

**NEWTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
June 16, 2009
MINUTES**

Present: Chairman Kathy Morgan, Commissioners Mort Ewing, Earnest Simmons, Nancy Schulz, J.C. Henderson, and Tim Fleming. Attorney Jenny Carter, Administrative Officer 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 Jason Dees, First Baptist Church of Covington gave the invocation and Chairman Morgan led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

APPROVAL OF W/S BOC MINUTES DATED JUNE 2, 2009

Motion made to approve the Work Session Minutes dated June 2, 2009 by Commissioner Ewing, seconded by Commissioner Simmons.
Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BOC MINUTES DATED JUNE 2, 2009

Motion made to approve the minutes of the Regularly Scheduled Meeting dated June 2, 2009 by Commissioner Ewing, seconded by Commissioner Fleming.
Motion carried unanimously.

**IT'S IN OUR HANDS – 2010 CENSUS PARTNERSHIP
AGREEMENT**

Carolyn Aidman, partnership specialist with the U.S. Census Bureau was in attendance to present information regarding the 2010 Census. Chairman Morgan read a proclamation of support which is attached and made part of these minutes.

Motion made by Commissioner Ewing, seconded by Commissioner Schulz to approve the proclamation and County's participation in 2010 US Census Project.
Motion carried unanimously.

**SUPPORT LETTER FOR TRI-COUNTY EMERGENCY RELIEF
FUND**

Ashley Roesler, Executive Director, Rockdale County Emergency Relief Fund, Inc. and Laura Bertram, Newton County Community Partnership were present to present a request for participation in a Tri-County Emergency Relief Fund (Grant from the Department of Community Affairs).

Letter of explanation dated June 10, 2009 & copy of support letter from Newton County to the Department of Community Affairs is attached to these minutes.

Motion made by Commissioner Simmons, with a second by Commissioner Henderson to provide a support letter for the Tri-County Emergency Relief Fund to the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) with the understanding that the reporting agency (Rockdale County Emergency Relief Fund, Inc.) provide annual report to the Newton County Board of Commissioners regarding who received the funds, how much, and what was allocated to Newton County.

Motion carried unanimously

RFP #09-14 CONSTRUCTION OF DENNY DOBBS PARK

Recreation Director Tommy Hailey, Purchasing Director Tina Malone and Project Manager Steve Kapps appeared before the board to request a two week extension to review the bids received. Noted project will remain on schedule.

Motion made by Commissioner Simmons, seconded by Commissioner Henderson to approve the requested extension regarding RFP#09-14 Construction of Denny Dobbs Park.

Motion carried unanimously.

CONTRACT APPROVAL BETWEEN NEWTON COUNTY & NAPHCARE, INC.

Attorney James Griffin, Sheriff Brown, Captain Banks, Brad Cain (VP of NaphCare), appeared before the board to present contract between Newton County and NaphCare, Inc. The board considered two different amendments to the contract and accepted the recommendation of Sheriff Brown for the contract to extend for one year only, expiring on June 30, 2009. A copy of the contract is made part of these minutes.

Motion made by Commissioner Ewing, seconded by Commissioner Henderson to follow the recommendation of Sheriff Brown and extend the contract for one year between Newton County and Naphcare, Inc. as outlined in Board Packet on pages 24-34.

Motion carried unanimously.

DECLARATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY

Chairman Morgan presented a list of 12 surplus vehicles to be dispersed among various county departments as indicated on attached list.

Motion made by Commissioner Simmons, seconded by Commissioner Ewing to follow the recommendation of Chairman Morgan to disperse 12 surplus vehicles as outlined on the attached list to the various county departments.

Motion carried unanimously

MANSFIELD COMMUNITY CENTER ROOFING PROJECT

Commissioner Ewing provided a brief history on the Mansfield Community Center. The people who owned the house offered to give the building to the county provided it become a Community Center, available to citizens for a rental fee. Citizens of East Newton volunteered their time to manage the building for Newton County. Money has been accumulated from rental fees to keep the building painted, lawn care and now new roof. Three bids were received for the roofing project and Wayne Smith was the low bidder. Mr. Smith has been in the roofing business all of his life. Recommendation is to award bid to low bidder, Wayne Smith.

Motion made by Commissioner Ewing, seconded by Commissioner Fleming to award the Mansfield Community Center Roofing Project to the low bidder, Mr. Wayne Smith, for a not to exceed cost of \$8,421.00.

Motion carried unanimously

DISTRICT THREE APPOINTMENT TO LIBRARY BOARD

Motion made by Commissioner Schulz, seconded by Commissioner Henderson to appoint Tamara Richardson of 110 Tabor Forest Drive, Oxford, GA 30054 to serve a second term on the Newton County Library Board representing the third district. Term Expires on June 30, 2013.

Motion carried unanimously.

SET COUNTY MILLAGE RATE

Administrative Officer John Middleton addressed the board regarding the millage rate.

- Information duly advertised in legal organ.
- Information presented at Public Hearing held prior to this meeting.
- Information presented was read aloud for the public.
- Information is made part of these minutes.

Motion made by Commissioner Ewing and seconded by Commissioner Henderson to set the county millage rate at 9.730 for the fiscal year 2010 as outlined by Mr. Middleton.

Motion carried unanimously

R061609a ADOPTION OF FY2010 BUDGET

Administrative Officer John Middleton addressed the board regarding the adoption of the FY2010 budget.

- Information duly advertised in legal organ.
- Information presented at Public Hearing held prior to this meeting.
- Information presented was read aloud for the public.
- Resolution R061609a is made part of these minutes.

Motion made by Commissioner Ewing, seconded by Commissioner Fleming to approve Resolution R061609a to adopt Newton County's FY 2010 Budget.

Motion carried unanimously

R061609B – AMENDMENTS TO NEWTON COUNTY PERSONNEL POLICY

Attorney Jenny Carter appeared before the board to present the proposed amendments to the Newton County Personnel Policy. Copy of resolution outlining all changes is made part of these minutes.

Motion made by Commissioner Ewing, seconded by Commissioner Fleming to adopt Resolution R061609b Amendments to the Newton County Personnel Policy as outlined by Attorney Jenny Carter and provided in Board Packet on pages 39-42.

Motion carried unanimously

R061609C – AMENDMENTS TO NEWTON COUNTY PERSONNEL POLICY/HOLIDAY OBSERVATION

Attorney Jenny Carter appeared before the board to present the proposed amendments to the Newton County Personnel Policy noting that the unpaid holidays presented will be for Fiscal Year 2010. (July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010)

Bonus day for employees with perfect attendance suspended for FY2010. (July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010)

Motion made by Commissioner Simmons, seconded by Commissioner Henderson to approve Resolution R061609c – Amendments to the Newton County Personnel Policy as it relates to Holiday Observation and presented by Attorney Jenny Carter.

Motion carried unanimously

ZONINGS: None

COUNTY CHECKS

Motion made by Commissioner Ewing, seconded by Commissioner Simmons to approve the county checks read aloud by Chairman Morgan and listed in Board Packet.

Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Time: 8:35 p.m.

Motion by Commissioner Ewing, seconded by Commissioner Fleming to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel issues.

Motion carried unanimously.

REGULAR SESSION

Time: 9:50 p.m.

Motion by Commissioner Simmons, seconded by Commissioner Henderson to enter into Regular Session.

Motion carried unanimously.

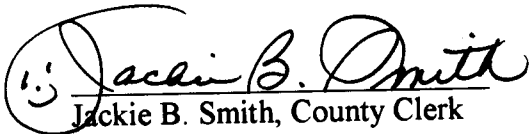
PORTERDALE DISPATCH SERVICES AGREEMENT

Chairman Morgan provided the commission with a copy of a draft proposal presented by Porterdale to Newton County & the City of Covington.

It was the consensus of the board that the County Attorney would meet with Porterdale's Attorney and Covington's Attorney to discuss the draft agreement presented by Porterdale and report back to this board.

Being no further business, motion was made by Commissioner Ewing and seconded by Commissioner Henderson to adjourn the meeting at 10:05p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Jackie B. Smith, County Clerk