

**NEWTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
March 1, 2011  
MINUTES**

**Present:** Chairman Kathy Morgan, Commissioner's Mort Ewing, Lanier Sims, Nancy Schulz, J.C. Henderson, and Tim Fleming; Administrative Officer John Middleton, County Attorney Tommy Craig, Attorney Jenny Carter & 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:**

Chairman Morgan recognized and extended a welcome to several members of Newton County Youth Leadership.

**APPROVAL OF BOC WORK SESSION MINUTES DATED  
FEBRUARY 15, 2011**

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Motion by Commissioner Ewing, and seconded by Commissioner Sims to approve the BOC Work Session Minutes and BOC Minutes dated February 15, 2011 as printed in board book.

Motion carried unanimously

**PUBLIC HEARING: FIRST READ REGARDING IMPACT FEE**

Chairman Morgan declared the Public Hearing open at 7:10 p.m.

Administrative Officer John Middleton gave a brief synopsis of the required annual CIE Impact Fee Element and Short Term Work Program. He noted that the board would approve the Transmittal Resolution on March 15<sup>th</sup> and send the NEGRC in Athens for review and processing.

There were no comments and questions and Chairman Morgan closed the Public Hearing at 7:15 p.m.

**R030111 – CSBG GRANT - INCREASE FOR SENIOR  
SERVICES/DFACS**

Motion by Commissioner Schulz, and seconded by Commissioner Henderson to approve Resolution R030111 – CSBG Grant Increase FY2011 for Senior Services/DFACS in the amount of \$29,111.70.

Motion carried unanimously

Commissioner Schulz addressed the board noting that in light of the discussion at the BOC retreat in February concerning Senior Services she would like to request that a work session be held within the next 30 days. She also provided an excerpt from the July 6, 2010 BOC Minutes for further information.

Motion by Commissioner Schulz, and seconded by Commissioner Ewing that a work session be held within the next 30 days regarding Senior Services and other items discussed at the retreat.

Motion carried unanimously

### **ENGINEERING: GRIFFIN MOUNTAIN TRAIL (FEMA PROJECT)**

County Engineer Tom Garrett appeared before the board and presented project for approval.

- FEMA awarded county money after flood.
- Small project – Replacement of storm pipes and structure along Griffin Mountain Trail
- Will bid the project out and submit to board for approval
- Funding: 100% FEMA
- County has already received funds

Motion by Commissioner Ewing, and seconded by Commissioner Sims to approve moving forward with project as it relates to Griffin Mountain Trail with the understanding the project is fully funded by FEMA. Also, bring bid project back to board for award of contract.

Motion carried unanimously

### **SURPLUS PROPERTY: CORNISH CREEK WTF**

Administrative Officer John Middleton presented request for property to be declared surplus on behalf of Cornish Creek Water Treatment Facility.

Motion by Commissioner Ewing, and seconded by Commissioner Schulz to declare as Surplus Property to be sold on GOVDEALS the following:

1969 Hercules Irrigation Pump, Serial #2805-00-872-5472

1984 Rainbow Irrigation Systems Pump, Model #37025

Motion carried unanimously

### **COUNTY CHECKS**

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

Motion carried unanimously

**ALCOHOL LICENSE**

Final Reading  
JJ Quick Stop  
298 Hwy. 162  
Covington, Georgia 30016  
Owner: Hamid Hussain (100%)  
District Five

Chairman Morgan advised the board that Mr. Hussain had pulled his request for an alcohol license.

No action taken

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Time: 7:40 p.m.

Motion by Commissioner Henderson, seconded by Commissioner Schulz to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation and land acquisition.

Motion carried unanimously

**REGULAR SESSION**

8:50 p.m.

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

Motion carried unanimously

Chairman Morgan announced there would be a Special Called Meeting to approve the final 2011 SPLOST Roads List with a Work Session to follow regarding Senior Services on Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup>.

With no further business, a motion by Commissioner Fleming, and seconded by Commissioner Henderson the meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jackie B. Smith, County Clerk

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Kathryn G. Morgan, Chairman