

Minutes
Liberty County Board of Commissioners
March 5, 2019
Regular Meeting

1. The meeting was opened by Chairman Lovette with Commissioners Walden, Gilliard, Bowen, Thrift, and Stevens in attendance.
2. The board certified compliance with the Georgia Open Meetings Act.
3. Pastor Richard Hayes offered the opening prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. The board considered minutes of their February meetings. A motion was offered by Commissioner Stevens to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Thrift, and approved by all commissioners in attendance.

Commissioner Frasier joined the meeting.

5. The board adopted a proclamation in recognition of small business week.
6. Departmental reports were presented:
 - A. The monthly finance report was presented by Ms. Kim McGlothlin. Ms. McGlothlin highlighted the status of various fund accounts and answered questions from the board. The board considered budget amendment 2019 – 04. A motion was made by Commissioner Walden to approve the amendment, seconded by Commissioner Thrift, and approved unanimously.
 - B. Mr. Allen Seifert presented the monthly report of the LCPC.

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

- (1) The board considered rezoning petition 2019 – 006 – LC a request by Ted Eby to rezone 1.45 acres from AR-1 to B-2 on Leroy Coffey Highway further described as LCTM – 120 – 015. Following the presentation of staff reports and questions from board members, the petitioner spoke on behalf of the request. John and Willa Lewis, adjacent property owners, spoke in favor of the request with mention that they would like a stipulation made that it could only be used for office practices. Members of the Merritt and Luckey families appeared to express opposition to the request. The board inquired of the county attorney as to the possibility of setting certain restrictions should the matter be approved and was advised that they could do so and have them inserted as a recorded instrument that ran with the land. A motion was made by Commissioner Stevens to approve the rezoning request, seconded by Commissioner Walden, with Commissioners Walden, Gilliard, Bowen, Thrift, Frasier, and Stevens voting in favor of the motion, Chairman Lovette abstaining due to family connections.
- (2) The board considered rezoning petition 2019 – 007 – LC a request by Liberty Creek Partners LLC/ Hal Hayes on behalf of Kevin Smith to rezone 37.84 acres of land from A-1, AR-1, and R-2 to R-1 further described LCTM 100 – 007. Following the presentation of staff reports, Mr. Travis Bazemore spoke for the petitioner and answered questions from the board. Ms. Johnson, a neighbor in the vicinity, expressed some concern over drainage in the area. A motion was made by Commissioner Stevens to approve the rezoning request, seconded by Commissioner Gilliard, and approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stevens to adjourn public hearing and return to open session, seconded by Commissioner Frasier, and approved unanimously.

- (3) The board considered variance request 2019 – 010 – LC a request by Stoy Marlow to

allow construction of a garage in the front yard setback zone further described as LCTM 335C – 015. A motion was made by Commissioner Stevens to approve the variance request, seconded by Commissioner Frasier, and approved unanimously.

7. The board considered new business:

- A. Mr. Buddy Gratton and L N Mancini, representing Moreland Altobelli Associates appeared, before the board to provide an update on the US 84 Connector project and to answer questions related to supplemental agreement number one with the firm. A motion was made by Commissioner Frasier to approve the supplemental agreement, seconded by Commissioner Thrift, and approved unanimously.
- B. The board considered a resolution in support of US Bike Route 1. A motion was made by Commissioner Gilliard to approve the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Thrift, and approved unanimously.
- C. The board considered proposals received for construction of a new Liberty County Head Start Center. The board was advised that proposals received had greatly exceeded budget expectations. A motion was made by Commissioner Stevens to reject proposals, seconded by Commissioner Thrift, and approved unanimously.
- D. The board considered a resolution opposing Georgia House Bill 302 and Senate House Bill 172 dealing with design standards. A motion was made by Commissioner Stevens to approve the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Frasier, and approved unanimously.
- E. The board considered a resolution authorizing participation in the Georgia Fund One. A motion was made by Commissioner Thrift to authorize participation provided that investment quotes from local financial institutions were .25 or greater, seconded by Commissioner Gilliard, and approved unanimously.
- F. The board considered a resolution designating the county administrator as the official for receipt of Georgia DOR information related to payment of local option taxes. A motion was made by Commissioner Walden to approve the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Gilliard, and approved unanimously.

8. A motion was made by Commissioner Frasier to adjourn to executive session to discuss land acquisition and legal matters, seconded by Commissioner Thrift, and approved unanimously.

9. A motion was made by Commissioner Stevens to adjourn executive session and return to regular meeting, seconded by Commissioner Gilliard, and approved unanimously.

10. A motion was made by Commissioner Gilliard to adjourn regular meeting, seconded by Commissioner Thrift, and approved unanimously.

SIGNED:

Donald L. Lovette, Chairman

Marion Stevens, Sr., Commissioner

Justin L. Frasier, Commissioner

Connie Thrift, Commissioner

Pat Bowen, Commissioner

Gary Gilliard, Commissioner

Eddie J. Walden, Vice Chairman

ATTEST:

Joseph W. Brown
County Administrator