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Liberty County, FL

Liberty County Board of County Commissioners - Regular Meeting

Thursday, March 5, 2026 at 6:00 pm

ZOOM LINK AND CALL IN NUMBER

Topic: Liberty BOCC - Regular Meeting

Time: Mar 5, 2026 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Invocation**
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 4. Awards and Recognitions**
- 5. Audience Concerns**

Public comment shall be limited to three minutes per person. Topics to be addressed by speakers should pertain to items on the agenda. Comments shall be directed to the chair and not be directed to engage commissioners or other members of the public in debate. Speakers may not give their time to other people.

COUNTY DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Monthly Department Briefing

- Brian Eddins – Fire Control Coordinator
- Marie Arick – Extension Director
- Deanna Bryant – Recreation Director
- Melissa Peddie – Ambulance Director
- Cole Maloy – Solid Waste Director

- Boo Bryant – Road and Bridge Superintendent
- Monica Welles – Transit Director
- - Building Department
- - SHIP Director
- Ben Guthrie – Emergency Management Director
- Kaly Barfield – Grants and Special Projects Coordinator
- County Engineer - Dewberry

6. Motion to Amend Agenda

7. Adoption of the Agenda

8. Motion to Approve Consent Items

CONSENT ITEMS

9. Motion to Approve Board Minutes

Attachments:

- [BOCC Regular Meeting Minutes - Feb. 5th 2026](#)

10. Motion for the Clerk to Pay the Bills

Attachments:

- [Check Warrant List 02-26](#)

11. Letters of Support

12. Human Resource Management

- New Hires
- Resignations
- Retirements

13. Next Month Meeting Schedule

- The next BOCC meeting is scheduled for April 9, 2026, at 6:00 PM EST.

14. Civic Center - ACF Dredging Project Public Hearing

- BOCC will consider approval for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to use the Liberty County Civic Center at no cost on March 31, 2026, from 4:00–8:00 PM (EST) to conduct a public hearing regarding the ACF Dredging Project.

Attachments:

- [Marie - Dredging Meeting](#)

15. Ben Guthrie - 911 Grant Request

- BOCC to consider grant request for 911 rural county maintenance grant program.

Attachments:

- [Grant Packet](#)

16. LCSO - Contract Approval

- BOCC to consider the approval of Liberty S.O. to move forward with PRIME health contract.

17. Alday Howell Engineering - Sidewalk Refurbishment

- BOCC to consider the FDOT Transportation Alternative Project Agreement and Resolution. This is for sidewalk restoration at CR 12 from south of Spring Branch RD to SR 20.

Attachments:

- [455235-2_Off System Project Maintenance Agreement LEGAL FINAL](#)
- [455235-2_Off System Project Maintenance Resolution LEGAL FINAL](#)

18. Kaly Barfield - Boat Ramp Improvement Agreement

- BOCC to consider CDBG-DR grant agreement for Bristol Boat Ramp improvements.

Attachments:

- [Agreement](#)
- [Scope of Work](#)

19. Resolution 2026-07 - FBIP Grant Application

- BOCC to consider approval for 2026 FBIP Grant Application for the Bristol Boat Ramp and Resolution 2026-07

Attachments:

- [2026 FBIP \(Bristol Boat Ramp\) - Resolution](#)

ACTION ITEMS

20. Boykin Rd

- BOCC to reconsider request made by Melissa Muza regarding Boykin Rd.
- Item was tabled during February 5th BOCC meeting.

21. Bid Award - Mary Branch Bridge Repair

- BOCC to award bid for the Mary Branch Bridge Repair project.

Attachments:

- [CR 379 Mary Branch Bridge Repair - Bid Tabulation Sheet](#)

22. Thornton Davis - Road & Bridge Vehicles

BOCC to consider proposal by Thornton Davis - Nextran for yearly trade-in program for Road & Bridge vehicles.

Attachments:

- [Nextran - Buyer's Order](#)

23. Proposal Award - Administration and Engineering for Veterans Park

- BOCC to award administration and engineering contracts for CDBG Veterans Park improvements.
- Committee to provide recommendation.

24. Kaly Barfield - CR 379 SCOP CEI

- BOCC to select CEI company for CR 379 SCOP project

25. Culpepper - Change Order 020

- BOCC to consider Change Order 020 that adds concrete, room conversion, and electrical supply to a pole barn and lift station for the Jail project.

Attachments:

- [OCO 020 - Rec yard concrete, Toilet 176A, Pole Barn & Lift Station Electrical](#)

26. Culpepper - Change Order 021

- BOCC to consider change order 021 that states funds are being shifted within the existing budget to cover minor adjustments and corrections across several trades for the Jail project. The changes include ADA sink replacements, small repairs, and equipment-related items. There is no change to the overall contract amount or project schedule.

Attachments:

- [OCO 021 - CM 12, 13, 14 Multiple Changes](#)

Public Hearing

BOCC to close regular BOCC meeting and open public hearing regarding proposed ordinances.

27. Ordinance 2026-01 - Kratom

- County Attorney Ken Hosford to present Ordinance 2026-01 prohibiting the sale, possession, manufacture, distribution, and advertisement of kratom and kratom-derived products within Liberty County. The ordinance establishes definitions, enforcement authority, and criminal and civil penalties for violations.

Attachments:

- [Ordinance 2026-01 - Kratom](#)

Close Public Hearing

Board to close public hearing and reopen regular BOCC meeting.

28. Ordinance 2026-01 - Kratom

- BOCC to consider Ordinance 2026-01

29. Draft Ordinance - 2026-02 - Fire Tax

- BOCC to approve the draft Ordinance - 2026-02 for Fire Tax for advertisement.

Attachments:

- [Fire Tax 2026-02 - Business Impact Estimate](#)
- [Fire Tax Ordinance 2026-02](#)

30. Draft Ordinance - 2026-03 - School Zone Cameras

- BOCC to approve the draft Ordinance-2026-03 for School Zone Speed Cameras for advertisement.

Attachments:

- [School Zone Enforcement Ordinance 2026-03](#)

31. Clerk Ford - Riparian Stakeholder Coalition

- BOCC to consider the yearly dues of \$5,000 for the Riparian County Stakeholder Coalition for FY 2025/26.

Attachments:

- [LIBERTY RCSC DUES 2025](#)

DISCUSSION ITEMS

32. Dewayne Branch, Chairman - District 1

33. Hannah Causseaux, Commissioner - District 2

34. Jim Johnson, Commissioner - District 3

35. Doyle Brown, Vice Chairman - District 4

36. Derrick Arnold, Commissioner - District 5

37. Ken Hosford, County Attorney

38. Dusty Arnold, Liberty County Sheriff

39. Jace Ford, Liberty County Clerk of Court and Clerk to the Board

40. Motion to Adjourn

41. Signature

- Dewayne Branch, Chairman _____

- Jace Ford, Clerk _____

Florida Statute 125.001 requires that due public notice be given of all regular meetings of the Board of County Commissioners of a County in the State of Florida. Florida Statute 286.0105 requires that notices of any meeting or hearing, if a meeting or hearing is required, must include the following language, "if a person decides to appeal any decision made by the board, agency or commission with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing he will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he may need to insure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based."

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