

NEWTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
April 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 Tommy Craig, & 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. District Four Commissioner J.C. Henderson gave the invocation and Chairman Morgan led the Pledge of Allegiance to our great flag.

Newton Mental Health/GRN Community Service Board Presentation

GRN Director Frank Berry appeared before the board and gave an update/presentation on the GRN services provided to Newton County.

- Information is made part of these minutes
- No action necessary

Approval of BOC Minutes dated March 15, 2011

Motion by Commissioner Schulz, and seconded by Commissioner Henderson to approve the BOC Meeting Minutes dated March 15, 2011 as printed in board book.

Motion carried unanimously

Special Projects: Change Order/Historic Jail-Beatty Construction Company

Special Projects Coordinator Cheryl Delk appeared before the board seeking approval for a change order regarding the historic jail for Beatty Construction Company.

- Information is made part of these minutes.

Motion by Commissioner Ewing, seconded by Commissioner Sims to approve the change order regarding the historic jail project as presented by Ms Delk on behalf of Beatty Construction Company. The amount should not exceed \$23,528.00 and will be funded with 2005 SPLOST dollars.

Motion carried unanimously

E911: Harris Corporation–Public Safety Radio Service Contract

E911 Director Mike Smith appeared before the board to request an extension on the Harris Corporation Service Contract.

- 4 month extension to bring in line with our fiscal calendar

- Funding: E911 budget

Motion made by Commissioner Fleming, and seconded by Commissioner Schulz to approve the Public Safety Radio Service Contract between Newton County, Georgia and Harris Corporation for a not to exceed amount of \$20,354.00 as presented and listed on pages 23-24 in board packet and made part of these minutes.

Motion carried unanimously

Senior Services: Chairman's Appointment to Board

Chairman Morgan addressed the board seeking support for the appointment of Mr. Middleton to the Senior Services Board.

Motion by Commissioner Fleming, seconded by Commissioner Schulz to uphold the recommendation of the chairman and appoint Mr. John Middleton to serve as chairman of the Newton County Senior Services Board.

Motion carried unanimously

Development Services: NSP Partner/IECDG Contract

Development Services Director Scott Sirotkin appeared before the board seeking approval of the Subrecipient Agreement between Newton County and IECDG. This contract will run through the end of the NSP Program (July 2013).

- Will allow County to keep future program income and allows for partnership with City of Covington to use 25% funds.
- Board questioned number of houses county owns through NSP Program? 8 houses and property for Fairview Park.
- County negotiated changes in contract and IECDG has agreed to changes.
- Copy of contract is made part of these minutes.

Motion by Commissioner Schulz, seconded by Commissioner Sims to extend the Subrecipient Agreement between Newton County, and Independent Educational Community Development Group, Inc. under the Neighborhood Stabilization Program Grant 08-NS-5068 until July 31, 2012.

Motion carried unanimously

Development Services: R040511 – Newton County, Georgia to Assign U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development/State of Georgia Department of Community Affairs Neighborhood Stabilization Program 3 (NSP-3) Housing Grant to the City of Covington, Georgia

Development Services Director Scott Sirotkin appeared before the board seeking approval of a resolution allowing the City of Covington to apply for NSP3 funds.

- Program more suited for city than county.
- Focuses on rental properties
- Board noted this releases county of any responsibility as it relates to the NSP program.
- Allows City to move forward with plans to develop rental housing in Walker's Bend subdivision.
- Same project the City will be using our NSP1 funds for.

Motion by Commissioner Schulz, seconded by Commissioner Ewing to adopt Resolution R040511 – Newton County, Georgia to Assign U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development/State of Georgia Department of Community Affairs Neighborhood Stabilization Program 3 (NSP-3) Housing Grant to the City of Covington, Newton County, Georgia.

Motion carried unanimously

Engineering: Contract w/Southern Enginuity Engineering Company – Design Services on Repair of Dam/High Point Forest Drive/Channing Cope Road

Newton County Engineer Tom Garrett appeared before the board to seek approval to award Southern Enginuity Engineering Company a contract for design services on repair of dam at High Forest Drive and Channing Cope Road.

- Historically a problem with dam
- Original work was performed by county forces and contractors.
- Asking county to approve the design services on repair of dam located along High Point Forest Drive, near address #440.
- Replaces an existing drainage structure that has failed.
- Information and Contract made part of these minutes

Motion by Commissioner Fleming, seconded by Commissioner Ewing to approve the Design Services on Repair of the Dam at High Point Forest Drive and Channing Cope Road; and to award the contract to Southern Enginuity Engineering Company for a not to exceed amount of \$127,700.00.

Motion carried unanimously

Public Works/Chairman's Office: Roundabouts

Chairman Morgan addressed the board regarding correspondence she received from GDOT seeking county support for Roundabout Consideration.

- Identified four locations to be considered.
- Fully funded by GDOT except for lighting.
- Lighting cost will be similar to a streetlight.
- Maintenance of landscaping after construction is completed
- Information made part of these minutes
- Commissioner Ewing requested that each location be voted on individually and board concurred with the following motions.

Motion by Commissioner Ewing, seconded by Commissioner Fleming to authorize the Chairman to execute the GDOT Indication of Roundabout Support form for:

State /County Route Numbers: SR 162 at SR 212

Motion carried unanimously

Motion by Commissioner Ewing, seconded by Commissioner Sims to authorize the Chairman to execute the GDOT Indication of Roundabout Support form for:

State /County Route Numbers: SR 11 at SR 142

Motion carried unanimously

Motion by Commissioner Ewing, seconded by Commissioner Sims to authorize the Chairman to execute the GDOT Indication of Roundabout Support form for:

State /County Route Numbers: SR 11 at SR 12

Note: Commissioner Ewing requested that Brick Store Community Plan (developed in 1999/2000) be considered when project begins.

All land owners requesting rezoning have been required to set aside enough land for a four lane highway south (Hwy. 11) to Mansfield and east to the Stanton Springs Four-County Park (Hwy. 278) and North to I-20 on Hwy. 11.

Requested a letter be sent to GDOT along with a copy of the Development Node requesting that Brick Store Plan be considered when designing the roundabout.

Chairman Morgan noted that she would make GDOT aware of this information.

Motion carried unanimously

Motion by Commissioner Ewing, seconded by Commissioner Sims to authorize the Chairman to execute the GDOT Indication of Roundabout Support form for:

State /County Route Numbers: SR 81 at SR 162

Motion carried unanimously

Sheriff's Office: Project Lifesaver's Program

Sheriff Ezell Brown appeared before the board to present this request.

- Project Lifesaver enhances success of locating wandering individuals
- All funds received from Jewell Recycling requested to be allocated for the Project Lifesaver's Program.
- Cost: \$10 per participant a month for batteries and bracelets and \$10 monitoring fee.
- Does not want anyone to be turned down because of lack of funding.
- Program is good for the citizens of Newton County
- Cuts down a tremendous amount of man hours.
- Present funds: \$430.00
- Requesting all future funds be allocated to Project Lifesaver's Program
- Requesting immediate turnaround of check

Motion by Commissioner Henderson, seconded by Commissioner Sims to uphold Sheriff Brown's request for all funds received from Jewell Recycling be allocated to the Project Lifesaver's Program beginning with current funds in the amount of \$430.00.

Motion carried unanimously

Sheriff's Office: Surplus Property

Administrative Officer John Middleton addressed the board on behalf of the Sheriff's Office seeking approval to declare the following items listed below as surplus.

Motion by Commissioner Ewing, seconded by Commissioner Sims to declare as Surplus Property and to be sold on GovDeals the following:

8) Pair Champion Sports Knee & Shin Guards Model LG90

1) Pair Galls Shin & Knee Guards

7) Pair Galls Gloves

1) Pair Hatch Forearm Protector

5) Pair Hatch Knee Pads

18) Premier Crown helmets

5 Hoshizaki Ice Makers, Model #DCM-270-BAH

Serial #NO4159G, NO4155G, NO4156G, NO4142G

Motion carried unanimously

Cornish Creek WTF: Surplus Property

Administrative Officer John Middleton addressed the board on behalf of the Cornish Creek Water Treatment Plant seeking approval to declare the following item listed below as surplus.

- Obsolete, last used in 1998-99

Motion by Commissioner Ewing, seconded by Commissioner Sims to declare as Surplus Property and to be sold on GovDeals a 1984 Rainbow Irrigation Systems Pump, Model #37025 as presented by Mr. Middleton.

Motion carried unanimously

PUBLIC WORKS: GDOT LMIG PATCH WORK PROGRAM – PITTMAN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY

Chairman Morgan and County Engineer Tom Garrett addressed the board regarding patching of 14 roads that GDOT has approved for resurfacing in Newton County.

- County awarded \$600,000 by GDOT for resurfacing projects
- County is responsible for patching roads/
- Resurfacing let in February by GDOT and awarded in March.
- Usually county has several months to get work done, but this time it was several weeks and weather has not cooperated.
- Pittman Construction has resurfacing project and is ready to begin work.
- County responsible for patching before resurfacing begins or subject to losing dollars for project.

- Need to contract out patching work for Dearing Street, Adams Circle and Cook Road
- MAAI prepared estimate
- Funded: Capital Improvement Fund
- Information made part of these minutes
- Would like to bid out project and will ask 3 contractors to bid on work.

Motion by Commissioner Ewing, seconded by Commissioner Fleming to authorize chairman and engineer to seek bids for patch work on Cook Road, Adams Circle and Dearing Street as requested.

Motion carried unanimously

County Checks:

Motion made by Commissioner Ewing, seconded by Commissioner Schulz 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 Schulz, seconded by Commissioner Sims the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie B. Smith, County Clerk

Kathryn G. Morgan, Chairman