

MINUTES
Liberty County Board of Commissioners
April 2, 2019
Regular Meeting

1. The meeting was opened by Chairman Lovette with all Commissioners in attendance except Commissioner Bowen.
2. The County Administrator certified compliance with the Georgia Open Meetings Act.
3. Prayer was offered by Rev. Doug Harn followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. The Board considered various proclamations:
 - A. Members of the Live Oak public library, local and regional boards, appeared to accept a proclamation on behalf of National Library Week.
 - B. Ms. Ray Dent, and others, appeared to receive a proclamation in recognition of Autism Awareness Month.
 - C. The Board adopted a proclamation in recognition of National County Government Month.
5. The Board considered minutes of their March meetings. A motion was made by Commissioner Stevens to accept the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Walden, and approved by all Commissioners in attendance.
6. Departmental reports were presented:
 - A. Mr. Nirav Gandhi presented the monthly report of the LCPC.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stevens to adjourn to public hearing for a re-zoning matter, seconded by Commissioner Gilliard, and approved by all Commissioners in attendance.

1. The Board considered rezoning action 2019 – 011 – LC, a request by Dana Long to rezone 1.2 acres of land from R1 to A-1 on Islands Highway, further described as a portion of LCTM – 306 – 082. Following the presentation of staff reports, a motion was made by Commissioner Stevens to approved the rezoning request, seconded by Commissioner Gilliard, and approve by all Commissioners in attendance.

A motion was made by Commissioner Frasier to return to regular session, seconded by Commissioner Gilliard, and approved by all commissioners in attendance.

7. The Board considered New Business:
 - A. EMS Director, Mr. Shawn Parker, appeared before the Board to highlight statistical data related to call volume and vehicle mileage. Following questions from the Board, the Commission thanked Mr. Parker for his continued service.
 - B. Marcus Sack, of PC Simonton and Associates, appeared before the Board to discuss the possibility of connecting sidewalks from SEI development into James Brown Park for a continuous trail. A motion was made by Commissioner Frasier to approve the connection, seconded by Commissioner Gilliard, and approved by all Commissioners in attendance.
 - C. The Board considered a resolution with the Georgia Department of Transportation related to the contract for certain planning activities at the MidCoast Airport. A motion was made by Commissioner Thrift to accept the resolution for contract, seconded by Commissioner Frasier, and approved by all Commissioners in attendance.
 - D. The Board considered task order number one with Holt Consulting Group to perform planning activities related to the MidCoast Regional Airport layout plan. A motion was made by Commissioner Thrift to authorize task order one, seconded by Commissioner Frasier, and approved by all Commissioners in attendance.
 - E. The Board was briefed on various items including the upcoming April event calendar, enhancements to the Sunbury ramp, and needed improvements to Interstate Paper Road.

A motion was made by Commissioner Frasier, to adjourn to executive session for land acquisition matters, seconded by Commissioner Gilliard, and approved by all Commissioners in attendance.

9. A motion was made by Commissioner Gilliard to adjourn executive session and return to regular meeting, seconded by Commissioner Thrift, and approved by all Commissioners in attendance.
10. A motion was made by Commissioner Gilliard to adjourn regular meeting, seconded by Commissioner Thrift, and approved by all Commissioners in attendance.

SIGNED:

Donald L. Lovette, Chairman

Marion Stevens, Sr., Vice Chairman

Justin L. Frasier, Commissioner

Connie Thrift, Commissioner

Pat Bowen, Commissioner

Gary Gilliard, Commissioner

Eddie J. Walden, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Joseph W. Brown
County Administrator