

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

1. The meeting was opened by Chairman Lovette with Commissioners Walden, Gilliard, Thrift and Stevens in attendance.
2. The Chairman certified compliance with the Georgia Open Meetings Act.
3. The Board considered minutes of the June meetings. A motion was made by Commissioner Stevens to accept minutes as presented, seconded by Commissioner Thrift, and approved by all Commissioners in attendance.
4. The Board adopted a proclamation recognizing Gullah/Geechee Nation Appreciation Week. Queen Quet, Chieftess of the Gullah/Geechee Nation appeared to give an overview of activities in history surrounding Gullah/Geechee Nation.

Commissioner Bowen joined the meeting.

5. The Board considered new business:

A. The monthly report of the LCPC was presented.

(1) The Board considered a request by Sarah McCartney for both a rezoning and conditional use at 298 Hager Lane further described as LCTM-322-007. The rezoning petition is to request to rezone from A-1 to AR-1. The conditional use is to allow a small retail store to be operated on site.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stevens to adjourn to public hearing for the rezoning matter, seconded by Commissioner Thrift, and approved by all Commissioners in attendance. Staff reports were presented on the matter and Ms. McCartney appeared before the Board to answer questions.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stevens to adjourn public hearing and return to regular meeting, seconded by Commissioner Thrift, and approved by all Commissioners in attendance.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stevens to approve the rezoning and conditional use for 2019-021-LC and 2019-022-LC, seconded by Commissioner Thrift, and approved by all Commissioners in attendance.

(2) The Board considered a proposed ordinance change to amend articles 2 and 3 of appendix A of the Liberty County Zoning ordinance and article 2 appendix B of the subdivision regulations to redefine a waterfront property and allow accessory restructures in the front yard of said properties. A motion was made by Commissioner Stevens to approve the ordinance change, seconded by Commissioner Gilliard, and approved by all Commissioners in attendance.

B. County Engineer, Trent Long, appeared before the Board to review bids received for various road overlay projects in the county. Following some discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Bowen to award the bid to RB Baker Construction at a total cost of \$271,084.84, plus a 10% contingency and to remove the Lewis Frasier portion from said bid, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, and approved by all Commissioners in attendance.

c. The Board considered a request by the Liberty County Development Authority to name a roadway in the East End Development Park to ML Coffey Court. A motion was made by Commissioner Gilliard to approve the road naming request, seconded by Commissioner Thrift, and approved by all Commissioners in attendance.

D. The Board considered a request from Frasier Counseling Center for \$3,000 in drug abuse treatment education funds. A motion was made by Commissioner Thrift to approve the request, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, and approved by all Commissioners in attendance.

e. The Administrative report was presented:

(1) The Board was advised that Isle of Wight substation final planning should be completed by July 30, 2019.

(2) The Board was updated on recent activities involving the proposed transportation special purpose local option sales tax and viewed a presentation concerning proposed disbursements and election information. The Board was informed of an upcoming meeting with the chief elected officials to consider intergovernmental agreements to be reviewed by all government agencies.

(3) The Board was advised that a request had been received to allow Ms. Donna Cochran to replace Mike Hester, on the Liberty County Board of Health. A motion was made by Commissioner Thrift to authorize the appointment, seconded by Commissioner Gilliard, and approved by all Commissioners in attendance.

(4) The Board reviewed the July calendar and discussed possible closure on July 5th. Following some discussion, the Board decided to remain opening on that date.

(5) The Board discussed authorization for release of special-purpose local option sales tax funds for the purpose of providing aluminum seating at Miller Park. A motion was made by Commissioner Stevens to authorize release of funds, seconded by Commissioner Walden, and approved by all Commissioners in attendance.

6. A motion was made by Commissioner Thrift to adjourn to executive session for a personnel matter, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, and approved by all Commissioners in attendance.

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

8. A motion was made by Commissioner Thrift to adjourn regular meeting, seconded by Commissioner Gilliard, 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