

Minutes
Liberty County Board of Commissioners
January 6, 2026
Regular Meeting

1. Chairman Lovette opened the meeting with Commissioners Stevens, Thrift, Blount, and Gilliard in attendance.
2. The Chairman certified compliance with the Georgia Open Meeting Act.
3. Bishop Paige offered prayers, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Frasier arrived for the commissioner's meeting.

Chairman Lovette addressed the public regarding tax assessment bills and FLOST. He also encouraged the public to visit the County Administration office and the Assessors' office for any questions.

Chairman Lovette invited County Attorney Kelly Davis to explain the public participation process and procedures during County Commission meetings.

County Attorney Kelly Davis addressed the public and explained public comment law and provided avenues for the public to voice their concerns.

4. Recognition:
 - A. Mr. Ricky Gillard and Mr. Steven Young of the Liberty County Recreation Department introduced the 2025 GRPA 10U Football champions, the All-Star Cheerleaders, and their coaches. The Commissioners in attendance presented certificates of achievement to the 10U Football team and the All-Star Cheerleaders for their accomplishments during the 2025 season.

The All-Star Cheerleaders gave a cheer demonstration for the Board of Commissioners and the citizens of Liberty County

5. New Business:
 - A. Mr. Jeff Ricketson briefed the Commissioners on Conditional Use Request 2025-54-LC. LCPC recommended approval of the request with the standard and special condition that all food sales must be done off the premises.

Chairman Lovette entertained a motion to go into public hearing; motioned by Commissioner Frasier and seconded by Commissioner Thrift. All Commissioners in attendance favored motion to go into public hearing.

Ms. Jasmine and Mr. Dismas came before the Board of Commissioners and gave a brief description of her business named Cholitas.

Commissioner Blount made a motion to accept LCPC's recommendation of approval with standard and special condition, seconded by Commissioner Stevens. Commissioner Stevens, Thrift, Blount, and Gilliard favored the motion Commissioner Frasier abstained from voting.

Chairman Lovette entertained a motion to come out of public hearing; motioned by Commissioner Stevens and seconded by Commissioner Thrift. All Commissioners in attendance favored motion to come out of public hearing.

- B. Mr. Jeff Ricketson did the 2nd reading of Liberty County Ordinance to amend Chapter 6 (Animals), Article 1. Mr. Ricketson answered questions from the Board of Commissioners

Commissioner Blount motioned to amend ordinance, seconded by Commissioner Frasier, and approved by all Commissioners in attendance.

- C. Mr. Clinton Stanley presented a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between McIntosh County and Liberty County, Georgia for the use of radio frequencies between counties. Mr. Stanley answered questions from the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Gilliard motioned to approve MOU, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, approved by all Commissioners in attendance.

- D. Mr. Mosley came before the board regarding approval of funding allocation to start the Main Trail South and Trail South Roads in the Trails subdivision project. Mr. Mosley answered questions from the board. Commissioner Stevens requested to bring back on the agenda for the February 2026 meeting.
- E. Mr. Mosley requested approval of the December 2025 meeting minutes.

Commissioner Stevens motioned to approve the December 2025 meeting minutes, seconded by Commissioner Gilliard and approved by all Commissioners in attendance.

Mr. Mosley answered questions from the Board of Commissioners regarding FLOST and TSPLOST effective dates.

6. Administrative Report:

- A. Mr. Mosley gave the announcement that EMA will be conducting a public hearing on January 14th, 2026, to solicit input on the 2026 Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- B. Mr. Mosley informed the Board that he will be visiting with the GDOT Transportation District Engineer to discuss Liberty County projects and request State funding.
- C. Mr. Mosley gave the Board an update on the renovations of Briar Park and Jesse Stevens Park. Mr. Mosley answered questions from the Board of Commissioners.

Chairman Lovette addressed a comment made regarding SPLOST and TSLOST.

The Commissioners, one by one, addressed those in attendance and watching online to say happy New Year and gave their condolences to the families who have recently lost loved ones.

Chairman Lovette acknowledged the presence of City of Hinesville Councilman Jose Ortiz, City of Walthourville Councilwoman Bridgette Kelly, and City of Walthourville Councilman Patrick Underwood, who were in attendance. He also urged citizens to visit the Assessor's office regarding their property tax bill.

7. Adjourn:

- A. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Gilliard, 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 W. Brown, County Administrator