

MINUTES
Liberty County Board of commissioners
March 19, 2020
Midmonth Meeting

1. The meeting was opened by Chairman Lovette with Commissioners Walden, Gilliard, Stevens, and Thrift in attendance.
2. The County Administrator certified compliance with the Georgia Open Meetings Act.
3. Prayer was offered by Commissioner Thrift followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. Departmental reports were presented:
 - A. The LCPC report was presented by Mr. Jeff Ricketson.
 - (1) the board considered rezoning petition 2020-009-LC, a request to rezone .59 acres of land from PUD to R-2A by Dryden Enterprises. The parcel is located as a portion of LCTM-035-003.

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

Staff reports were presented for action 2020-009-LC. No one from the public was present to speak concerning the matter.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Walden to return to regular meeting, seconded by Commissioner Gilliard, and approved by all Commissioners in attendance.

A motion was made by Commissioner Thrift to approve the rezoning request, seconded by Commissioner Gilliard, and approved by all Commissioners in attendance.

5. The board considered new business:
 - A. The Board reviewed proposals received for a new back hoe for the public works department. A motion was made by Commissioner Gilliard to award the proposal to Flint Equipment Company, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, and approved by all Commissioners in attendance.
 - B. The Board considered ratification of submittal of a Defense Community Economic Development grant. A motion was made by Commissioner Walden to ratify the grant submission, seconded by Commissioner Thrift, and approved by all Commissioners in attendance.
 - C. The Board considered award of sub-elements associated with the Isle of Wight fire substation. A motion was made by Commissioner Stevens to approve the sub-elements as presented by the County Engineer, seconded by Commissioner Gilliard, and approved by all Commissioners in attendance.
 - D. The Board considered the waiver of late fees and disconnects for a ninety day period in response to the local health emergency. A motion was made by Commissioner Stevens to approve the waivers, seconded by Commissioner Thrift, and approved by all Commissioners in attendance.
 - E. The Board reviewed a presentation on the Families First Corona Virus Protection Act as presented by the County Administrator.
 - F. County Attorney Kelly Davis addressed the Board concerning options associated with the potential of holding meetings by teleconference and other means than in person. The Board, in response to limiting meetings during the coronavirus emergency, approved to limit their meetings to one per month. It was decided that the mandatory first Tuesday meeting at 6 PM would be utilized for this purpose.

6. A motion was made by Commissioner Stevens 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