn also brought the Commission up to date on a recent vote by the local LOPL Board to add two additional members. Rev. Harn and the Commission discussed the rationale for additional members including having them represent the Eastern and Western sectors of the County. Following discussion the Commission decided to consider the matter during their mid-month meeting.
 - b. Trent Long appeared before the Commission to present bids received on various public works contracts.
 - (1) The Commission considered bids received for improvements to Bill Carter Road. A motion was made by Commissioner Stevens to award the bid to Sittle Construction at a cost of \$336,676.50 with 10% contingency, seconded by Commissioner Walden with all Commissioners present voting in favor of the motion.
 - (2) The Commission considered bids received for improvements to Fox Lane. A motion was made by Commissioner Bowen to award the bid to Dunham Enterprises at a cost of \$214,747.50 with 10% contingency, seconded by Commissioner Thrift, and approved by all Commissioners in attendance.
 - (3) The Commission considered bids received for striping of various roads. A motion was made by Commissioner Thrift to award the bid to NPR South LLC at a cost of \$75,035.35 with a 10% contingency, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, and approved buy all Commisisoners in attendance.
 - c. The Commission briefly discussed letting of certain professional contracts. It was decided that the matter would be discussed with the full Commission at a later date.

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

SIGNED:

Donald L. Lovette, Chairman

Gary Gilliard, Vice Chairman

Marion Stevens, Sr., Commissioner

ATTEST:

Justin Frasier, Commissioner

Joseph W. Brown
County Administrator

Connie Thrift, Commissioner

Pat Bowen, Commissioner

Eddie J. Walden, Commissioner