

Minutes
Liberty County Board of Commissioners
December 3, 2019
Regular meeting

1. The meeting was opened by Chairman Lovette with all Commissioners in attendance except Commissioner Frasier.
2. The County Administrator certified compliance with the Georgia Open Meetings Act.
3. Mr. Larry Logan opened the meeting with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. The Board reviewed minutes of their November meetings. A motion was made by Commissioner Thrift to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, and approved by all Commissioners in attendance.
5. Departmental reports were presented:
 - A. The LCPC report was presented by Mr. Nirav Gandhi.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Walden to adjourn to public hearing for a rezoning matter, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, and approved by all Commissioners in attendance.

 - (1) The Board considered rezoning petition 2019 – 038 – LC as filed by Richard Phillips to rezone 15.6 acres of land from DM-1 to AR-1. The parcel is identified as LCTM – 262B – 001. Following presentation of staff reports Mr. Phillips answered questions from the Board. Mr. Mike Silverman, representing adjacent property owners, appeared to advise the Board that there no one was in opposition as long as exceptions proposed by LCPC were put in place. A motion was made by Commissioner Bowen to accept the rezoning request subject to special conditions as follows: a total of no more than four parcels to be created pursuant to condition two of the family conveyance exception in section 4.3 of the Liberty County code of ordinances or a total of three parcels may create under the shared access conveyance exception for rural areas in section 4.3 Liberty County code of ordinances; no commercial, agricultural, or horticultural development allowed, seconded by Commissioner Walden and approved with all Commissioners in attendance voting in favor of the motion.
 - (2) The Board considered rezoning petition 2019 – 045 – LC a request by Joshua and Elizabeth Dunaway to rezone 18 acres of land from PUD to AR-1. The parcel further is identified as LCTM – 158 – 017 owned by HCLM LLC. Following the presentation of staff reports a motion was made by Commissioner Bowen to approve the rezoning request, seconded by Commissioner Thrift, and approved by all Commissioners in attendance.
 - (3) Mr. Jeff Ricketson appeared before the Board to highlight a proposed RV ordinance for their consideration. Following questions from the Board, Mr. Ricketson advised that he had forwarded the draft ordinance to the County Attorney for review.

A motion was made by Commissioner Walden adjourn public hearing and return to regular session, seconded by Commissioner Thrift, and approved by all Commissioners in attendance.
6. The Board considered proposals received for the purchase of an excavator for the Liberty County Public Works Department. A motion was made by Commissioner Thrift to award the excavator proposal to Yancey at a total cost of \$188,798, seconded by Commissioner Bowen, and approved by all Commissioners in attendance.
7. The Board considered proposals received for the purchase of a truck, and low boy trailer for the Liberty County Public Works Department. A motion was made by Commissioner Walden to award the proposal to Roberts Truck Center at a total cost of \$130,061, seconded by Commissioner Thrift, and approved by all Commissioners in attendance.
8. The Board reviewed bids received for improvements to Melvin Lane. A motion was made by Commissioner Gilliard to award the bid to Taylor's Creek Construction at a total cost of \$374,164.18 +10% contingency, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, and approved by all Commissioners in attendance.
9. The Board reviewed a disaster recovery and resiliency plan as presented by Mr. Larry Logan

and Ms. Jennifer Klein. Following questions from the Board, a motion was made to accept the plan by Commissioner Thrift, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, and approved by all Commissioners in attendance.

10. The Board reviewed an update to the Liberty County volunteer policy. A motion was made by Commissioner Walden to approve changes to the policy, seconded by Commissioner Gilliard, and approved by all Commissioners in attendance.
11. The Board considered a one-year contract with Eastern District Fire Rescue for lease of fire stations. A motion was made by Commissioner Stevens to approve the one-year lease, seconded by Commissioner Walden, and approved by all Commissioners in attendance.
12. The Board considered appointment of the legislative coordinator with ACCG for 2020. A motion was made by Commissioner Bowen to re-appoint the County Administrator, seconded by Commissioner Thrift, and approved by all Commissioners in attendance.
13. Motion was made by Commissioner Stevens 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