

Liberty County, FL

Liberty County Board of County Commissioners - Special Meeting

Minutes

Tuesday, April 28, 2026 at 5:00 pm

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Meeting Location

Veterans Memorial Civic Center - 10405 NW Theo Jacobs Way; Bristol, Florida 32321

Zoom link and Call in numbers

Topic: Liberty BOCC - Special Meeting

Time: Apr 28, 2026 05:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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1. Call to Order

Minutes:

- Chairman Branch called the meeting to order in person and through Zoom at 5:06 EST. Present at the meeting are Chairman Branch, Vice Chairman Brown, Commissioner Causseauex, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Arnold, Clerk Ford, and Deputy Clerk DeLoach. County Attorney Ken Hosford present

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2. Invocation

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- Mr. Derek Causseaux gave the Invocation.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

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- Mr. Bruce Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Audience Concerns

Minutes:

- No audience concerns

Action Items

5. Motion to Amend the Agenda

Minutes:

- Motion to amend the agenda to add the Fair Housing Workshop to action item #12 made by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Arnold. Motion carried.

6. Motion to Adopt the Agenda

Minutes:

- Motion to adopt the agenda made by commissioner Johnson and seconded by commissioner Brown. Motion carried.

Public Hearing

BOCC to enter into 2nd Public hearing regarding FY 2025 CDBG Small Cities Grant.

7. FY 2025 CDBG Small Cities Grant - 2nd Meeting

Minutes:

- Noah Byler from Dewberry has proposed a plan to secure \$1.2 million in funding, aimed at covering the second phase of the boat ramp project on the downriver side. This phase is not only essential for improving accessibility but also includes the construction of a sheet pile wall, which will help stabilize the bank and prevent erosion. By incorporating this feature, the project can ensure the longevity and safety of the boat ramp, making it more user-friendly for the community and local boating enthusiasts. Securing this funding is a vital step toward enhancing the infrastructure and recreational opportunities in the area, ultimately supporting local businesses that benefit from river-related activities.
- No public comments made.

- No BOCC comments made.

Close Public Hearing

BOCC to close public hearing and resume regular meeting.

8. CDBG Resolution

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- Motion to approve Resolution 2026-16 made by commissioner Johnson and seconded by commissioner Brown. Motion carried.

9. CPTA Grant

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- Clerk Ford stated that the proposal prepared by Apalachee Regional Planning Council was for a grant request to fund the County's required Comprehensive Plan update next year. He explained the current proposal amount is \$65,000, but the County may request the full \$75,000 grant limit if needed, and noted that supporting documents included a resolution and letters of support from both the County and ARPC.
- Motion to approve the proposal made by commissioner Johnson and seconded by commissioner Causseaux. Motion carried.

10. Tera Hinson - SHIP LHAP

Minutes:

- Mrs. Hinson could not be in attendance.
- Clerk Ford stated that the County is required to renew the LHAP document every other year and that minor revisions were made to the SHIP portion to place greater emphasis on health and safety improvements, such as handrails and smoke detectors, before cosmetic repairs. He noted the remainder of the document remained largely unchanged and that a resolution was included for approval of the updated document.
- Motion to approve the updated LHAP made by Commissioner Brown and seconded by Commissioner Johnson.
- Commissioner Brown stated that SHIP funding should continue prioritizing health and safety needs, including septic system repairs, noting that failing septic systems can create health hazards and place a major financial burden on homeowners who cannot afford the costly repairs.
- Motion carried

11. LHAP Resolution

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- Motion to approve the LHAP Resolution made by Commissioner Brown and seconded by Commissioner Johnson. Motion carried.

12. Dewberry - Fair Housing Workshop

Minutes:

- Noah Byler started the workshop for fair housing by sharing the importance of fair housing initiatives aimed at raising awareness of ordinances that ensure equal access to safe and affordable housing for everyone, regardless of their background. By educating the community about their rights under the Fair Housing Act, these initiatives can help combat discrimination and promote inclusive neighborhoods, enhancing the overall well-being of families and communities.
- No comments and no action taken.

Discussion Items

13. Motion to Adjourn

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- Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Arnold. The motion carried.

14. Signature

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