

Present were Chairman Banes, Commissioners Stan Edwards, Demond Mason and J.C. Henderson, County Manager Harold Cooper, Attorney Priya Patel and Deputy Clerk Susan Nolley.

Also present, the media staff and other administrative personnel. Commissioner Sanders and Commissioner Cowan were not in attendance.

Chairman Banes called the meeting to order. Commissioner Henderson gave the invocation the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Edwards.

The floor was opened to Pamela Maxwell, Safety & Risk Manager

Mr. Duncan Lowe of McGriff Insurance Services also came forward.

Pamela asked the board for consideration to approve the 2023/2024 Property and Casualty Insurance Policy Renewal Proposal of McGriff Insurance Services.

The proposal was first presented on September 19, 2023 and denied by vote of 2-3, Commissioners Sanders, Henderson and Cowan were opposed.

Commissioner Edwards motioned to approve the 2023/2024 Property and Casualty Insurance Policy Renewal of McGriff Insurance Services in the amount of \$1,301,209.00 and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Mason.

Commissioner Henderson expressed concerns of the cost, the number of claims and the taxpayers.

The county manager emphasized the importance of approving the insurance proposal and stressed the possibility of the county shutting down if not approved. Effective October 1, 2023.

Chairman Banes called for the vote.

The motion to approve the 2023/2024 Property and Casualty Insurance Policy proposal of McGriff Insurance Services in the amount of \$1,301,209.00 was passed unanimously.

6:49 p.m. Adjournment

Commissioner Henderson motioned to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Mason and was agreed by all.

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Chairman

Marcello Banes

Respectfully submitted by:

Newton County Board of Commissioners  
Special Called Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, September 27, 2023 6:30 p.m.  
Historic Courthouse - 1124 Clark Street  
Covington, Georgia 30014

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Susan G. Nolley      Deputy Clerk