

**NEWTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
July 5, 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 Jenny Carter & Clerk Jackie Smith

Newspaper: Covington News-Gabe Khouli
Newton Citizen
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 W/S MINUTES DATED JUNE 21, 2011

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Motion by Commissioner Ewing, and seconded by Commissioner Fleming to approve the BOC Minutes dated June 21, 2011, and BOC Work Session Minutes dated June 21, 2011 as printed in board book.

Motion carried unanimously

DISTRICT 5: W&S AUTHORITY BOARD APPOINTMENT

Motion by Commissioner Fleming, and seconded by Commissioner Ewing to appoint GiGi Cruikshank of 7121 Crestview Drive, Covington, GA. 30014 to serve on the Newton County Water & Sewerage Authority.

Term will expire on June 30, 2016.

Motion carried unanimously

GDOT: ROUNDABOUT CONSIDERATION @ SR 12 (HWY. 278) & SR142 – PROJECT NO. STP 00-046-01 (029) NEWTON COUNTY P.I. NO. 23160

Chairman Morgan addressed the board regarding the proposed Roundabout.

- Previously discussed Roundabout.
- County will be responsible for cost of lighting @ approximately \$8.00 per month
- Maintenance costs associated with the landscaping after the construction is complete.
- Will eliminate the need for a deputy directing traffic on Sundays (after church services)

Motion by Commissioner Ewing, and seconded by Commissioner Fleming to approve GDOT's request for Roundabout consideration @ @ SR 12 (HWY. 278) & SR142 – Project No. STP 00-046-01 (029) Newton County P.I. No. 3160 as printed on pages 10-12 in board packet.

Motion carried unanimously

R070511 – 911 CHARGE ON PREPAID WIRELESS SERVICE WITHIN NEWTON COUNTY

Administrative Officer John Middleton presented this to the board for action.

- State law changed this year regarding prepaid cellular phones
- A resolution allows Newton County to receive fees as collected.
- Resolution is required as part of the program.

Motion by Commissioner Ewing, and seconded by Commissioner Fleming to approve Resolution R070511 – 9-1-1 Charge on Prepaid Wireless Service within Newton County as outlined in board book on page 13-19.

Motion carried unanimously

APPROVAL OF FY2012 FAMILY CONNECTION PARTNERSHIP CONTRACT

Administrative Officer John Middleton presented this to the board for action.

- Approval is required by Dept. of Human Services
- Newton County is Fiscal Agent
- Amount: \$44,000

Motion by Commissioner Schulz, and seconded by Commissioner Fleming to approve the FY2012 Family Connection Partnership Contract as presented by Mr. Middleton and outlined on pages 20-26 in board packet.

Motion carried unanimously

JUVENILE: ACCEPTANCE OF \$5,000 GRANT FROM N.C. COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

Administrative Officer John Middleton presented this grant acceptance to the board for approval.

- Juvenile Office received the \$5,000 Grant from N.C. Partnership
- Grant allows Juvenile to pay program facilitators.

Motion by Commissioner Fleming, and seconded by Commissioner Schulz to approve the acceptance of a \$5,000 Grant from Newton County Community Partnership on behalf of Juvenile Services.

Motion carried unanimously

LANDFILL: PURCHASE OF 826 COMPACTOR (DESTROYED BY FIRE)

Administrative Officer John Middleton presented this to the board for action.

- Compactor destroyed by fire
- No one was hurt or injured as employee took all the right actions.
- Fire was caused by a busted hydraulic line
- Worked with insurance for settlement
- Information outlined on pages 31-37 in board packet
- Recommendation: Al-Jon New 2011 Advantage 500C15 Landfill Compactor (\$540,550.00). Optional: Fire Suppression System with 1 year warranty and 6 inspections @ 2 per year - \$9,300.00 for a total of \$549,850.00.

Motion by Commissioner Sims, and seconded by Commissioner Ewing to approve the purchase of a 500C15 Compactor from Al-Jon with Fire Suppression System for a not to exceed amount of \$549,850.00.

Motion carried unanimously

R070511A – FY2012 EMPLOYEE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Motion by Commissioner Ewing, and seconded by Commissioner Fleming to table action on the Employee Holiday Schedule until the July 19th BOC meeting.

Motion carried unanimously

AIRPORT ROAD & SR142 – INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS

County Engineer appeared before the board to present this request.

- New Elementary School on Airport Road (1500 students)
- Due to funding and time constraints upgrades will be completed in four stages (see attached)
- Temporary apron improvements
- Improves safety for intersection until permanent widening of Airport Road and SR142 can be completed.
- Engineering, grading & paving to be completed by Public Works.
- Estimated cost: \$25,000
- Fund: 2011 SPLOST
- Note that permanent improvements to this intersection should be completed later this year.
- Engineer Garrett duly noted that Commissioners would like to see sidewalks included in the design and that west of the road there is a blind intersection due to bushes...would like to see them cut down.

Motion by Commissioner Fleming, and seconded by Commissioner Sims to approve intersection improvements at Airport Road Intersections with SR 142 for a not to exceed amount of \$25,000.

Motion carried unanimously

COUNTY CHECKS:

Motion by Commissioner Ewing, and seconded by Commissioner Sims to approve the county checks as read aloud by Chairman Morgan and printed in the board book.

Motion carried unanimously

Note: Commissioner Henderson requested that it be duly noted in the record that the Board of Commissioners and Board of Education be involved in the redistricting process.

With no further business, a motion by Commissioner Ewing, seconded by Commissioner Sims the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie B. Smith, County Clerk