

MINUTES
Liberty County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
January 7, 2020

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lovette with all Commissioners in attendance.
2. The County Administrator certified compliance with the Georgia Open Meetings Act.
3. Prayer was offered by Mr. Bobby Mitchell followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. The Board considered minutes of their December meetings. A motion was made by Commissioner Thrift to adopt the minutes as presented, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, and approved unanimously.

5. Departmental reports were presented:

A. LCPC

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

- (1) The Board considered rezoning request 2019-047-LC, a request by Harry Rogers to rezone 48.91 acres of land from PUD to AR-1. Mr. Nirav Gandhi presented material on the rezoning matter for Board consideration including the presentation of staff reports. No one spoke either in support or opposition of the matter.

A motion was made by Commissioner Walden to adjourn public hearing and return to regular meeting, seconded by Commissioner Thrift, and approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bowen to approve the rezoning request, seconded by Commissioner Frasier, and approved unanimously.

- (2) The Board reviewed a final proposed ordinance concerning RV parks. By consensus, the Board authorized the matter to be forwarded to the LCPC for final review.

6. The Board considered New Business:

A. The Board considered a resolution establishing the young community leaders Commission. A motion was made by Commissioner Frasier to adopt the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, and approved unanimously.

B. The Board considered administration of oath of office to the Young Community Leaders Commission members. Mr. Bobby Mitchell and Mr. Bob Sprinkel introduced members to the Board. Oath of office to these members was administered by State Representative, Al Williams.

C. The Board considered a resolution in support of additional revenue sources to fund the Hope Scholarship Program. A motion was made by Commissioner Stevens to adopt the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Frasier, with Commissioners Walden, Gilliard, Lovette, Thrift, Frasier, and Stevens voting in favor, Commissioner Bowen absent from the vote.

D. Ms. Leah Poole, Executive Director of the Liberty County Convention and Visitors Bureau appeared before the Board to present the bi-annual report.

E. The Board discussed proposals received for construction of the Islands Fire Station. The County Administrator informed the Board that the review committee was working with the high scorer on the project to achieve value engineering and asked that the matter be deferred until the midmonth meeting.

F. The administrative report was presented:

- (1) The Board was reminded of the Commission Planning Session scheduled for February 7, 2020.

7. A motion was made by Commissioner Stevens to adjourn regular meeting, seconded by Commissioner Thrift, and approved unani

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