

In attendance, Chairman Baner, Commissioners; Edwards, Mason, Sanders, Henderson, Molly Esswein (Attorney) and Deputy Clerk Susan Nolley. Patrick Jaugstetter participated virtually via Zoom and Commissioner Cowan participated telephonically.

1.Call to Order: Chairman Baner

2.Invocation: Commissioner Edwards

*also gave special recognition in honor of the passing of 1st Lady Maria Nyamaropa of Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church of Mansfield.

3.Pledge of Allegiance: led by Commissioner Cowan

4. Agenda Adoption: Amend to add item #10a Discussion of City of Porterdale Annexation Commissioner Mason made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Edwards and was passed unanimously to approve the agenda as amended.

5.Citizens Comments: None

6. Reports from the Chairman: None

7. Old Business: None

8.Consent Agenda

8a) **Approval of the Minutes**

Special Called Meeting-February 8, 2022

Executive Session-February 8, 2022

Regular Meeting-February 15, 2022

Special Called Meeting-February 21, 2022

A motion was made by Commissioner Edwards to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Commissioner Mason and passed unanimously to approve the consent agenda as presented.

9.Board Discussion/Consideration

Finance Department/Fire Services-Budget amendment to utilize revenue for vehicle purchase. Budget amendment amount-\$13,904.00.

A motion was made by Commissioner Edwards to approve the budget amendment, seconded by Commissioner Mason and passed unanimously.

10. Board Discussion/Consideration

Approval of Change Order #2 to Professional Services Agreement for Tusa Consulting Services II, LLC.

Project Cost: \$116,070.00 Funding Source: SPLOST Budgeted: Yes

A motion was made by Commissioner Edwards to approve Change Order #2 to Professional Services Agreement for Tusa Consulting Services II, LLC., seconded by Commissioner Mason and passed unanimously.

10a. Board Discussion/Consideration

The City of Porterdale submitted a letter of request to consider annexation of 1.87 acres. The current zoning is CN (Commercial Neighborhood) and located in the Almon/Crowell Road Overlay District.

Discussion:

- Emergency services is a concern
- is there a plan to utilize emergency service
- tax concerns
- what is the goal of the applicant
- deannexation
- how often does deannexation occur

The letter of request from the City of Porterdale and the annexation request form are attached and made a part of these minutes.

11. Board Discussion/Consideration

Approval of Change Order #1, 2, 3, and 5 to the Communications System and Services Agreement for Motorola Solutions for 911 Radio System. Cost \$533,136.00 Funding Source: SPLOST Budgeted: Yes

Commissioner Edwards made the motion to approve Change Orders #1, 2, 3, and 5 to the Communications System and Services Agreement for Motorola Solutions for 911 Radio Systems, cost \$533,136.00, seconded by Commissioner Mason and passed unanimously.

12. Board Discussion/Consideration

Director of Human Resources and Risk Management Amanda Shoemaker presented the proposed contract agreement between Newton County and Jarvis R. Sims for the performance duties as the Interim County Manager.

The 12- month contract term will begin March 7, 2022 through March 6, 2023 with an annual salary of \$150,000.00. The contract is attached and made a part of these minutes.

Commissioner Edwards made the motion to approve the proposed contract agreement between Newton County and Jarvis R. Sims for the performance duties as the Interim County Manager, seconded by Commissioner Mason.

Discussion:

- when will search for the County Manager position begin
- Increase in salary/salary negotiation
- Severance
- Subscriptions
- Cell phone
- Insurance and short term benefit terms
- Terms of sick leave accrual and the terms of involuntary termination
- Specification of performance appraisals

Commissioner Sanders made a substitute motion to table approval of the proposed contract agreement for further review, seconded by Commissioner Henderson. Failed 3-2.

The original motion by Commissioner Edwards to approve the proposed contract agreement, seconded by Commissioner Mason. Passed 3-2. Commissioner Sanders and Commissioner Henderson both opposed.

Alcohol License

13. First Reading CVS Pharmacy #8418 10267 Highway 36 Covington, Georgia 30014

Applicant: Bernard Kennedy, Sr. District 5

14. Citizen Comments: Susan Jackson

15. Board Comments:

Commissioner Edwards

Commissioner Sanders

Commissioner Henderson

16. Executive Session: None

17. Adjournment: There being no further business, Chairman Banes called for a motion to adjourn this meeting at **7:47 p.m.**

Commissioner Henderson motioned to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Mason and passed unanimously.

Marcello banes, Chairman

ATTEST:

Susan G. Nolley Deputy Clerk

Newton County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
Minutes
Tuesday, March 1, 2022 at 7:00 P.M.
Historic Courthouse-1124 Clark Street
Covington, Georgia 30014
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