

NEWTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
1124 Clark Street
Covington, Georgia
Regular Meeting
AGENDA SUMMARY
May 18, 2021

Thought for the day...

"We may encounter many defeats but we must not be defeated."

Maya Angelou

- 7:01 p.m.**
1. Call to Order: Chairman Baner
 2. Invocation
 3. Pledge of Allegiance
 4. Agenda Adoption

Chairman Baner requested to add Item 10a.
Discussion/Consideration of rescinding vote on a previous motion at the 05/04/2021 Board of Commissioners meeting regarding the funding of the Juneteenth Festival.

Motion made by Commissioner Henderson with a second from Commissioner Cowan to approve the amended agenda. Approved (5-0) Commissioner Edwards was attending the meeting telephonically.

5. Citizen Comments
6. Chairman's Report:
7. County Manager's Report:
PowerPoint Presentation
8. Old Business: None
9. Consent Agenda
- 9a. Finance Department:
Request to have such as surplus property
 - 1991 Ford F350 Truck
 - IT Data Tapes
 - 17 Push/Riding mowers
 - 2 Weed Eaters
 - 1 Chainsaw
- 9b. County Clerk: Approval of SCM Minutes dated February 2, 2021
- 9c. County Clerk: Approval of ES Minutes dated May 4, 2021

Motion made by Commissioner Mason with a second by Commissioner Sanders to approve the Consent Agenda. Approved (5-0)

10. Discussion/Consideration of External Appropriations

Motion made by Commissioner Sanders to adopt the policy written by the County Attorney regarding External Appropriations with a second by Commissioner Mason.
Approved (5-0)

10a. Discussion/Consideration of rescinding vote on a previous motion at the 05/04/2021 Board of Commissioners meeting regarding the funding of the Juneteenth Festival

Motion made by Commissioner Cowan to rescind the vote on the motion made at the 05/04/2021 Board of Commissioners meeting regarding the funding of \$1,500 to the Black Historical Society for the Juneteenth Festival with Commissioner Mason seconding the motion.
Approved (3-2) Commissioners Sanders and Henderson voted in opposition.

11. Financial Reports for April 20, 2021

11a. Financial: Budget Transfer & Amendment Requests (Miscellaneous Departments)

Motion made by Commissioner Henderson with a second by Commissioner Mason to approve the budget transfers for New Positions from the Contingency Fund to the specific Departments to fill positions with a second by Commissioner Mason.
Approved (5-0)

Motion made by Commissioner Cowan with a second by Commissioner Sanders to move money to the Capital Line for Public Works to purchase two tractors.
Approved (5-0)

Motion made by Commissioner Cowan with a second by Commissioner Mason to disperse Recreation money back to the Recreation Department as a County Department and to move \$316,000 of the Recreational Department's fund balance to Capital Improvements to use for Capital Projects with a second by Commissioner Mason.
Approved (4-0) Commissioner Edwards was no longer on the call to participate in the meeting.

Commissioner Cowan made a motion to increase the shelter fee revenue to increase the medical services expenditures for Animal Services with a second by Commissioner Sanders. Approved (3-1-0) Commissioner Henderson abstained from the vote.

Motion made by Commissioner Cowan with a second by Commissioner Henderson to recognize the debt service fund budget for GEFA 02L21WJ which was inadvertently left off the FY21 Budget.
Approved (4-0)

12. GIS Dept. requests approval of a Professional Service agreement with Geographic Information Services, Inc.
Cost: \$30,500.00
Budgeted: Yes
Funding source: 50% GIS Depts. Professional Services
50% City of Covington

Motion made by Commissioner Henderson to approve with a second by Commissioner Cowan.
Approved (4-0)

13. Public Works requests approval of BOC to purchase 2 John Deere Tractors from Ag-Pro.
Cost: \$162,902.02
Budgeted: No
Funding Source: Public Works General Fund FY 2021

Motion made by Commissioner Cowan to approve the purchase of 2 John Deere Tractors from Ag-Pro at a cost of \$162,902.02. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mason.
Approved (4-0)

14. Purchasing Dept. requests approval of renewal for Bonfire.
Cost: \$5,000.00 (*\$5,000.00 a year for 3 years)
Budgeted: Yes
Funding Source: General Fund

Motion made by Commissioner Henderson with a second by Commissioner Sanders to approve the request to renew the contract with Bonfire.
Approved (4-0)

15. Parks and Recreation requests approval of fees (as attached)
Cost: N/A

Budgeted: N/A

Motion made by Commissioner Henderson with a second by Commissioner Mason to approve.
Approved (4-0)

16. Senior Services request approval of GA Food Contract for FY 2021- 2022 (Home Delivered Meals for Senior Citizens)
Budgeted: Yes
Funding Source: State Federal and private funding

Commissioner Henderson made a motion to approve with a second by Commissioner Mason.
Approved (4-0)

7:30 PM

ZONINGS – 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.

17. Appeal Case Number APP21-000001
Applicant: Timothy & Cheryl Bell
Location: 520 Smith Store Rd
Map & Parcel Numbers: 14-250
District: 2 (Two)
FLUM: DN (Development Node)
Zoning: AR (Agricultural Residential)
Acreage: 1.4 acres
Appeal to the Board of Zoning Appeals decision (Denied) at the March 25, 2021 meeting to be allowed to park two commercial dump trucks on the property. Variance Case #VAR21-000003
Board of Zoning Appeals recommended denial by a vote of (4-1) at the March 25, 2021 meeting.
Board of Commissioners on May 4th, 2021 tabled the petition to the May 18th, 2021 Board of Commissioners meeting by a vote of (5-0) to allow for time to research previous ordinances on Truck Parking regulations.

Motion made by Commissioner Mason to approve the 1 (one) dump truck as grandfathered (legal non-conforming) with a second by Commissioner Edwards.
Approved (3-1-1) with Commissioner Henderson abstaining and Commissioner Sanders voting in opposition.

18. Conditional Use Permit Case Number CUP21-000001
Applicant: Cindy Ramos & Marbella Ayala
Location: 19 Poplar Hill Rd

Map & Parcel Number: 104-003
District: 5 (Five)
FLUM: AF (Farming Agricultural)
Zoning: A (Agricultural)
Acreage: 45.06 acres
Request: To establish a Special Events Facility for weddings,
reunions and other event gatherings

Motion by Commissioner Cowan to table the petition for 60 days with no Special Events to be held on the property during this time. Commissioner Sanders seconded the motion.

Approved (5-0)

19. Citizen Comments
20. Commissioner Comments
21. Executive Session
None
22. Adjourn

Motion made by Commissioner Henderson with a second by Commissioner Sanders to adjourn the meeting.
Approved (4-0)