

Newton County Board of
Commissioners Regular Meeting
Agenda
7:00 PM

Historic Courthouse-1124 Clark Street
Covington, Georgia 30014
Tuesday, September 19, 2023



Thought for the day... "Be humble in your confidence, yet courageous in your character."
~Author Unknown~

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Banes
2. **Invocation**
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Adoption of the Agenda**
5. **Citizens Comments** (Agenda topics only)
6. **Unfinished Business**
7. **Reports from Chairman Banes**
8. **Reports from the County Manager**
9. **Consent Agenda**
 - a) Regular BOC Meeting Minutes - September 5, 2023
 - b) NCSO requesting approval to accept the FY22 SCAPP State Criminal Alien Assistance Program award in the amount of \$6,553.00
Time Sensitive: Yes/Deadline Requirement: October 10, 2023/Cost: N/A
Funding Source: Bureau of Justice Assistance (BIA)/Budgeted:
No/Match: No
 - c) Office of the County Manager is requesting approval to renew contract with Pitney Bowes for use of postage machine.
Time Sensitive: Yes/Deadline Requirement: September 26, 2023
Cost: billed quarterly @ \$210.18/Funding Source: Rental of Equipment/Budgeted:
Yes
 - d) Newton County Senior Svcs. is requesting approval to accept the FY 2024 Transportation Memorandum Of Understanding Agreement with the Northeast Georgia Commission. This MOU Agreement is for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.
 - e) Newton County Senior Services is requesting to partner with Northeast Georgia Regional Commission (NEGRC) and Care and to accept the \$10,000.00 grant funding to assist with the Annual Senior Expo and Health Fair sponsored by Newton County Senior Services.
Resolution #R091923 - A Resolution to partner with Northeast Georgia Regional Commission and Care Source and to accept the grant funding of \$10,000.00.
 - f) Newton County Senior Services is requesting approval of **Resolution #091923a**
- A Resolution to approve the FY 2024 Aging Services contract with Northeast Georgia Regional Commission. Contract period July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024.
Time Sensitive: Yes/Funding Source: NEGRC&NCSS/Budgeted: Yes/Match: Yes

- g) Newton County Senior Services is requesting approval of Amendment #2 for Sunbelt Builders, Inc. Construction Management/Design Build Contract for Various Projects- Senior Services Phase 2 (Project Number RFP 22-20). Increase amount: \$19,942.22 for all the additional work as described in amendment. Increasing overall agreement to \$1,270,722.99.
- h) Parks and Recreation is requesting approval of Sunbelt Builders, Inc. Change Order #1 for construction at Stone Road Concessions. Time Sensitive: No/Cost: \$38,031.37 Funding Source: Impact Fees/Budgeted: Yes/Match: No
- i) Covington-Newton County 911 is requesting approval of Memorandum of Understanding with Henry County for radio interoperability. Time Sensitive: Yes/Date: ASAP/Cost: N/A
- j) Covington-Newton County 911 is requesting approval of TUSA Change Order #4. Reason for Change Order Request: Motorola Solutions has missed their implementation date and is requesting a three-month extension. TUSA has included a retainer to support Newton County for the next year. Cost: \$54,460.00/Funding Source: 911 Budget Budgeted: Yes/Time Sensitive: Yes
- k) Public Works is requesting approval of a reimbursement agreement with Snapping Shoals EMC for utility relocation on Davis Ford Road. Time Sensitive: Yes/ Date: September 19, 2023.Cost: \$8,480.91/ Funding Source: Impact Fee Funds

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION

- 10. Presentation on the Transportation Plan for Newton County by the Atlanta Regional Commission.
- 11. Consideration of Proposed Annexation of Map & Parcels 0083-012, 0083-013/0083-014 located at 10593 & 10701 Highway 36.
The City of Covington is requesting to annex approximately 2.45 acres total of land off Highway 36, north of Piper Road. The request comprises three properties.
Presenter: Attorney Patrick Jaugstetter
Consideration of Proposed Annexation of Proposed Annexation of Map & Parcels 0079- 009B located at Flat Rock Road.
The City of Covington is requesting to annex approximately 15.28 acres of a 125 total acre tract off Flat Rock Road and south of Gregory Road.
Time Sensitive: Yes/ Deadline Requirement: September 19, 2023
Presenter: Attorney Patrick Jaugstetter
- 12. Finance - FY23 Year End Budget Amendments **Presenter: Finance Director Brittany White**
- 13. Magistrate Court is requesting approval of an additional Deputy Clerk II position for Magistrate Court. Time Sensitive: No/Cost: Annual Salary and benefits will be \$64,767.71. As of September 5, 2023 the cost for the remainder of FY2024 is \$53,557.92.
Funding Source: Court is requesting that the contingency fund be utilized to fund this position. Budgeted: No/Match: Yes **Presenter: Probate Judge Melanie Bell**
- 14. Human Resources & Risk Management is requesting approval to renew the

2023/2024 Property & Casualty Insurance Policy. Time Sensitive: Yes/Deadline
Requirement: September 30, 2023 Cost: \$1,301,209.00/Funding Source: Risk
Fund/Budgeted: Yes/Match: No

Presenter(s): H.R. & Risk Mgmt. Dir. Amanda Shoemaker, Dean Hayes/Bob Saville

15. Newton County Tax Commissioners Office

Mr. Ralph Ivey owes several years in back taxes and is asking the BOC to waive all penalties and interest on unpaid taxes. Back taxes owed for years 2020/2021/2022 and 2023.

*Note: this is a secondary property. (District 5)

Total delinquent amount owed -\$8,867.97/ Interest/Penalties -

\$1,904.97 Balance due if Interest/Penalties are waived -\$6,962.69

15a) Mr. Zengin Ismail is requesting the BOC to waive all penalties, interest and fees on unpaid taxes.

Total delinquent amount owed - \$4,595.11 / Interest/Penalties - \$591.96

Balance due if Interest/Penalties are waived - \$4,003.15. (District 3)

Presenter: Newton County Tax Commissioner Account Mgr. Margaret Smith

16. Public Works is requesting approval by BOC for additional funding with

NOVA for the materials testing and inspection services for the CR 511/Brown

Bridge Road @

Yellow River Bridge Replacement Project (PI 0015096) & the CR 511/Brown Bridge

Road @ Snapping Shoals Creek Bridge Replacement Project (PI 0015097). Time

Sensitive: Yes

Cost: \$49,410.00/Funding Source: SPLOST (100%) Budgeted: Yes/Match: No

Presenter: Transportation Director Chester Clegg

17. iParametrics/BOC/Purchasing is requesting approval of iParametrics Amendment

#1, ARAP Consultant Contract. Amendment #1 amount \$420,000.00 with total

contract price not to exceed \$840,000.00. Funding Source: ARPA Funds

Presenter: Kennedy Shannon, iParametrics

18. **Citizens Comments**

19. **Board Comments**

20. **Executive Session** (To discuss land acquisition)

21. **Adjourn**