

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NEWTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MAKING APPOINTMENTS TO THE JOINT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF  
DEKALB COUNTY, NEWTON COUNTY AND GWINNETT COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, Art. IX, Sec. VI, Par. III of the Constitution of the State of Georgia permits the General Assembly of Georgia to create development authorities for the development of trade, commerce, industry and employment opportunities; and

**WHEREAS**, the General Assembly of Georgia enacted the Development Authorities Law (O.C.G.A. § 36-62-1 *et seq.*, as amended) pursuant to the aforementioned constitutional provision; and

**WHEREAS**, the Development Authorities Law authorizes any two or more counties in the State of Georgia to activate a joint development authority; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to a resolution approved on November 7, 2006, by the Newton County Board of Commissioners (the “Authorizing Resolution”), along with concurrent resolutions of the DeKalb County and Gwinnett County Boards of Commissioners, the Joint Development Authority of DeKalb County, Newton County and Gwinnett County (“JDA”) was formally activated; and

**WHEREAS**, the Authorizing Resolution provides that the Newton County Board of Commissioners shall appoint three members to the JDA, with each appointee to be a taxpayer and resident of Newton County, that no more than one appointee be a member of the Newton County Board of Commissioners, and that the initial appointees shall serve a four-year term; and

**WHEREAS**, the Authorizing Resolution provides that following the initial four-year appointment, for purposes of creating staggered terms with other counties participating in the JDA, the next round of appointments by the Newton County Board of Commissioners shall be for a three-year term, and that all subsequent appointments by the Newton County Board of Commissioners shall be for four-year terms, such that Newton County’s appointments are currently due every four years (2014-2017, 2018-2021, 2022-2025, etc.); and

**WHEREAS**, based on the schedule of staggered terms contemplated by the Authorizing Resolution, the appointments of the Newton County Board of Commissioners were intended to reach a natural point of turnover at the end of 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, the Development Authorities Law provides that any “director whose term of office has expired shall continue to hold office until his successor is so elected” (O.C.G.A. § 36-62-4(a));

**WHEREAS**, the Newton County Board of Commissioners desires to set forth herein its intentions regarding appointment of new members to the JDA;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA AS FOLLOWS:**

1. Betsy Morehouse is recognized as a serving member of the JDA who may continue to hold office until her successor is elected. Mrs. Morehouse is requested to continue serving for one additional year. The Board of Commissioners will elect a successor for Mrs. Morehouse at the end of 2018, which successor shall take office in 2019 and serve out the remainder of the current term (three additional years).
2. Flemmie Pitts is recognized as a serving member of the JDA who may continue to hold office until his successor is elected. Mr. Pitts is requested to continue serving for two additional years. The Board of Commissioners will elect a successor for Mr. Pitts at the end of 2019, which successor shall take office in 2020 and serve out the remainder of the current term (two additional years).
3. Monty Laster is recognized as a serving member of the JDA whose term has expired and whose successor is hereby appointed. The Newton County Board of Commissioners appoints Commissioner Ronnie Cowan to serve as its third representative on the JDA. Mr. Cowan is appointed on the understanding that he will resign after one year (at the end of 2018) and the Board of Commissioners will thereafter appoint a new representative on a yearly basis. Each appointee succeeding to Mr. Cowan's seat will be expected to resign after one year, notwithstanding that Newton County's term appointments are made on a four-year cycle.
4. This resolution is effective immediately.

**SO RESOLVED** this 16th day of January 2018.

**NEWTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

  
Marcello Baner, Chairman

Attest:

  
Jackie Smith, County Clerk

