

LIBERTY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Minutes

April 2, 1991 10:00 a.m.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Coffey with all Commissioners in attendance. Reverend Anderson gave the opening invocation.

1. Mr. Pete Clark, Executive Director of the Liberty County Joint Planning Commission, gave his monthly report. Motion was made by Commissioner Anderson to grant a special request for exemption to Mr. Abraham Lambert to rezone 1.05 acres of land in Liberty County, seconded by Commissioner Gaskin and approved unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Anderson to grant a conditional use permit to Ms. Peggy W. Smith, seconded by Commissioner Gaskin and approved unanimously.

2. Motion was made by Chairman Coffey to appoint Joseph W. Brown to the Personnel Committee and Liaison Committee, seconded by Commissioner Carter and approved unanimously.

2. Mr. Dan Altobelli, of the firm Moreland Altobelli and Associates, gave the monthly progress report on the roads under the 1¢ Sales Tax program. Motion was made by Commissioner Rogers to proceed with the Sandy Run and Main Street paving projects, seconded by Commissioner White and approved unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rogers to proceed with the Patriots Trail paving project, seconded by Commissioner White and approved unanimously.

3. Mr. Steve Moreland gave a progress report on the Courthouse Renovation project and the annex building.

4. Mr. Carl Johnson appeared before the Board of Commissioners to express his concern over junkyards in his area. Commissioner Groover gave his support of cleaning up the junkyards and advised Mr. Johnson that he was working to resolve the problem. Mr. Johnson also expressed his concern over the right of way at the entrance of Blount subdivision. The Commissioners instructed the County Administrator to work with the road superintendent to check into the right of way situation to see if it could be widened.

5. Pat Sapp, Clean Community Coordinator, appeared before the Board of Commissioners to inform them that Keep America Beautiful month would be held April 21-27, and gave them a progress report on beautification projects within the County. Commissioners commended Mrs. Sapp for a job well done.

6. Mrs. Dorothy Wiley, the tourism director for the CGRDC in Brunswick, gave a tourism presentation. Commissioners commended Mrs. Wiley for a job well done.

7. Mr. Jim Swatz, representing the firm Schell & Hogan CPAs, gave a report on the County financial status. Commissioners reviewed the report and commended Mr. Swatz for his work in the budgetary process.

8. Mr. Paul Simonton and Mr. Robert Savadge appeared before the Board to update them on the progress of the Comprehensive Land Use Plan, the 911 implementation, and the Solid Waste Management Plan.

9. The Commissioners considered a request by the Isle of Wight Country Club to hold the annual Isle of Wight Festival at the Jones Creek Recreational Park. Motion was made by Commissioner Gaskin to grant the use of this park for the project, seconded by Commissioner White and approved unanimously.

10. Commissioners considered leasing agreements for the two 1991 Ford-type three ambulances recently acquired by the County. Commissioner Gaskin made a motion that the lease of these two units be accomplished by resolution with the Hinesville Bank, seconded by Commissioner Carter and approved unanimously.
11. Commissioners discussed a funding request for a proposed second library to be built within Liberty County. The Commissioners maintained their commitment to participate in 10% of the total construction costs and 1/3 of the yearly operational costs thereafter. A motion was made by Commissioner Rogers to notify the Library Board as to the commitment made by the Board of Commissioners, seconded by Commissioner White and approved unanimously.
12. Motion was made by Commissioner Gaskin to appoint Joseph W. Brown as the County Administrator to succeed the position vacated by Michael J. Stewart and further to go ahead and advertise for an assistant administrator, seconded by Commissioner Groover and approved unanimously.
13. A motion was made by Commissioner Groover to alter the signature cards at the Hinesville Bank by adding Joseph W. Brown as County Administrator, seconded by Commissioner Gaskin and approved unanimously.
14. A motion was made by Commissioner White to approve budget adjustments that provide for the funding of survey and appraisal for the State Patrol office building and to provide the initial set up for the lease purchase of the ambulances, seconded by Commissioner Carter and approved unanimously.
15. The Commissioners considered the role of the Public Works Director within Liberty County. Commissioner Rogers made a motion to remove the Public Works Director from that capacity and move him to the Landfill where he might be able to concentrate specifically on Solid Waste implementation measures, mosquito control, animal control, and recycling. Commissioners Rogers, Groover, Gaskin, Carter, and Anderson voted in favor of the motion, while Commissioner White abstained from the vote.
16. The County Administrator presented a proposal to obtain borrow material from land owned by Steve Sikes. Motion was made by Commissioner Rogers to approve the Sikes borrow pit agreement, seconded by Commissioner Groover and approved unanimously.
17. Commissioners discussed the purchase of a new Lowboy trailer unit to be used at the Road Department. Chairman Coffey instructed the County Administrator to obtain prices on a used model.
18. Commissioner White brought the Board up to date on the Tri-County Protective Agency and encouraged the Board members to visit the site. Commissioner White also commended the County Clerk for actions taken in getting signs donated for the Welcome Home ceremony for the troops and also commended the Maintenance staff for the erection of these signs.
19. The County Attorney presented an amendment to the Liberty County Code of Ordinances Section 11-16 pertaining to carnivals. Commissioner White made a motion to approve the amendment to the carnival ordinance, seconded by Commissioner Carter and approved unanimously.
20. Motion was made by Commissioner Carter to accept accounts payable for the month of March, seconded by Commissioner Anderson and approved unanimously.
21. A motion was made by Commissioner Carter to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss personnel matters, seconded by Commissioner Gaskin and approved unanimously.

M.L. Coffey
M.L. Coffey, Chairman

Tracy Groover
Tracy Groover, Commissioner

Charles M. Gaskin
Charles Gaskin, Vice-Chairman

Pat White
Pat White, Commissioner

Willie Anderson
Rev. Willie Anderson, Commissioner

Donald Carter
Donald Carter, Commissioner

Harry Rogers
Harry Rogers, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Joseph W. Brown
Joseph W. Brown
County Administrator