

Minutes
Liberty County Board of Commissioners
March 3, 2026
Regular Meeting

1. The meeting was opened by Chairman Lovette, with Commissioners Stevens, Frasier, Thrift, Blount, and Gilliard in attendance. Commissioner Walden was absent.
2. The Chairman certified compliance with the Georgia Open Meetings Act.
3. Bishop Kendall Paige offered the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. The board considered approval of the minutes from the February 2026 meetings.

Commissioner Frasier moved to approve the February 2026 minutes, seconded by Commissioner Thrift; all commissioners in attendance approved.

5. Dr. Karen Bell presented the proclamation for the Great American Cleanup, which will take place from March through June 2026, with a goal to remove twenty-five billion pieces of litter from our parks, waterways, and public services by July 4th, 2026. Dr. Bell presented the proclamation for American Red Cross Month in March 2026. The board adopted both the Great American Cleanup and the American Red Cross Month, 2026 proclamations.

6. Departmental Reports:

- A. Mr. Ricketson presented Conditional Use 2026-05-LC, submitted by M.E. Sack Engineering on behalf of owner Ricky Reeves, for a tree service business, including staging activities and managing timber materials. The property is located on Leroy Coffey Highway in unincorporated Liberty County. It is further described as LCTM Parcel 206091 (portion thereof) in District 4. LCPC recommends approval of Conditional Use 2026-05-LC with standard and special conditions.

Commissioner Frasier made a motion to go into public hearing, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, and approved by all Commissioners in attendance.

Mr. Ricketson answered the board's questions.

Commissioner Stevens made a motion to come out of public hearing, seconded by Commissioner Frasier, and approved by all Commissioners in attendance.

Commissioner Blount made a motion to approve the LCPC recommended Conditional Use Request 2026-05-LC with standard and special conditions, seconded by Commissioner Stevens and approved by all Commissioners in attendance.

7. Old Business:

- A. Mr. Long briefed the board on roadway improvements for Live Oak Drive in District 2, stating that the bid price received by J.W. Oliver Construction, Inc. was \$2,428,920. Mr. Long stated that the bid price would deplete Commissioner Frasier's funds. Mr. Long presented an option to overlay the project, which would reduce the cost to \$292,270.

Commissioner Frasier spoke to the board about the project and thanked his fellow Commissioners for their help and Commissioner Gilliard for his willingness to contribute funds.

Commissioner Frasier made a motion to approve the contract with a charge order, reducing the price to \$292,270—plus a 10% contingency—seconded by Commissioner Thrift. Commissioner Frasier and Mr. Long answered questions from Commissioner Gilliard regarding the project. All Commissioners in attendance approved the motion.

8. New Business:

- A. Mr. Mosley briefed the board on the 5th Amendment to the Tower License agreement between Liberty County, Ga, and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC, and answered questions from the board.

Commissioner Thrift made a motion to approve the agreement with the fifth Amendment to the tower license, seconded by Commissioner Stevens.

Chairman Lovette addressed the youth in the audience, stating that we are the County, but we sit in the City of Hinesville. The discussed tower is located behind the emergency management office; it is a County-owned tower, but we share it with the City of Hinesville for their equipment. We work on projects with other cities within the County and with partners who put sales tax dollars to work for our community.

All Commissioners in attendance approved the motion.

9. Admin report:

- A. Mr. Mosley reminded the board about the 2026 Planning Workshop on March 16th and 17th at MidCoast Regional Airport, starting at 8:30 a.m.
- B. Mr. Mosley informed the board that we have started our budgets, which were due today, March 3rd, 2026, and will begin reviewing them next week. The budgets will be brought before the Board in April 2026.
- C. Mr. Mosley stated that LCDA invited the Board of Commissioners to tour all of the facilities it owns. Mr. Mosely requested that the board inform him who will go on the tour provided by LCDA, because if it is a quorum, he will need to advertise it. Mr. Mosley will send out an email to all Board members regarding LCDA's invitation so they can RSVP.

Chairman Lovette requested that the record reflect the youth group's attendance in the audience. Ms. Mackenzie Blanchard, president of the Marcus Scott Allstars, stated that they meet once a month to learn different leadership qualities and improve their contributions to the community.

10. Adjourn:

Commissioner Gilliard made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Frasier, and approved by all Commissioners in attendance.

Liberty County Board of Commissioners

SIGNED:

Donald L. Lovette, Chairman

Gary Gilliard, Vice-Chairman

Marion Stevens, Sr., Commissioner

Justin Frasier, Commissioner

Connie Thrift, Commissioner

C. Timothy Blount, Commissioner

Eddie J. Walden, Commissioner

Attest:

Joseph M. Mosley, County Administrator