

**NEWTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
January 18, 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. Pastor Ronnie Brannen of Prospect UMC gave the invocation and Chairman Morgan led the Pledge of Allegiance to our great flag.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION:

SPLOST COMMITTEE UPDATE – CHAIRMAN

- Chairman Morgan handed out SPLOST Committee list.
- List is not official as some people have not been contacted.
- Ask board to provide any further names to be added to the list.
- Hunter Hall and Denny Dobbs have agreed to co-chair the 2011 SPLOST Committee

APPROVAL OF BOC MINUTES DATED JANUARY 4, 2011

Motion by Commissioner Ewing, and seconded by Commissioner Fleming to approve the BOC Meeting Minutes dated January 4, 2011 as printed on pages 1-6 in board packet.

Motion carried unanimously

APPOINTMENT TO ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS – CHAIRMAN

Chairman Morgan asked the board to reappoint Mr. Whitaker to the Zoning Board of Appeals to serve as chairman.

Motion by Commissioner Ewing, and seconded by Commissioner Henderson to appoint Mr. Glen Whitaker to serve as chairman of the Newton County Zoning Board of Appeals. Term expires on December 31, 2012.

Motion carried unanimously

APPOINTMENT – PLANNING COMMISSION – DISTRICT 2

Motion by Commissioner Sims, and seconded by Commissioner Ewing to appoint Mr. David Soto to the Newton County Planning Commission representing the second district.

Term expires on December 31, 2012.

Motion carried unanimously

APPOINTMENT – ZONING BD. OF APPEALS – DISTRICT 2

Motion by Commissioner Sims, and seconded by Commissioner Ewing to appoint Dr. Nick Hathorn to the Newton County Zoning Board of Appeals representing the second district.

Term expires on December 31, 2012.

Motion carried unanimously

APPOINTMENT - DFACS BOARD – DISTRICT 2

Motion by Commissioner Sims, and seconded by Commissioner Ewing to appoint Mrs. Patsy Autry to the Newton County Department of Family & Children’s Services Board representing the second district.

Term expires on December 31, 2015.

Motion carried unanimously

APPOINTMENT – TAX ASSESSOR BOARD – DISTRICT 2

Motion by Commissioner Sims, and seconded by Commissioner Henderson to appoint Mr. Vernon Bell to the Tax Assessor Board representing the second district.

Term expires on December 31, 2016.

Motion carried unanimously

WORK AUTHORIZATION FOR MORELAND ALTOBELLI ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RELATED TO MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS

Chairman Morgan addressed the board and went over the requested work authorization with MAAI regarding professional services for public works maintenance operations.

- Work Authorization is made part of these minutes

Motion by Commissioner Ewing, and seconded by Commissioner Henderson to approve Work Authorization #5 between Newton County Board of Commissioners and Moreland Altobelli Associates, Inc. for Professional Services related to maintenance operations for a not to exceed amount of \$31,541.14 and outlined on pages 7-12 in board packet.

Motion carried unanimously

FIRE SERVICES – ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT - \$3,162.06

Chairman Morgan presented this request for acceptance to the board.

- 100% funded grant from State Office of EMS
- Purchase two laptop computers
- Amount: \$3,162.06
- Fund: Fire Fund with 100% reimbursement from State Office of EMS Grant

Motion by Commissioner Fleming, and seconded by Commissioner Schulz to approve acceptance of the Fire Services Grant in the amount of \$3,162.06 with the understanding there will be no matching funds required from Newton County.

Motion carried unanimously

COUNTY CHECKS:

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

Motion Carried

With no further business, a motion by Commissioner Fleming, and seconded by Commissioner Henderson the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie B. Smith, County Clerk

Kathryn G. Morgan, Chairman