

MINUTES  
Liberty County Board of Commissioners  
September 4, 2018  
Regular Meeting

1. The meeting was opened by Chairman Lovette with Commissioners Gilliard, Walden, Thrift, and Stevens in attendance.
2. The County Administrator certified compliance with the Georgia Open Meetings Act.
3. The Prayer was offered by Pastor Roland Banks followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. The Board considered minutes of their August meetings. A motion was made by Commissioner Thrift, and duly seconded by Commissioner Walden, to accept minutes as presented with all Commissioners present voting in favor of the motion.
5. Departmental reports were presented:
  - a. Mr. Allen Seifert presented the monthly report of the Liberty County Planning Commission.

A motion was made by Commissioner Walden, and duly seconded by Commissioner Stevens to adjourn to public hearing for a rezoning matter with all Commissioners present voting in favor the motion.

Commissioner Bowen joined the meeting.

1. The Board considered rezoning petition 2018 – 041 – LC, a request by Mickey D. Howe to rezone 4.77 acres of land from AR-1 to B-2 on the North side of Barrington Ferry Road at the intersection of S. Coastal Highway, further described as LCTM – 189 – 030. Following the presentation of staff reports the Board recognized church members from New Outreach for Deliverance Church who were in close proximity to the location. Rev. Venessa Mells, spokesperson for the group, appeared to express concerns over a change in the area related to safety and traffic. Pastor Houston, Minister for the church, expressed disapproval of the request as did Mr. John McIver, a resident of the area. The Board discussed various specifics of the site including a lack of permitting associated with clearing which had already taken place, tires, chemicals, and a mobile home, which had also been placed on the site prior to permitting. A motion was made by Commissioner Walden, and duly seconded by Commissioner Gilliard, to table any action on the matter for 90 days with all Commissioners present voting in favor the motion.

A motion was made by Commissioner Walden, duly seconded by Commissioner Gilliard, to return to regular meeting with all Commissioners present voting in favor of the motion.

6. There was no Old Business to be conducted by the Board.
7. The Board considered New Business:
  - a. Mr. Trent Long, County Engineer, appeared before the Board to present bids received for the resurfacing of Liberty Independent Troop Park track. Mr. Long recommended award to the lone bidder of the project, Carol and Carol Incorporated at a total cost of \$203,660. plus 10%. A motion was made by Commissioner Stevens, and duly seconded by Commissioner Walden, to approve the bid with all Commissioners present voting in favor the motion.
  - b. Chief Deputy, Jon Long, appeared before the Board to request approval of a MOU with the Liberty County Board of Education related to the staffing of a School Resource Officer. Following questions from the Board, a motion was made by Commissioner Thrift, and duly seconded by Commissioner Walden, to approve the agreement subject to final review by the County Attorney, with all Commissioners present voting in favor the motion.
  - c. The Board considered a resolution for the imposition of 911 wireless fees pursuant to recent changes in Georgia law concerning collection and disbursement of these fees. A motion was made by Commissioner Thrift, and duly seconded by Commissioner Gilliard, to approve the resolution with all Commissioners present voting in favor of the motion.
  - d. The Board considered adoption of a change to the Liberty County Personnel Policy instituting new language in section 14.12 related to applicable pay periods for County employees. A motion was made by Commissioner Thrift, and duly seconded by Commissioner

Walden, to approve the amendment with all Commissioners present voting in favor the motion.

e. The Board deferred action on an appointment to the Coastal Regional Commission until the midmonth meeting.

f. The Administrative report was presented:

1. The Board discussed ownership rights associated with an unimproved portion of Maxwell Street in the Sunbury area. A motion was made by Commissioner Bowen, and duly seconded by Commissioner Stevens, to authorize the County Attorney to provide a letter of non-ownership interest in that section of Maxwell Street in question with all Commissioners present voting in favor of the motion.

2. The Board considered release of SPLOST 6 revenues associated with the East End Liberty Regional Medical Clinic upon receipt to the hospital authority. A motion was made by Commissioner Thrift, and duly seconded by Commissioner Stevens, to authorize release with all Commissioners present voting in favor of the motion.

3. The Board was apprised of the need to delay a proposal opening associated with repair of the roof at the East End Center gymnasium.

7. A motion was made by Commissioner Stevens, and duly seconded by Commissioner Walden, to adjourn regular meeting with all Commissioners present voting in favor of the motion.

SIGNED:

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Donald L. Lovette, Chairman

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Marion Stevens, Sr., Commissioner

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Justin L. Frasier, Commissioner

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Connie Thrift, Commissioner

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Pat Bowen, Commissioner

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Gary Gilliard, Commissioner

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Eddie J. Walden, Vice Chairman

ATTEST:

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Joseph W. Brown  
County Administrator