

MINUTES
Liberty County Board of commissioners
August 4, 2020
Regular Meeting

1. The meeting was called order by Chairman Lovette with all Commissioners in attendance.
2. The County Administrator certified compliance with the Georgia Open Meetings Act.
3. Commissioner Stevens offered the opening prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. The Board considered minutes of their July meetings. A motion was made by Commissioner Thrift to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Commissioner Walden, and approved unanimously.
5. The Board recognized Ms. Karen Bell, Liberty Clean and Beautiful Director, who presented a proclamation associated with the Liberty County Great American Cleanup. Ms. Bell briefed the commission on activities currently underway and planned by Liberty Clean and Beautiful as part of this effort. The Board adopted the proclamation as presented.
6. The Board recognized Mr. Thomas Neely, retiring Chairman of the Liberty County Youth Commission, and congratulated him on his success in that position.
7. Departmental reports were presented:
 - A. Mr. Nirav Gandhi presented the monthly report for the Liberty Consolidated Planning Commission.

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

1. The Board considered rezoning petition 2020-019-LC as petitioned by Mamie Hassle to rezone 1 acre of land from AR-1 to R2-a. Property is located at the intersection of S. Coastal Hwy. and Bacontown Road and is further described as LCTM-188-004. Following the presentation of staff reports, a motion was made by Commissioner Stevens to approve the rezoning request, seconded by Commissioner Thrift, and approved unanimously.

2. The Board considered rezoning petition 2020-020-LC as submitted by Mr. Claude Dryden to rezone 75.97 acres of land from AR-1 to PUD. Property is located at Isle of Wight Road and is further identified as LCTM-241D-060. Following the presentation of staff reports Mr. Marcus Sack, engineer for the project, addressed certain issues related to development including traffic congestion and safety on Isle of Wight Road. The Board inquired as to whether or not an updated traffic study had been performed and was advised that it had not. Ms. Odessa Rice, Ms. Alice Quarterman, and Mr. Duncan Reagan, all addressed the commission to express concerns over safety on the roadway with only one point of entrance and exit proposed for subdivision development. A motion was made by Commissioner Thrift to approve the rezoning request subject to standard and special conditions including that the minimum front setback for all lots be 15 feet, seconded by Commissioner Walden, with Commissioners Thrift, Frasier, Lovette, Bowen, Gilliard, and Walden voting in favor, Commissioner Stevens opposed.

3. The Board considered rezoning petition 2020-021-LC as requested by Ms. Natalie Matson to rezone .75 acres of land from R1 to R2 at the intersection of Limerick Road and Lake Drive. The property is further described as LCTM-260B-045. Following the presentation of staff reports, a motion was made by Commissioner Thrift to approve the rezoning request, seconded by Commissioner Frasier, with Commissioners Stevens, Thrift, Frasier, Lovette, Gilliard, and Walden voting in favor of the motion. Commissioner Bowen absent from the vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Frasier to adjourn public hearing and return to regular meeting, seconded by Commissioner Thrift, with Commissioners Stevens, Thrift and Walden voting in favor of the motion. Commissioner Bowen absent from the vote.

Commissioners Bowen and Frazier were excused from the meeting.

4. Mr. Nirav Gandhi addressed the Board concerning a previously reviewed ordinance associated with RV parks. Following discussion, the Board authorized the matter to be placed on

the September agenda.

8. The Board considered New Business:

A. Ms. Linda Martin, Chairman Liberty County Board of Elections, appeared before the Board to provide an update on election activity and status of the office. Ms. Martin advised the commission that the board had appointed a new chief registrar, Ms Rhonda Walthour, who was taking steps to ready the office for the upcoming elections. Ms. Martin also advised that procedures were being put into place so that receipt and certification of absentee ballots could began sooner and therefore hopefully minimize the time required for their processing. The Board thanked Ms. Martin for her update.

B. The Board considered an intergovernmental agreement with the City of Hinesville associated with the 2020 Edward Byrne Grant for law enforcement. A motion was made by Commissioner Stevens to approve the intergovernmental agreement for the grant funds, seconded by Commissioner Thrift and approved by all Commissioners in attendance.

C. Administrative report was presented:

1. The Administrator highlighted calendar activities scheduled for August and noted that convenience center expansion for high-growth areas would be considered as part of a study being conducted by Culbertson and Associates. The Board chose a logo for the Mask-Up Liberty campaign as presented by the Assistant County Administrator.

9. A motion was made by Commissioner Gilliard to adjourn the 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