

**NEWTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
February 1, 2011**

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

**APPROVAL OF BOC WS MINUTES DATED DECEMBER 7, 2010
APPROVAL OF BOC WS MINUTES DATED DECEMBER 14, 2010
APPROVAL OF BOC WS MINUTES DATED JANUARY 3, 2011
APPROVAL OF BOC MINUTES DATED JANUARY 18, 2011**

Motion by Commissioner Ewing, and seconded by Commissioner Schulz to approve the BOC Work Session Minutes dated December 7, 2010, December 14, 2010, January 3, 2011, and BOC Regular Meeting Minutes dated January 18, 2011 as printed in board book.

Motion carried unanimously

LOCAL AGRICULTURAL PROTECTION GUIDE UPDATE

Nina E. Kelly, AICP Planner for Northeast Georgia Regional Commission appeared before the board and gave an update on the Local Agricultural Protection Guide.

- A copy of information is made part of these minutes
- Requested feedback from board members by end of February
- Project runs through June 2011
- Public Meeting in late March or early April
- BOC will receive a copy of the final document of project.
- No official action taken.

**R020111 – RESOLUTION TO ADOPT AMENDED AND RESTATED
DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN**

Administrative Officer John Middleton presented the Amended and Restated Defined Benefit Plan to the board for approval.

- Housekeeping issue
- Resolution is made part of these minutes

Motion by Commissioner Schulz, and seconded by Commissioner Sims to approve Resolution R020111 – A Resolution to Adopt Amended and Restated Defined Benefit Plan as printed on page nine in board packet and presented by Mr. Middleton.
Motion carried unanimously

NEWTON COUNTY COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP – FISCAL AGENT DESIGNATION AND ACCEPTANCE AGREEMENT

Administrative Officer John Middleton presented the request to continue as Fiscal Agent for the Community Partnership Program.

- Housekeeping issue.
- Agreement is made part of these minutes

Motion by Commissioner Schulz, and seconded by Commissioner Henderson to approve the Fiscal Agent Designation and Acceptance Agreement for FY12 Georgia Family Connection Partnership in Newton County.
Motion carried unanimously

DECLARATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY – SHERIFF’S OFFICE

Sheriff Ezell Brown was on hand and presented this request to the board.

- Declare as surplus property to be sold on GovDeals
- 1980 Yamaha 4-wheeler with major repairs needed such as new starter, choke, carburetor kit & all new tires. (Not usable)
- One total lot: (67) miscellaneous sizes of used tires
- All tires are 5mm or less and sold as one lot.
- Requested that the approval on the tires would be a one-time approval for all tires in the future. These tires will be sold on Gov Deals to the highest bidder.
- Sheriff’s Office has 800+ tires throughout the year to dispose of.
- Provided board with correspondence from County Attorney’s Office (Attorney Jenny Carter) regarding disposal of surplus tires. Copy made part of these minutes.
- Provided a copy of form “Surplus Property” to be utilized by Sheriff’s Office. Copy made part of these minutes

Motion by Commissioner Henderson, and seconded by Commissioner Ewing to approve the request to declare as Surplus Property as outlined in the board book and presented by Sheriff Brown. Also, with the understanding that due to the number of tires to be declared as surplus throughout the year, the Sheriff’s Office does not have to come back before the board to declare tires as surplus.
Motion carried unanimously

APPOINTMENT – ANIMAL CONTROL BOARD – DISTRICT 2

Motion by Commissioner Sims, and seconded by Commissioner Fleming to appoint Johnnie Ivey to the Newton County Animal Control Board representing the second district. Ms. Ivey's term will expire on December 31, 2014.

Motion carried unanimously

COUNTY CHECKS

Motion by Commissioner Henderson, 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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Time: 7:50 p.m.

Motion by Commissioner Schulz, seconded by Commissioner Henderson to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of personnel.

Motion carried unanimously

REGULAR SESSION

8:05 p.m.

Motion by Commissioner Ewing, seconded by Commissioner Fleming to enter into Regular Session.

Motion carried unanimously

With no further business, a motion by Commissioner Fleming, and seconded by Commissioner Henderson the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie B. Smith, County Clerk

Kathryn G. Morgan, Chairman