



Newton County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
Agenda  
September 6, 2022  
7:00 p.m.  
1124 Clark Street-Historic Courthouse  
Covington, Georgia 30014

*Thought for the day....*“We are only strong as we are united, and weak as we are divided.”

~Albus Dumbledore ~

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Banes

2. **Invocation:**

3. **Pledge:**

4. **Adoption of the Agenda:**

5. **Citizen Comments:**

6. **Reports from Chairman Banes**

Presentation - Dr. Audrey Arona

7. **Reports from ICM Jarvis Sims**

8. **Unfinished Business**

*\*Tabled June 7, 2022 Proposed Facilities Policy – Resolution R090622 (R060722)*

9. **Consent Agenda**

9a) Minutes: Regular Meeting August 16, 2022

Minutes: Work Session 7:00 p.m. August 31, 2022

9b) Newton County Resource Court is requesting approval for contract with Southeastern Psychological Associates to provide grant-funded treatment services to Resource Court participants in FY23.

Time Sensitive/Deadline Requirement: Yes

Cost: No new cost/Funding Source: FY23 Alcovy Resource CJCC Grant/Budgeted: Yes

Match: No

***Presenter: Robert Fox***

9c) Newton County Resource Court is requesting approval for contract with Southeastern Psychological Associates to provide grant-funded treatment services to Resource Court participants in FY23.

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Match: No

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9d) Newton County Sheriff’s Office seeks funding through GEMA (Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security) to support the development of a collaborative gang intelligence system. Funding will be fully reimbursed.

Time Sensitive/Deadline Requirement: No

Cost: \$90,000.00/Funding Source: GEMA (Reimbursement Grant)/Budgeted/Match: N/A

***Presenter: Sheriff Ezell Brown***

9e) Board Appointment – (District 4)

Appointment to Animal Services Board

Dorothy Piedrahita

**Items for Board/Discussion/Consideration**

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10. Cornish Creek/Water Resources request to increase GEFA (Georgia Environmental Finance Authority) funding for Williams Street Project from \$12,000,000.00 to \$22,000,000.00 to meet continued requirements for the project.  
Time Sensitive/Deadline Requirement: Yes/Date: 09/15/2022  
Cost: N/A/Funding Source: GEFA/Budgeted: No/Match: No  
***Presenter: James Brown, Newton County Water Resources Director***
  
11. Covington-Newton County 911 is requesting approval of Public Safety Radio System Change Order 6v9. The change is to add additional software to utilize enhanced data on the radios.  
Time Sensitive/Deadline Requirement: Yes/Date: ASAP  
Cost: \$661,678.00/Funding Source: APX Subscribers/APX NEXT/XE-SPLOST-Enhanced Data/ Budgeted: Yes/Match: Yes  
***Presenter: Trudy Henry, Director***
  
12. Parks and Recreation Department/Purchasing is requesting approval of Sunbelt Builders, Inc. Design Build Amendment #1 for Turner Lake Restroom Renovations.  
Newton County Various County Facilities – Parks and Recreation (Project #RFP 22-20).  
Time Sensitive/Deadline Requirement: No  
Cost: \$153,103.00/Funding Source: Capital Improvements/ Budgeted: Yes/ Match: No  
***Presenter: Dwayne Mask, Parks and Recreation Dept. Director/Jeff Prine***
  
13. Parks and Recreation Department/Purchasing is requesting approval for Matrix Engineering Group, Inc. proposal #082422-1 for Geotechnical Exploration-Task Order #13 Materials Testing for Newton County Springhill Neighborhood Park.  
Time Sensitive/Deadline Requirement: No  
Cost: \$12,950.00/Funding Source: SPLOST/Budgeted: Yes/Match: No  
***Presenter: Dwayne Mask, Parks and Recreation Dept. Director/Jeff Prine***
  
14. Consideration to approve Resolution R090622A to initiate Abandonment Proceedings (Fairfield Property)  
**A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF  
NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, TO DETERMINE THAT CERTAIN  
COUNTY RIGHT-OF-WAY NO LONGER SERVES A SUBSTANTIAL  
PUBLIC PURPOSE; TO INITIATE ABANDONMENT PROCEDURES; AND FOR  
OTHER PURPOSES**
  
15. Discussion: ARPA Funding
16. Citizen Request for Penalties and Interest Waiver – Ms. Carlotta Veal
17. **Citizen Comments**
18. **Board Comments**
19. **Executive Session (If Needed)**
20. **Adjourn**