

**NEWTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
February 15, 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. Commissioner Henderson gave the invocation and Chairman Morgan led the Pledge of Allegiance to our great flag.

APPROVAL OF BOC MINUTES DATED FEBRUARY 1, 2011

Motion by Commissioner Ewing, and seconded by Commissioner Fleming to approve the BOC Minutes dated February 1, 2011 as printed in board book.

Motion carried unanimously

SHERIFF'S OFFICE: LAW ENFORCEMENT CERTIFICATION APPLICATION

Sheriff Brown came before the board seeking approval to submit an application for Law Enforcement Certification.

- discussed about a year ago and at that time the board approved for
- him to move forward.
- Represents a significant professional achievement
- Acknowledges implementation of sound & effective policies & procedures
- \$300.00 application fee/application expires 3 years from date of execution.
- Agency (Sheriff's Office) pays for the costs of assessors' travel, including gas, lodging, parking & meals. (Per diem)
- Sheriff's Office goal is to become state certified and then nationally certified.
- Information & application is made part of these minutes.
- Sheriff requested that the board frame the motion to eliminate having to come back before the board again and again regarding certification. He noted this request is due to time sensitivity constraints. Grant the chairman permission to execute the documents without coming back before this board.

Motion by Commissioner Ewing, and seconded by Commissioner Henderson to authorize the Chairman to execute the Certification Application and any future documentation relating to certification.

Motion carried unanimously

2005 SPLOST ROAD LIST

Chairman Morgan addressed the board regarding the SPLOST Road List.

- Provided SPLOST Road Projects List
- Most projects have been completed
- Went over each project with board.
- Noted projects that need to be completed from 2005 SPLOST
- Request permission to move forward with Gaither Road, Crowell Road, and Alcovy Trestle Road Projects. Funded with balance of 2005 SPLOST dollars.
- Note: If GDOT does not provide enough matching funds, Chairman Morgan will bring back to this board for further action.
- Commissioner Ewing noted that the 2005 SPLOST Road Projects need first priority. Chairman and board concurred.

Motion by Commissioner Ewing, and seconded by Commissioner Henderson to authorize the Chairman to move forward with completing the 2005 SPLOST Road List as outlined by Chairman Morgan and provided to board in print form with the understanding that contracts will be brought back to this board as needed.

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

ALCOHOL LICENSE - First Reading

JJ Quick Stop

298 Hwy. 162

Covington, Georgia 30016

Owner: Hamid Hussain (100%)

District Five

Note: Chairman Morgan read aloud the alcohol request for JJ Quick Stop.

No action needed

With no further business, a motion by Commissioner Henderson, and seconded by Commissioner Fleming the meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie B. Smith, County Clerk

Kathryn G. Morgan, Chairman