

NEWTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
1124 Clark Street-Historic Courthouse  
Covington, Georgia 30014  
Special Called Meeting  
Minutes

January 27, 2022

In attendance, Chairman Banes, Commissioners: Edwards, Sanders, Henderson and Cowan, Attorney Patrick Jaugstetter, Deputy Clerk Susan Nolley.

Commissioner Mason was not present during regular meeting session until the board resumed @ 5:20 P.M.

8:30 A.M.

1. Call to Order- Chairman Banes
2. Invocation-Chairman Banes
3. Pledge of Allegiance-led by Commissioner Sanders
4. Agenda Adoption

Commissioner Edwards motioned to approve adoption of the agenda, Commissioner Cowan seconded, Commissioner Henderson and Commissioner Sanders opposed. Vote 2-2.

Chairman Banes broke the tie vote to adopt the agenda. Passed 3-2

5. Discussion and vote on procedures for interviewing candidates and selecting finalists for the interim County Manager position.

**Interview Procedures** - An email was sent to all commissioners with a series of questions that Ms. Amanda Shoemaker, Human Resource Director would ask each candidate in the interview process. The series of questions would be the same for each candidate. It's suggested that any additional questions from the commissioners be presented to the attorney or Ms. Shoemaker for further review as each candidate will receive the same series of questions. At the end of the interviews, commissioners vote to name one or more finalist for the interim County Manager position.

Commissioner Edwards made the motion to approve interview procedures as stated, Commissioner Cowan seconded. Commissioner Henderson and Commissioner Sanders opposed. Vote 2-2

**Summary of Board Discussion**-The selection process and the interview format as proposed is restricting commissioners to ask questions to the candidates for a position that reports to the board, it is one of the most important non-elected positions in the county. Elected officials should be able to ask questions to the candidates that are being put in place.

Chairman Banes broke the tie vote. Vote 3-2. Passed

8:41 A.M. Chairman Banes called for the vote to enter into executive session.

Commission Edwards motioned to enter into Executive Session, Commissioner Cowan seconded.

Vote 2-2. Commissioner Henderson and Commissioner Sanders opposed.

Chairman Banes broke the tie vote to enter into executive session to interview candidates. Passed 3-2.

5:20 P.M Regular Session resumed

7. Finalist for Interim County Manager position announced

8. Citizen Comments

9. Adjourn

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**Marcello Banes, Chairman**

ATTEST:

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Susan G. Nolley Deputy Clerk