

**Newton County Board of Commissioners**  
**1124 Clark Street**  
**Covington, GA 30014**

**June 1, 2021**  
**Minutes**

7:10 p.m.

Present, Chairman Banes, Commissioners: Edwards, Mason, Sanders, Henderson and Cowan.  
Also present, County Manager Lloyd Kerr, Attorney Sam Van Volkenburgh and Deputy Clerk, Susan Nolley.

1. **Call to Order** Chairman Banes called this meeting to order at 7:10. The entire Board was
2. **Invocation** Commissioner Cowan
3. **Pledge:** Led by Commissioner Henderson

4. **Approval of Agenda**

Chairman Banes requested a motion to approve the agenda as presented to include item 9k. The motion was made by Commissioner Mason, seconded by Commissioner Edwards and passed unanimously.

5. **CITIZEN COMMENTS:** None
6. **CHAIRMANS REPORT:** None

7. **COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT:** A PowerPoint presentation displaying various activities and community events was shown. An update on local COVID-19 vaccinations and related deaths was provided. In addition, stating there is now transportation available for those who desire or are in need to be vaccinated. Visit [www.co.newton.ga.us](http://www.co.newton.ga.us) for more information.

8. **Recognition of Appointments for District 3**

Sonya Elijah-Newton County Water and Sewerage Authority  
Susan Jackson-DFACS

Commissioner Sanders acknowledged and thanked the new appointments for reaching out and expressing an interest in becoming more involved.

Chairman Banes also thanked them for their willingness to serve.

Commissioner Sanders made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda and the Appointments of District 3, seconded by Commissioner Mason and passed unanimously to exclude Item 16 which was tabled until the 1<sup>st</sup> BOC meeting in July.

**Board Discussion/Consideration**

9. **Facilities/Purchasing**

County Manager, Lloyd Kerr presented the request for approval of contract renewal for the Five Fields Lawn Care Contract for Landscape Maintenance Services for County Buildings.

Commissioner Edwards motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Cowan, passed unanimously.

#### **10. Cornish Creek/Purchasing**

County Manager Lloyd Kerr presented the request for approval of the Professional Service “Task Order” for Cornish Creek Projects from:

Carter & Sloop

Freese and Nichols

Hazen & Sawyer

MR System

Raftelis Financial Consultants

Service is to be utilized on an as needed bases. \*service terms and pricing are good through the duration of the contract.

Motion to approve by Commissioner Edwards, seconded by Commissioner Sanders, passed unanimously.

#### **11. Finance Department**

Brittany White presented a PowerPoint itemizing details and explanation of the financial budget and transfers as requested for the following departments:

GIS

Tax Commissioner

Sheriff’s Office/Jail

Fire Services

Public Works

Development Services

Judicial

Facilities/Maintenance

Parks and Recreation

A motion to approve was made by Commissioner Edwards, and seconded by Commissioner Cowan and passed 4-1. Commissioner Henderson abstained.

#### **12. County Manager, Lloyd Kerr**

A PowerPoint presentation was displayed and approval of the Cigna Health Care Renewal Plan is requested.

Commissioner Henderson made motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Mason, passed unanimously.

#### **13. County Manager, Lloyd Kerr**

Requests approval of The Feasibility Masterplan of Springhill Park Proposal as submitted by Ascension Program Management, LLC. for the development of a Community Park.

Commissioner Cowan made motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Mason, passed unanimously.

**14. County Manager, Lloyd Kerr**

Requests approval of the submitted proposal of Ascension Program Management, LLC for Project Management Services @ Washington Street Community Center (SPLOST Project) for building renovations and roof repairs.

Commissioner Henderson made motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Mason, passed unanimously.

**15. County Manager, Lloyd Kerr**

County Attorney- requests approval of a Resolution to abandon public right of way in a portion of FFA Camp Road.

Commissioner Edwards motioned to table until 1<sup>st</sup> meeting in July, seconded by Commissioner Henderson. Passed unanimously.

**Citizen Comments**

James Phadero  
Stephen Snorton

**Board Comments**

Commissioner Cowan  
Commissioner Henderson  
Commissioner Sanders  
Commissioner Mason  
Commissioner Edwards

8:11 p.m.

**Adjourn**

Commissioner Henderson made a motion to adjourn, Commissioner Edwards seconded, passed unanimously.

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Susan G. Nolley, Deputy Clerk

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Marcello Banes, Chairman