

**NEWTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
August 18, 2009
MINUTES**

Present: Chairman Kathy Morgan, Commissioners Mort Ewing, Earnest Simmons, Nancy Schulz, J.C. Henderson, and Tim Fleming. Attorney Tommy Craig, Attorney James Griffin, Administrative Officer/CFO John Middleton & 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. Reverend Ronny Brannen, Prospect UMC gave the invocation and Chairman Morgan led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Chairman Morgan recognized Commissioner Schulz who gave a brief synopsis regarding the county's Leadership Collaborative.

- A copy of the notes Commissioner Schulz summarized are made part of these minutes.
- Mark calendar for mid-year update on September 30th
- Invited board to District Three Fireside Chat to be held on Thursday, August 20th @ The Oaks. Time: 7:00 p.m. Subject: Understanding Your Tax Bill.

APPROVAL OF BOC MINUTES DATED AUGUST 4, 2009

Motion made by Commissioner Ewing, and seconded by Commissioner Simmons to approve the BOC Meeting Minutes dated August 4, 2009 as printed.

Motion carried unanimously.

**NEWTON COUNTY FIRE SERVICE/AUTOMATIC AID
AGREEMENT W/CITY OF COVINGTON**

Chief Mike Satterfield appeared before the board requesting support for this agreement.

- No cost to the county.
- Assists in providing more efficient coverage while reducing response time.
- Covington stations are closer to area.
- County will reciprocate coverage to Covington where county stations are closer to area in need.
- Copy of Agreement is made part of these minutes.

Motion made by Commissioner Fleming, and seconded by Commissioner Simmons to approve the Newton County Fire Service/Automatic Aid Agreement with the City of Covington.

Motion carried unanimously.

JUVENILE GRANT: PROMOTING SAFE & STABLE FAMILIES PROGRAM – GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Juvenile Judge Sherri Roberts, along with Associate Judge Lisa Mantz and Attorney Sherri Washington appeared before the board requesting board approval to submit grant application.

- Grant amount: \$56,250.00
- Grant requires a 25% match. Match will be made thorough in-kind services & local community partnerships.
- No cost to the county.
- Wants to create a “gender” specific court.
- Program will be an alternative to placing girls in detention center or foster homes.
- Target at risk girls, building on their strengths & family relationships.
- Provides group counseling, tutoring & mentoring from strong female role models as well as court accountability.
- Members of a Service Sorority will provide mentors for the program. Attorney Sherri Washington is a part of this group and spoke on their behalf.

Motion made by Commissioner Ewing, and seconded by Commissioner Schulz to approve the submission of a grant application to the Georgia Department of Human Services in the amount of \$56,250.00 and entitled Promoting Safe & Stable Families.

Motion carried unanimously.

DENNY DOBBS PARK – CONTRACT AGREEMENT W/CP RICHARDS CONSTRUCTION

Mike McCrorey of Sunbelt Builders appeared before the board requesting approval of a contract agreement with CP Richards Construction.

- Attorney James Griffin (County Attorney’s Office) provided the board with a memorandum noting changes and deletions. (Attached and made part of these minutes)
- Agreement approved by County Attorney’s Office
- General Contractor Agreement with CP Richards Construction Co., Inc.
- Cost: \$819,500.00

Motion made by Commissioner Simmons, and seconded by Commissioner Henderson to approve the Contract Agreement with CP Richards Construction for a not to exceed amount of \$819,500.00 as it relates to the Denny Dobbs Park.

Motion carried unanimously.

DENNY DOBBS PARK – PURCHASE ORDERS

The following purchase orders were presented to the board for their information and approval.

Hunter Kneppshield Co.
10 Hunters Trail
LaGrange, KY 40031

- Benches/Tables/Grills/Trash Receptacles/Goals
- Cost: \$48,442.35
- Copy of purchase order is made part of these minutes.

Motion made by Commissioner Simmons, and seconded by Commissioner Henderson to approve the purchase order for Hunter Kneppshield Company for a not to exceed amount of \$48,442.35 as it relates to the Denny Dobbs Park.

Motion carried unanimously.

EWMSI-Environmental Wastewater
Management Solutions, Inc.
P.O. Box 1838
Jackson, Georgia 30233

- Septic System
- Cost: \$13,548.27
- Copy of purchase order is made part of these minutes.

Motion made by Commissioner Simmons, and seconded by Commissioner Henderson to approve the purchase order for EWMSI-Environmental Wastewater – Management Solutions, Inc. for a not to exceed amount of \$13,548.27 as it relates to the Denny Dobbs Park.

Motion carried unanimously.

T&S Martin, Inc.
799 Macedonia Road
Covington, Georgia 30014

- Erosion Control
- Cost: \$24,761.00
- Copy of purchase order is made part of these minutes.

Motion made by Commissioner Simmons, and seconded by Commissioner Henderson to approve the purchase order for T&S Martin, Inc. for a not to exceed amount of \$24,761.00 as it relates to the Denny Dobbs Park.

Motion carried unanimously.

REMODELING CHAMBERS FOR NEW FIFTH JUDGE

Administrative Officer/CFO John Middleton presented this request to the board for approval.

- Space needed for new fifth Judge's Chamber
- Remodel/3rd floor of Judicial Center
- Received three bids for remodel project
- Sunbelt Builders, Inc. low bidder
- Cost: \$72,373.72
- 30 days completion
- Information attached and made part of minutes.

Motion made by Commissioner Simmons, and seconded by Commissioner Henderson to award the contract to Sunbelt Builders, Inc. for a not to exceed amount of \$72,373.72 as it relates to the remodeling project for the new (fifth) Judges Chambers at the Newton County Judicial Center.

Motion carried unanimously.

INITIATION OF AMENDMENT TO OFFICIAL ZONING MAP & FUTURE LAND USE PLAN

Commissioner Ewing presented this request to the board for their consideration.

- From time to time the board imitates a rezoning to correct a map or zoning that is not in compliance with current use.
- Allen's Auto Parts has been in business since 1969 and when county began zoning process, for some reason, this property was not zoned commercial.
- Making this correction would bring into compliance.
- Parcel #52-0011
Allen's Auto Parts
4848 Hwy. 162 South
Covington, Georgia 30014
Owner: Tony Allen

Motion made by Commissioner Ewing, and seconded by Commissioner Fleming giving authorization for the Planning Department to proceed with a board imitated rezoning to correct Parcel #52-0011 located at 4848 Highway 162 South, Covington, Georgia
Motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT REVIEW

Chairman Morgan recognized Administrative Officer/CFO John Middleton to present Financial Management Review to the board.

- Board previously provided Financial Management Plan Book to review

- Looking for ways to offset unexpected shortfall.
- Mr. Middleton gave the board a synopsis of plan with recommended options for consideration.
- Information made part of these minutes
- Assured board that he and Chairman Morgan are managing the finances daily.
- Board requested update on regular basis, being kept in the loop.

It was decided that board will receive regular updates and a complete review of finances in October when the board will make further decisions.

No action taken.

ALCOHOL LICENSE:

Final Reading

Quick Spot 36

10260 Hwy. 36

Covington, Georgia 30014

Owner: Jytindra (Jay) Trivedi (100% Owner)

District 5

Motion made by Commissioner Fleming, and seconded by Commissioner Simmons to approve the Alcohol License for Quick Spot 36 located at 10260 Hwy. 36, Covington, Georgia as read aloud by the chairman.

Motion carried unanimously.

COUNTY CHECKS

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Having no further business, motion was made by Commissioner Simmons, and seconded by Commissioner Henderson to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie B. Smith, Clerk