

Newton County Board of Commissioners
August 3, 2021
1124 Clark Street
Covington, Georgia 30014
AGENDA SUMMARY

Present; Chairman Banes, Commissioners: Cowan, Henderson, Sanders, Mason, Edwards, County Attorney Megan Martin, County Manager Lloyd Kerr and Deputy Clerk Susan Nolley.

7:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order-Chairman Banes
2. Invocation-Commissioner Henderson
3. Pledge
4. Agenda Adoption **APPROVED** *amended items 9(g) 10(b) 10(c)
5. Citizen Comments **NONE**
6. Reports from Chairman Banes

Chairman Banes presented Ms. Keelyn Harper with an Award and commended her for outstanding citizenship in assisting an entrapped person in a vehicle.

LaTonja Hamp introduced The Bicentennial #200 Awards Committee, explained their purpose and announced plans for upcoming events.

7. Reports from County Manager

Lloyd Kerr presented Exemplary Service Awards to Cynthia Wieman and Katelyn Bigley.

8. Old Business **NONE**

9. Consent Agenda **APPROVED**

Approval of Minutes 7-20-2021

9.(a) Juvenile Court-requesting approval of Legal Services Agreement for indigent defense contractor for Newton County Juvenile Court.

Cost: \$41,250.00

Funding Source: Juvenile Court Budget

Budgeted: Yes

Match: No **APPROVED**

9.(b) Superior Court-Requesting approval for Resource Court Treatment Provider Contracts with Southeastern Psychological Associates, View Point Health and Advantage Behavioral Health Systems to provide treatment services for Resource Court Participants.

Cost: No new cost

Funding: FY 2022 CJCC Budget for Alcovy Resource Court

Budgeted: Yes

Match: No **APPROVED**

9.(c) Newton County Sheriff's Office/Purchasing-requesting approval of Amendment #4 for Barnsley Construction Law Enforcement Expansion. Change Order, 24, 25, 26, 27 at guaranteed max price.

Cost: \$19,572.26 for Change Order – Total contract price-\$3,409,109.26

Funding Source: SPLOST & Capital Fund

Budgeted: Yes

Match: No **APPROVED**

9.(d) Public Works-requests approval to award the Guardrail Replacement Project to Bagwell Fence. Guardrail replacements at the following locations; Henderson Mill Road Bridge, Mt. Tabor Road Bridge, Hazelbrand Road Bridge, Crowell Road, and Jack Neely Road.

Cost: \$132,533.00

Funding Source: 2017 SPLOST

Budgeted: Yes

Match: No **APPROVED**

9.(e) BOC/Purchasing-requesting approval of contract for Sunbelt Construction for Design Build Services @ Washington Street Community Center and Cousins Center.

Cost: \$39,150.00 WSCC / \$9,600.00 Cousins Center

Funding Source: SPLOST-WSCC/Capital Fund-Cousins Center

Budgeted: Yes

Match: No **APPROVED**

9.(f) Recreation/Purchasing-requesting approval of contract for Lose Design for Design Services @ Yellow River Trail System.

Cost: \$29,500.00

Funding Source: SPLOST

Budgeted: Yes

Match: No **APPROVED**

9.(g) **Amended item 10(b)**

10. Board Discussion/Consideration

Public Works-requesting approval to purchase ROW and easements @ Snapping Shoals Creek Bridge Replacement Project @ Brown Bridge Road.

Cost: \$19,600.00

Funding Source: FHWA & 2017 SPLOST

Budgeted: No

Match: No **APPROVED**

10.(b) Board Discussion/Consideration

GIS-Scott Sirotkin presented a PowerPoint presentation and illustrations of the Upper Oconee Watershed Risk MAP Project. FEMA is proposing revisions to its Flood Insurance Rate Maps in Newton County. **NO ACTION REQUIRED**

10. (c) Board Discussion Reinstatement of Mask Ordinance and Social Distancing-R090120
End date 12-31-2021. **APPROVED**

11. Board Discussion/Consideration

Tax Assessors Office-requests approval of refund for erroneous Street Light Fees paid by LeeAnn Makowski in the amount of \$172.88 per tax year of 2018, 2019 and 2020. **APPROVED**

12. Board Discussion/Consideration

Intergovernmental Agreement between Newton County, Georgia and the City of Covington for maintenance, improvements and operation of Sandy's Dog Park within Chimney Park. **TABLED**

13. Board Discussion/Consideration

Resolution #060121-A Resolution by the Board of Commissioners of Newton County to abandon Public Right of Way in a portion of FFA Camp Rd. **APPROVED**

14. Board Discussion/Consideration

Resolution #R080321- A Resolution in opposition to the imposition of an additional \$1.00 FEE by the Newton County Tax Commissioner for Tax Collection Services performed on behalf of Municipalities in Newton County, Georgia. **APPROVED**

15. Board Discussion/Consideration

Resolution #R080321A- A Resolution regarding the Newton County Board of Commissioners interaction with County Officers and employees who are subject to the direction and supervision of the County Manager. **TABLED**

16. Board Discussion/Consideration

Resolution #R080321B-A Resolution of the Newton County Board of Commissioners authorizing hunting and trapping of coyotes on certain County properties. **APPROVED**

17. Board Discussion/Consideration

Resolution #R080321C-A Resolution of the Newton County Board of Commissioners Approving FY 2022 Appropriations to Entities Conferring Substantial Benefits to Citizens of Newton County. **APPROVED**

18. Board Discussion/Consideration

Resolution #R080321D-A Resolution of the Newton County Board of Commissioners to Adopt and Annual Budget for FY 2022. Beginning July 1 2021 Ending June 30, 2022. **APPROVED**

Alcohol License 1st Reading
1814 Quick Stop LLC, Owner: Narsing Rao
1814 Highway 11
District 1

Citizen Comments

Olinda Richard-Hodge
Rosie Crawford
Rodney J. Williams
Regail Stovall

Board Comments

Commissioner Edwards-thanked Brittany White, Finance Director and County Manager Lloyd Kerr and staff for all their hard work and effort in putting the FY 2022 Budget in place.

Commissioner Mason-commended Brittany White, Finance Director and Lloyd Kerr, County Mgr. on the FY 2022 Budget. Recap on activities and upcoming events @ Denny Dobbs Park, (Splash Pad and Skate Park) and expressed the need for volunteers for the Countywide Cleanup.

Commissioner Sanders-Workout series update, August 14th Body Jump Fitness, and Ladies Retreat August 21st.

Commissioner Henderson-expressed concerns for local evictions and homelessness.

Commissioner Cowan-thanked Lloyd Kerr, County Manager and Brittany White, Finance Director for the FY 2022.

Chairman Banes-Expressed gratitude thanking Lloyd and Brittany for all of their hard work and effort in finalizing the FY 2022 budget. Announced a Book Bag and Laptop giveaway @ 1182 Washington Street, Saturday, August 7th.

Adjourn

10:08 P.M.