

NEWTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES

Newton County Executive Office Board Room

Tuesday, January 18, 2000

Davis C. Morgan presiding

Present: Chairman Davis Morgan, Commissioners Tommy Ballard, Danny Stone, J.C. Henderson, Hubert White, Executive Assistant Chip King, Zoning Director John Byce, Attorney Tommy Craig, Attorney Scott Cole, Clerk Jackie Smith
Chairman Morgan announced that Commissioner Dimsdale was in the hospital for surgery.

Also present: Cindy Tumlin - Covington News, Matthew Everett- Rockdale Citizen, small group of citizens.

Call To Order: Chairman Morgan extended welcome and read thought for the day.

Invocation: Rev. Clara Lett - Rainbow Covenant Church

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Chairman Morgan

APPROVAL OF MINUTES/DATED January 4, 2000

Motion: To approve minutes as submitted.

Proposed by: Commissioner Danny Stone, District Three

Second: Commissioner Hubert White, District Five

Motion Carried Unanimously

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Resolution Number R-12D-99: Sale of County Property

Chairman Morgan recommended to the board that this resolution be withdrawn from the agenda.

Motion: To withdraw Resolution Number R-12D-99 from the agenda.

Proposed by: Commissioner Danny Stone, District Three

Second: Commissioner Tommy Ballard, District One

Motion Carried Unanimously

NEW BUSINESS:

Salem Town Plan Presentation

Chairman introduced Randy Vinson and Peter Drey. Peter Drey made presentation and presented summary of such. Summary is made part of these minutes. Mr. Drey gave appreciation to citizens of the area that came out and participated in previous meetings. Chairman Morgan noted this was also in Commissioner Dimsdale's district who has worked real hard on this project along with Commissioner Stone. Chairman Morgan recommended that we have public hearings to get the same information that was presented tonight to the public as well as receive their comments in reference to this project. Mr. Drey said they would like to help out with this and would supplement presentation with some visual aids as well. Chairman expressed appreciation to Mr. Drey on behalf of the board.

Appointment to Public Land Trust Board

Chairman Morgan stated that appointments have already been made from Friends of Gaither's, Arnold Fund and Recreation Commission. Two appointments needed are: one from board and one from chairman. Chairman Morgan commented that he would wait to make his appointment to help balance out board. He said there are three males on the board now. He stated Commissioner Henderson had presented a name for consideration and Randy Vinson had submitted a list of names for the board's consideration. Commissioner Ballard stated he saw LaTrelle Oliver's name on the list and would like to recommend her.

Motion: To appoint LaTrelle Oliver to the Public Land Trust Board.

Proposed by: Commissioner Tommy Ballard, District One

Second: Commissioner Hubert White, District Five

Motion Carried

Qualifying Fee - Election 2000

Resolution R-01B-2000

Chairman asked the clerk to present. Clerk stated Georgia Code directs how to compute qualifying fees. Code states that qualification fees are set up by governing authority. Fees shall be 3% of gross salary of preceding year for Chairman, District Commissioners, Coroner, Board of Education plus any supplements. The Sheriff, Clerk of Superior Court, Tax Commissioner, Probate Judge is based on 3% of minimum salary of Sheriff

plus any supplements. This is based on the population of county. Qualifying Fees are attached and made part of these minutes.

Note: The original resolution is contained in file number R-01B-2000, incorporated herein by reference and expressly made a part of these minutes.

Motion: To adopt Resolution R-01B-2000 Qualifying Fees.

Proposed by: Commissioner Tommy Ballard, District One

Second: Commissioner Danny Stone, District Three

Discussion: Commissioner Stone asked the difference in Probate Judge's qualifying fee and other officers. Clerk stated it was because he received higher supplements.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Usher Road Water Line - 25-25-50 Program

Commissioner Danny Stone conveyed that the Water Committee had met last week. Their recommendation to this board and the Water & Sewer Authority Board was to participate in the 25-25-50 program for the water line on Usher Road with a maximum amount of county's participation not to exceed \$6,000.

Motion: To approve the 25-25-50 program for the Usher Road water line with a maximum county participation of \$6,000.00.

Proposed by: Commissioner Danny Stone, District Three

Second: Commissioner Hubert White, District Five

Discussion: Chairman stated that county does have funds available for this.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Zoning: None

Street Lights: None

Alcohol Beverage License

Final Reading:

Super Shortstop

10104 Washington Street

Covington, Georgia 30014

Owner: Kim, Won Sik

AMREKAZ ENT, Inc.
Brownbridge Shell Oil
14656 Brown Bride Road

Covington, GA 30016

Motion: To approve alcohol license as submitted.

Proposed by: Commissioner Tommy Ballard, District One

Second: Commissioner Danny Stone, District Three

Motion Carried Unanimously

Note: Attorney Tommy Craig presented a summary regarding alcohol applications. Commissioner Dimsdale had requested this at previous meeting. Copy attached and made part of these minutes.

Alcohol License Renewal With No Violations

Motion: To approve attached list as submitted (26 applications). List is made part of these minutes.

Proposed by: Commissioner Tommy Ballard, District One

Second: Commissioner Danny Stone, District Three

Motion Carried with District Five Commissioner abstaining.

Alcohol License Renewal With Violations

Chapman's Convenience Store

Highway 36 Grocery Store

J.J.'s Quick Stop

Foodland

Ellington Texaco

After much discussion Attorney Craig stated that we needed to notify the applicants of violations and call them before the board to be heard. (This includes either one violation or two violations) Chairman stated that we would coordinate a public hearing with attorney's office and he will notify applicants of such hearing by certified mail. They will be allowed to operate until public hearing.

Motion: That no action be taken regarding applications from Chapman's Convenience Store, Highway 36 Grocery Store, J.J.'s Quick Stop, Foodland and Ellington's Texaco until a public hearing is held with applicants. Date and time of public hearing will be established from chairman's office.

Proposed by: Commissioner Danny Stone, District Three

Second: Commissioner Tommy Ballard, District One

Motion Carried Unanimously

COUNTY CHECKS/APPROVAL:

Motion:To approve county checks as submitted.

Proposed by:Commissioner Tommy Ballard, District One

Second:Commissioner J.C. Henderson, District Four

Motion Carried Unanimously

Attorney Tommy Craig stated he received papers from the hospital for board to approve related to the bond issue. Mr. Craig presented copies to board. Chairman stated we would need motion to amend the agenda to consider this.

AMEND AGENDA:

Motion:To amend agenda to discuss resolution regarding bond issuance for Newton General Hospital.

Proposed by:Commissioner Hubert White, District Five

Second:Commissioner J.C. Henderson, District Four

Motion Carried Unanimously

After discussion it was decided to table action until board could review information.

Motion:To table for review and special called meeting.

Proposed by:Commissioner Tommy Ballard, District One

Second:Commissioner Hubert White, District Five

Motion Carried Unanimously

Citizens Comments (5 minutes or less)

Executive Session:

Time:8:00 PM

Motion: To enter into Executive Session to discuss land acquisition, personnel and litigation.

Proposed by: Commissioner J.C. Henderson, District Four

Second: Commissioner Hubert White, District Five

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: To enter into Regular Session.

Time: 8:35 PM

Proposed by: Commissioner Danny Stone, District Three

Second: Commissioner Tommy Ballard, District Five

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion to Adjourn

Time: 8:36 PM

Proposed by: Commissioner Danny Stone, District Three

Second: Commissioner Hubert White, District Five

Motion Carried Unanimously

Respectfully Submitted,

Jackie B. Smith, Clerk

Davis C. Morgan, Chairman