

NEWTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
April 19, 2011
MINUTES

Present: Chairman Kathy Morgan, Commissioner's Mort Ewing, Lanier Sims, Nancy Schulz, J.C. Henderson, and Tim Fleming; Administrative Officer John Middleton, Attorney Tommy Craig, Attorney Scott Pippin & Clerk Jackie Smith

Newspaper: Covington News-Gabe Khouli
Newton Citizen- Crystal Tatum
Small group of citizens

Chairman Morgan called the meeting to order, extended a welcome, and read the thought for the day Rev. Ronny Brannen, Prospect UMC gave the invocation and Chairman Morgan led the Pledge of Allegiance to our great flag.

APPROVAL OF BOC MINUTES DATED APRIL 5, 2011

Motion by Commissioner Mort Ewing, and seconded by Commissioner Tim Fleming to approve the BOC Meeting Minutes dated April 5, 2011 as printed in board book.
Motion carried unanimously

APPOINTMENT: ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS, DISTRICT FIVE

Motion by Commissioner Fleming, and seconded by Commissioner Schulz to appoint Doyle Baker of 40 River View Drive, Covington to serve the unexpired term of Mr. Jack Christian on the Newton County Zoning Board of Appeals. Term will expire on December 31, 2011.
Motion carried unanimously

SHERIFF'S OFFICE: MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT W/EAGLE ADVANTAGE SOLUTIONS, INC.

Sheriff Ezell Brown appeared before the board to present this agreement for approval.

- Housekeeping item
- Name changed from Paragon Solutions, to Comnetix to Eagle Advantage
- Customer since 2001
- Found Eagle Advantage to be very helpful
- Budgeted item
- Time/Technical Assistance/Maintenance of Software
- Sheriff Brown will address management regarding rolling everything into one contract instead of several dates.
- Sheriff very pleased with service provided.
- Contract made part of these minutes

Motion by Commissioner Henderson, and seconded by Commissioner Fleming to approve the Maintenance Agreement with Eagle Advantage Solutions, Inc. on behalf of the Newton County Sheriff's Office as presented and printed in board packet.

Motion carried unanimously

SHERIFF'S OFFICE: SERVICE AGREEMENT W/A&S CANTEEN COMMISSARY

Sheriff Ezell Brown appeared before the board to present this agreement for approval.

- Canteen provides excellent service
- Canteen has rights to provide inmate commissary services in the detention center in exchange for a commission on sales. (15-19 commission on sales)
- All benefits come back to Sheriff's Office
- Commissary fully staffed and equipped by Canteen.
- Canteen bears all cost on any service agreement
- Commissary Services Agreement made part of these minutes

Motion by Commissioner Ewing, and seconded by Commissioner Sims to approve the extension of the Service Agreement with A&S Canteen Commissary on behalf of the Newton County Sheriff's Office as outlined on pages 16-20 and explained by Sheriff Brown.

Motion carried unanimously

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES: MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL WATER FIRST APPLICATION FOR NEWTON COUNTY & MUNICIPALITIES

Laurie Riley from the Department of Development Services/Water Resources was on hand to present this request.

- Seeking approval to apply for the Multi-Jurisdictional Water First Community Program
- Municipalities will also make application.
- Application is time sensitive
- If selected county would be eligible for a 1% interest rate reduction on GEFA Loans
- Eligibility for State Grants
- Intended result of program is the achievement of excellence beyond the current water regulations in seven major categories:
 1. Watershed Assessment
 2. Stormwater Master Planning
 3. Wastewater Treatment & management
 4. Water Supply Planning
 5. Water Supply Protection
 6. Water Conservation
 7. Water Reclamation & Reuse

Motion by Commissioner Ewing, and seconded by Commissioner Schulz to approve Development Services submitting an application to the Multi-Jurisdictional Water First project as outlined on pages 21-41 in board packet.

Motion carried unanimously

O-041911 – SECTION 32-203 – LICENSING & BUSINESS REGULATIONS AMENDMENT

County Attorney Tommy Craig and Attorney Scott Pippin appeared before the board to present an amendment to Section 32-203 – Adult Entertainment Ordinance, Licensing & Business Regulations.

- Chairman Morgan noted, for the record, this was one of several ordinances discussed at annual retreat several months ago.
- Attorney Craig addressed the board regarding requested changes by Sherriff Brown and Commissioner Schulz.
- Changes duly noted by counsel incorporated into ordinance
- Ordinance made part of these minutes

Motion by Commissioner Schulz, and seconded by Commissioner Henderson to approve Ordinance O-041911 – Section 32-203 – Licensing & Business Regulations Amendment as presented and printed in board packet with amendments requested by Sheriff Brown and Commissioner Schulz.

Motion carried unanimously

R041911 – TO CHANGE ZONING MAP FROM MHP TO CN PARCEL #12-34 DISTRICT TWO

Zoning Administrator Branin Burdette appeared before the board seeking approval of two resolutions correcting Newton County's Zoning Map.

Motion by Commissioner Sims, and seconded by Commissioner Ewing to approve Resolution R-041911 to change the Newton County Zoning Map from MHP to CN for Parcel #12-34 located in District Two and printed in board packet.

Motion carried unanimously

R041911A – TO CHANGE ZONING MAP FROM A-R TO CG PARCEL # CO81-60, CO81-58, CO81-59 & 81-61 DISTRICT FIVE

Motion by Commissioner Fleming, and seconded by Commissioner Ewing to approve Resolution R-041911a to change the Newton County Zoning Map from A-R to CG for Parcel # CO81-60, CO81-58, CO81-59 & 81-61 located in District Five and printed in board packet.

Motion carried unanimously

COUNTY CHECKS:

Motion made by Commissioner Ewing, seconded by Commissioner Fleming to approve the county checks read aloud by Chairman Morgan and listed in board packet.

Motion carried unanimously.

With no further business, a motion by Commissioner Henderson, seconded by Commissioner Fleming the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie B. Smith, County Clerk

Kathryn G. Morgan, Chairman