

Minutes  
Liberty County Board of Commissioners  
January 15, 2025  
Regular Meeting

1. The meeting was opened by Chairman Lovette, with Commissioners Stevens, Frasier, Thrift, Blount, and Gilliard in attendance. Commissioner Walden is absent.
2. The Chairman certified compliance with the Georgia Open Meetings Act.
3. County Administrator Joseph M. Mosley offered the prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. Bi-Annual Update:
  - A. Ms. Daisy Jones provided a Bi-Annual Update for the SOAR Re-entry Center and answered questions from the board.
  - B. Ms. Leah Poole provided a Bi-Annual Update for the Liberty County Convention & Visitors Bureau and answered questions from the board.
5. Departmental Reports:
  - A. Finance – Samantha Richardson
    - (1) Mr. Kirk Arich from Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC. Provided the FY 2025 Audit for the Liberty County Board of Commissioners. Mr. Arich stated that Mauldin & Jenkins issued an unmodified or clean opinion and that this is the best opinion you can get at this type of audit. “We do think everything’s materially correct in your statements, and they can be relied on by you all and by outside parties. This is the highest level of assurance that we can offer you all as your external auditor. Mr. Arich wanted to congratulate Liberty County on getting a great opinion. We also did a single audit report because there was more than \$750,000.00 of federal funds that were used. We made sure that the county was under the compliance on whether the county followed the guidelines of the grant that was significant. So this year, we looked at the Hatter mitigation program with approximately 28 million in expenditure, and we did not identify any problems. So, we issued a clean or unmodified opinion. Mr. Arich answered questions from the board.
    - (2) Ms. Samantha Richardson gave a report on the November 2025 finances. Ms. Richardson answered some questions from the board.
  - B. Engineering – Trent Long
    - (1) Mr. Long gave an update on all of Liberty County’s active projects. He provided a brief update on the active projects and answered questions from the board.
    - (2) Mr. Long requested approval of roadway improvement to be given to J.W. Oliver Construction, Inc. Mr. Long answered questions from the board and the board decided to table this request by the next meeting.
6. New Business:
  - A. The county attorney, Mr. Kelly Davis, presented the board and inter-governmental agreement for Hinesville Downtown Development Project/City of Hinesville on the property located at 135 South Main Street, Hinesville, Georgia. HDDA would like to help revitalize the downtown business district. Originally, the county planned to sell the property. Mr. Davis answered questions from the board. Commissioner Thrift made a motion to approve the Resolution and the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Hinesville Downtown Development Project, seconded by Commissioner Blount approved, and Commissioners Stevens, Thrift, and Blount approved, but it was denied by Commissioner Frasier.
  - B. Joseph Mosley presented the contract for services with the City of Walthourville for the Tax Commissioner to collect taxes on their behalf, with a cap of \$9,150.00. Mr. Mosley also raised a point regarding the City of Flemington's contract, which is under negotiation for amendment. Mr. Mosley answered questions from the board. The board has decided to table the contract until the next meeting.

7. Mr. Mosley shared the ACCG Policy on how to address the rise in Ad Valorem Taxes throughout the state. He stated that this is not just a Liberty County problem but a statewide.
8. **Commissioner Frasier made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Blount, and approved by all commissioners in attendance.**

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Donald L. Lovette, Chairman

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Gary Gilliard, Vice-Chairman

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Marion Stevens, Sr., Commissioner

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Justin Frasier, Commissioner

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Connie Thrift, Commissioner

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C. Timothy Blount, Commissioner

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Eddie J. Walden, Commissioner

Attest:

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Joseph M. Mosley, County Administrator