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NEWTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
1124 Clark Street
Covington, Georgia
Regular Meeting
Agenda
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Thought for the day...

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- 7:00 p.m. 1. Call to Order: Chairman Marcello Banes
 2. Invocation: Pastor Kenneth Norrington, Union Grove United Methodist Church
 3. Pledge of Allegiance
 4. Agenda Adoption
 5. Citizen Comments
 6. Chairman's Report
1 7. County Manager's Report
 • Miscellaneous Reports

Old Business – None

New Business –

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 4. Agenda Adoption

**Motion by Commissioner Sims, second by
Commissioner Schulz to approve the agenda.
Motion passed unanimously. (5-0)**

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**Motion by Commissioner Henderson, second by Commissioner Sims to approve the Consent Agenda with the addition of item 8k.
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**Motion by Commissioner Henderson, second by Commissioner Sims to approve the request in an amount not to exceed \$79,341.
Motion passed unanimously. (5-0)**

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Motion by Commissioner Edwards, second by Commissioner Sims to approve the R-060518 – A Resolution regarding the Appointment of the Primary Personnel Hearing Officer in accordance with the Newton County Board of Commissioner Employee Handbook.

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Commissioner Henderson had stepped out of the meeting room and was not present during the vote.

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8:51 p.m.

Motion to Adjourn made by Commissioner Henderson and second by Commissioner Schulz.

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AGENDA ADOPTION

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CITIZEN COMMENTS

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

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Old Business – None

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