

NEWTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
May 17, 2011
MINUTES

Present: Chairman Kathy Morgan, Commissioner's Lanier Sims, Nancy Schulz, J.C. Henderson, and Tim Fleming; Administrative Officer John Middleton, Attorney Jenny Carter & Clerk Jackie Smith

Note: Commissioner Ewing was absent due to sickness in family.

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. Commissioner Henderson gave the invocation and Chairman Morgan led the Pledge of Allegiance to our great flag.

CHAIRMAN'S OFFICE: GRIFFIN MOUNTAIN TRAIL DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS

Engineer Tom Garrett provided the board an update regarding the drainage improvements on Griffin Mountain Trail.

- D&J's Trenching would be making the repairs
- Cost: \$16,295.00
- No action necessary

APPROVAL OF BOC MINUTES DATED APRIL 19, 2011

APPROVAL OF BOC W/S MINUTES DATED MAY 5, 2011

Motion by Commissioner Schulz, and seconded by Commissioner Fleming to approve the BOC Minutes dated April 19, 2011, and BOC Work Session Minutes dated May 5, 2011 as printed in board book.

Motion carried unanimously

R051711A – GDOT AUTHORIZATION TO WORK

Special Projects Coordinator Cheryl Delk appeared before the board to present this resolution.

- Housekeeping measure
- Required by GDOT
- Worked on this project since 2005
- Information made part of these minutes
- Asking board to authorize chairman to size documents
- Funding: Federal Grant through GDOT
- Required Match \$250,000 funded by the City of Covington
- County committed to match on December 10, 2010
- No additional funding by county
- Resolution made part of these minutes

Motion by Commissioner Fleming, and seconded by Commissioner Schulz to approve Resolution R051711a – authorizing chairman to execute documents with GDOT regarding contract for funding under the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century, referred to as “TEA-21” for construction of Library to Eastside Trail as presented by Cheryl Delk and printed in board book.

Motion carried unanimously

RECLAMATION OF AVENUE OF CHAMPIONS

County Engineer Tom Garrett appeared before the board seeking approval for the county’s portion for the reclamation of Avenue of Champions.

- Joint project with the City of Covington
- Full depth reclamation of Avenue of Champions
- Includes 8” of base reclamation and stabilization
- 2” layer of binder and 2” layer of topping.
- Bids were received by the City of Covington on May 10th in the amount of \$340,509.77
- Newton County’s Share: \$170,254.89
- Funding Source: Capital Project – Public Works Budget

Motion by Commissioner Fleming, and seconded by Commissioner Sims to approve the reclamation of Avenue of Champions (joint project w/the City of Covington) for a not to exceed amount by Newton County of \$170,254.89.

Motion carried unanimously

JOHN DEERE 200LC EXCAVATOR

Administrative Officer John Middleton appeared before the board seeking approval for the purchase of a John Deere 200L Excavator.

- Price: \$33,500.00
- Requesting bucket pin to be repaired as well (\$500.00 - \$1200.00)
- 3 monthly payments of \$1,500.00 each.
- Balloon payment due after third installment
- Information attached and made part of these minutes

Motion by Commissioner Sims, and seconded by Commissioner Schulz to approve the purchase of a John Deere 200LC Excavator from Flint Equipment Company in Atlanta, Georgia for a not to exceed amount of \$33,500, and with the understanding that additional cost for the repair of the bucket pin.

Motion carried unanimously

CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 – GLOVER CONSTRUCTION CO.

Administrative Officer John Middleton presented this change order to the board for their consideration.

- Lower River Road Landfill Site 2 MSW – Phase 3 Construction
- Glover Construction Company

- Amount: \$35,885.00
- Information attached and made part of these minutes.

Motion by Commissioner Schulz, and seconded by Commissioner Fleming to approve Change Order No. 2 for Glover Construction Company regarding the Lower River Road Landfill Site 2 MSW – Phase 3 Construction for a not to exceed amount of \$35,885.00. Motion carried unanimously

APPLICATION FOR 2011 COPS HIRING

Sheriff Ezell Brown appeared before the board to seek approval to apply for the 2011 COPS Hiring Grant.

- Application for 2011 COPS Hiring Grant
- Requesting 7 positions
- Federally funded
- No match required
- Grant will support the entry level salary for 36 months

Motion by Commissioner Sims, and seconded by Commissioner Henderson to approve Sheriff Brown’s request to apply for the 2011 COPS Hiring Grant. Motion carried unanimously

APPLICATION FOR GOVERNOR’S GRANT/OFFICE OF CHILDREN & FAMILIES SYSTEM OF CARE PROGRAM 2012

Juvenile Judge Sherri Roberts appeared before the board seeking approval to apply for the Governor’s Grant/Office of Children & Families System of Care Program 2012.

- No cost to Newton County
- Grant Amount:: \$175,000 (1st year) and \$160,000 (2nd & 3rd year)
- Funding to be used as an alternative to secure detention
- To expand Evening Reporting Center to include girls awaiting trial and for both boys and girls violating probation.
- Allows youth to stay at home and in school
- Detained youth cost \$200/day plus round-trip transportation to RYDC in Sandersville, Georgia
- Currently no community options for girls and this would be a tremendous asset to program for girls.

Motion by Commissioner Fleming, and seconded by Commissioner Henderson to approve Juvenile Services request to apply for Governor’s Grant/Families System of Care Program 2012. Motion carried unanimously

R051711 – ADOPT GUIDELINES FOR REAPPORTIONING NEWTON COUNTY ELECTION DISTRICTS BASED ON 2010 CENSUS

Attorney Jenny Carter appeared before the board to present this resolution.

- Reapportionment discussed at BOC Retreat in February.
- Power Point Presentation presented at that time listing criteria by Federal Courts
- Purpose of resolution is to ensure compliance with the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause during the reapportionment process and thereby allow Newton County to obtain preclearance from the U.S. Department of Justice.
- Consensus of the Board to request that County Attorney takes the lead role in the reapportionment process.
- Resolution is made part of these minutes.

Motion by Commissioner Fleming, and seconded by Commissioner Henderson to approve Resolution R051711 – Adopt Guidelines for Reapportioning Newton County Election Districts Based on the 2010 Census with the following incorporated into the resolution and duly noted by counsel and clerk.

Based on the reapportionment experience of Mr. Craig that he take the lead role in the reapportionment process and shall work with the Chairman, all members of the Board of Commissioners, and the Legislative Reapportionment Office throughout the reapportionment process.

Motion carried unanimously

REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT PURCHASE – TACK KETTLE

Chairman Morgan noted the following:

- Recently wrecked
- Insurance Payment: \$90,000
- Presently renting a truck for \$300.00 per day
- Tractor & Equipment Company provided quote of \$138,900.00
- Etyre Centennial Distributor mounted on 2011 International 7400 Chassis
- Net Purchase is: \$48,900.00 after insurance check is applied towards purchase
- Commissioner Sims noted his research on the truck and offered his support for this purchase.
- Information made part of these minutes

Motion by Commissioner Sims, and seconded by Commissioner Henderson to approve the purchase of a TAC Truck from Tractor & Equipment Company in Forest Park, Georgia for a not to exceed amount of \$138,900.00.

Motion carried unanimously

R051711B – MIXED-USE COMMUNITY FACILITY /WALKER’S BEND

- Administrative Officer John Middleton provided a brief synopsis of project.
- Randy Vinson from the City of Covington was on hand to answer any questions.
- Information and resolution was presented and discussed at work session prior to this official meeting.

- Project to be completed in 2012
- Commissioner Henderson offered his full support of the project.
- Resolution is made part of these minutes

Motion by Commissioner Henderson, and seconded by Commissioner Schulz to approve Resolution R051711b – Mixed-Use Community Facility/Walker’s Bend.

Motion carried unanimously

ZONING:

Chairman Morgan opened the Public Hearing @ 7:35 p.m.

Scott Sirotkin and Branin Burdette were on hand to present this resolution to correct the Newton County Official Zoning Map.

R051711c – Map Correction 11-000033

264 Robin Hood Road

Map & Parcel Number: 74-2R

Zoning Map Amendment: MSR to A-R

Size of Area: 2.61 Acres

District One

- No opposition
- Resolution is made part of these minutes
- Chairman Morgan closed the Public Hearing @ 7:40 p.m.

Motion by Commissioner Sims, and seconded by Commissioner Fleming to approve Resolution R051711c – Map Correction 11-000033 at 264 Robin Hood Road, Covington, Georgia.

Motion carried unanimously

COUNTY CHECKS:

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

Motion carried unanimously

With no further business and a motion by Commissioner Fleming, seconded by Commissioner Sims the meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie B. Smith, Clerk