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NEWTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
1124 Clark Street
Covington, Georgia
Regular Meeting
Agenda
September 18, 2018

Thought for the day...

“To handle yourself, use your head; to handle others, use your heart.”
– Eleanor Roosevelt

- 7:00 p.m. 1. Call to Order: Chairman Marcello Banes
 2. Invocation: Pastor Phillip Cone, Grace Baptist Church
 3. Pledge of Allegiance
 4. Agenda Adoption
 5. Citizen Comments
 6. Chairman’s Report
1 a. Chamber of Commerce Quarterly Update
 7. County Manager’s Report
2-3-SP Miscellaneous Reports
- Old Business –**
None
- New Business –**
9. **CONSENT AGENDA**
9a. Superior Court: Requesting approval of Adult Felony Drug Court Independent Contractor Agreement for treatment Services

9b. Superior Court: Requesting approval of Adult Felony Drug Court Independent Contractor Agreement for drug screening Services.
- 4 9c. Finance: Seeking approval to accept the FY2019 Community Service Block Grant from GA DHR in the amount of \$115,584.00 (Assist low to moderate income families)
- SP 9d. Finance/Water Fund: Seeking approval of Acceptance Of GEFA Drinking Water State Revolving Fund loan in the amount of \$23,289,000. Loan Number DW2017023
- 5-6 10. **FINANCE: SEEKING APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION R091818 - A RESOLUTION TO CHANGE WEEKDAY FOR EMPLOYEE PAYMENTS FROM A THURSDAY TO FRIDAY EFFECTIVE WITH THE DECEMBER 28, 2018 PAY DATE.**

- 7-8 11. **FINANCE: SEEKING APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION R091818a - A RESOLUTION TO CONSOLIDATE "FIREMAN'S FUND" WITH "COUNTY GRANT FUND" AND ACCEPT FUNDS CONTAINED IN THE FIREMAN'S FUND.**
- 9 12. Fire Services: Seeking approval for a replacement apparatus (Engine/Pumper).
Cost: \$609,689.00
Funding Source: 2017 SPLOST funds for replacement vehicles.
- 10-11 13. Human Resources/Risk Management: Seeking approval of the 2018/2019 Property & Casualty Insurance Policy Renewal.
Broker: Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management Services, Inc.
Cost: Not to exceed \$565,869.00
Budgeted
- 12-13 14. Public Works: Requesting approval to execute Construction Agreement with GDOT for the Flat Shoals Road @ Covington Bypass Intersection Improvements.
County's Cost: \$10,000
Funding Source: 2011 SPLOST & FHWA Grant

7:30 PM

ZONING/PUBLIC HEARING

The applicant and those in favor of the petition are allowed ten-minutes to address the board. In addition, ten-minutes are allotted for those in opposition to the petition. This ten-minute allotment does not include a response.

- 14-SP 15. Rezoning Case Number REZ18-000004
- 14-SP 16. Conditional Use Permit Case Number CUP18-000002
17. Alcohol License:
Final Reading
Almon Best Buy
66 Almon Road
Covington, GA 30016
Owner: Jones Petroleum Co., Inc.
Licensee: Rozina Habibali Meran
District 3
18. Citizen Comments
19. Commissioner Comments
20. Executive Session
21. Adjourn

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- 7:00 p.m. 1. Call to Order: **Vice Chairman Commissioner Ronnie Cowan**
- County Attorney Megan Martin reminded the Vice Chairman and the public that he could participate in the vote while serving as Vice Chairman in the meeting.**
2. Invocation: **Pastor Phillip Cone, Grace Baptist Church**
3. Pledge of Allegiance: **Commissioner Henderson**
4. Agenda Adoption
- County Attorney Megan Martin recommended including as Item 14a, which also included a Public Hearing for a Discussion/Consideration of O-091818A – An Ordinance Removing Division II, Chapter 4, Article II of the Newton County Code Relating to Bonds; to Repeal Conflicting Provisions; and to Provide for an Effective Date and for Other Purposes.**
- Motion by Commissioner Henderson, second by Commissioner Sims to add Item 14a. as stated by the County Attorney.**
Motion passed unanimously. (5-0)
- Vice Chairman Cowan requested to remove Item 9e. from the Consent Agenda and add it as Item 14b.**
- Motion by Commissioner Sims, second by Commissioner Edwards to remove Item 9e. from the Consent Agenda and add it as Item 14b.**
Motion passed unanimously. (5-0)
- Vice Chairman Cowan requested to remove Item 9b. from the Consent Agenda and to adopt the Agenda.**
- Motion by Commissioner Edwards, second by Commissioner Sims to remove Item 9e. from the Consent Agenda and to adopt the Agenda.**
Motion passed unanimously. (5-0)

- 5. Citizen Comments
- 6. Chairman's Report
 - a. Chamber of Commerce Quarterly Update
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 - Miscellaneous Reports

Old Business – None

New Business –

- 9. **CONSENT AGENDA**
 - 9a. Superior Court: Requesting approval of Adult Felony Drug Court Independent Contractor Agreement for treatment Services
 - ~~9b. Superior Court: Requesting approval of Adult Felony Drug Court Independent Contractor Agreement for drug screening Services. **Removed altogether from the Consent Agenda.**~~
 - 9c. Finance: Seeking approval to accept the FY2019 Community Service Block Grant from GA DHR in the amount of \$115,584.00 (Assist low to moderate income families)
 - 9d. Finance/Water Fund: Seeking approval of Acceptance Of GEFA Drinking Water State Revolving Fund loan in the amount of \$23,289,000. Loan Number DW2017023

PUBLIC HEARING

- ~~9c. Approval of tax refund request by Lynn Bailey, Lucille England, and Jacob Young for overpaid taxes on Tax Map & Parcel No. 0055A00000016000 for tax years 2015-2017 in the amount of \$2,206.93.
Item renumbered as Item 14b.

**Motion by Commissioner Edwards, second by Commissioner Sims to approve the Consent Agenda.
Motion passed unanimously. (5-0)**~~
- 10. **FINANCE: SEEKING APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION R091818 - A RESOLUTION TO CHANGE WEEKDAY FOR EMPLOYEE PAYMENTS FROM A THURSDAY TO FRIDAY EFFECTIVE WITH THE DECEMBER 28, 2018 PAY DATE.**

**Motion by Commissioner Sims, second by Commissioner Schulz to approve R091818 – A Resolution to Change Weekday for Employee Payments from a Thursday to Friday Effective with the December 28, 2018 Pay Date.
Motion passed unanimously. (5-0)**

- 7-8 11. **FINANCE: SEEKING APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION R091818a - A RESOLUTION TO CONSOLIDATE "FIREMAN'S FUND" WITH "COUNTY GRANT FUND" AND ACCEPT FUNDS CONTAINED IN THE FIREMAN'S FUND.**
- Motion by Commissioner Edwards, second by Commissioner Sims to approve R091818a – A Resolution to Consolidate "Fireman's Fund" with "County Grant Fund" and Accept Funds Contained in the Fireman's Fund.
Motion passed unanimously. (5-0)
- 9 12. Fire Services: Seeking approval for a replacement apparatus (Engine/Pumper).
Cost: \$609,689.00
Funding Source: 2017 SPLOST funds for replacement vehicles.
- Motion by Commissioner Sims, second by Commissioner Edwards to approve the request for a replacement apparatus (Engine/Pumper) at a cost not to exceed \$609,689.00 with the funding to come from the 2017 SPLOST funds for replacement vehicles.
Motion passed unanimously. (5-0)
- 10-11 13. Human Resources/Risk Management: Seeking approval of the 2018/2019 Property & Casualty Insurance Policy Renewal.
Broker: Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management Services, Inc.
Cost: Not to exceed \$565,869.00
Budgeted
- Motion by Commissioner Edwards, second by Commissioner Sims to approve the 2018/2019 Property & Casualty Insurance Policy Renewal with Broker: Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management Services, Inc. at a cost not to exceed \$564,655.
Motion passed unanimously. (5-0)
- 12-13 14. Public Works: Requesting approval to execute Construction Agreement with GDOT for the Flat Shoals Road @ Covington Bypass Intersection Improvements.
County's Cost: \$10,000
Funding Source: 2011 SPLOST & FHWA Grant
- Motion by Commissioner Henderson, second by Commissioner Sims to execute the Construction Agreement with GDOT for the Flat Shoals Road @ Covington Bypass Intersection Improvements at a cost of \$10,000 to be paid from the 2011 SPLOST & FHWA Grant.
Motion passed unanimously. (5-0)

PUBLIC HEARING

- 14a. Discussion/Consideration of O-091818A – An Ordinance Removing Division II, Chapter 4, Article II of the Newton County Code Relating to Bonds; to Repeal Conflicting Provisions; and to Provide for an Effective Date and for Other Purposes.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards, second by Commissioner Sims to approve O-091818A – An Ordinance Removing Division II, Chapter 4, Article II of the Newton County Code Relating to Bonds; to Repeal Conflicting Provisions; and to Provide for an Effective Date and for Other Purposes.

Motion passed unanimously. (5-0)

PUBLIC HEARING

- 14b. Approval of tax refund request by Lynn Bailey, Lucille England, and Jacob Young for overpaid taxes on Tax Map & Parcel No. 0055A00000016000 for tax years 2015-2017 in the amount of \$2,206.93.

Motion by Commissioner Sims, second by Commissioner Edwards to approve tax refund request by Lynn Bailey, Lucille England, and Jacob Young for overpaid taxes on Tax Map & Parcel No. 0055A00000016000 for tax years 2015-2017 in the amount of \$2,206.93.

Motion passed unanimously. (5-0)

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- 14-SP 15. Rezoning Case Number REZ18-000004
Motion by Commissioner Schulz to approve REZ18-000004 with Staff Recommended Conditions, second by Commissioner Sims.
Motion passed unanimously. (5-0)
- 14-SP 16. Conditional Use Permit Case Number CUP18-000002
Motion by Commissioner Schulz to approve CUP18-000002 with Staff Recommended Conditions, second by Commissioner Henderson.
Motion passed unanimously. (4-1-0)

Commissioner Sims abstained due to potential conflict of interest.

17. **Alcohol License:
Final Reading
Almon Best Buy
66 Almon Road
Covington, GA 30016
Owner: Jones Petroleum Co., Inc.
Licensee: Rozina Habibali Meran
District 3
**Motion by Commissioner Schulz to approve the Alcohol License with a Second by Commissioner Sims.
Motion passed unanimously. (5-0)****
18. **Citizen Comments**
19. **Commissioner Comments**
20. **Executive Session**
21. **Adjourn**

**Motion by Commissioner Sims, second by Commissioner Edwards to adjourn.
Motion passed unanimously. (5-0)**