

**NEWTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
August 17, 2010
MINUTES**

Present: Chairman Kathy Morgan, Commissioner's Mort Ewing, Earnest Simmons, Nancy Schulz, J.C. Henderson, and Tim Fleming; Administrative Officer John Middleton, County Attorney Tommy Craig, & Clerk Jackie Smith

Newspaper: Covington News-Gabe Khouli
Newton Citizen- Crystal Tatum
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

Mike McCrory from Sunbelt Builders and Recreation Director Tommy Hailey appeared before the board to give an update on the Denny Dobbs Park. Everything running on schedule and the dedication is planned for early September.

Chairman and Board expressed appreciation to Commissioner Simmons, Sunbelt Builders/Mike McCrory and Director Hailey for the hard work on the park and making a wonderful place that our citizens can enjoy in the western part of the county.

APPROVAL OF BOC WORK SESSION MINUTES AUGUST 2, 2010

Motion by Commissioner Ewing seconded by Commissioner Fleming to approve the Work Session BOC Meeting Minutes dated August 2, 2010.
Motion Carried

APPROVAL OF BOC MINUTES AUGUST 3, 2010

Motion by Commissioner Ewing, seconded by Commissioner Henderson to approve the BOC Meeting Minutes dated August 2, 2010.
Motion Carried

R081710 – RESOLUTION FOR CSBG GRANT PROGRAM FFY2010 INCREASE IN FUNDING: \$2,595.00

Administrative Officer John Middleton presented this resolution to the board for their approval.

- Housekeeping item
- Money from DHR/CSBG Grant to assist Senior Services & DFACS
- Additional funding of \$2,595.00

Motion by Commissioner Ewing, seconded by Commissioner Henderson to approve Resolution R081710 – Accepting additional funding in the amount of \$2,595.00 for FFY2010 CSBG Grant Program for Senior Services/DFACS.

Motion Carried

NSP: AWARD BID FOR FAIRVIEW COMMUNITY PARK

Director of Development Services Scott Sirotkin appeared before the board seeking approval of contracts for Fairview Community Park. He told the board the evaluation committee, consisting of Jenny Carter, Debbie Bell, Marcia Allen, Tommy Hailey & himself, recommended the following for approval:

Motion by Commissioner Schulz, seconded by Commissioner Fleming to award the NSP contract for Fairview Community Park as follows:

1. Park Construction to Pacific Venture, Inc. for a cost not to exceed \$149,328.40.
2. Pavilion to Timberlake Outdoors for a cost not to exceed \$16,828.00.
3. Playground to Gametime/Dominica Recreation for a cost not to exceed \$28,843.60

Motion Carried

E911 SOFTWARE MAINTENACE AGREEMENT W/RADIO IP SOFTWARE, INC.

E911 Director Mike Smith appeared before the board to present the software maintenance agreement with Radio IP Software, Inc.

Motion by Commissioner Simmons, seconded by Commissioner Fleming to approve the E911 Software Maintenance Agreement with Radio IP Software, Inc., as outlined on pages 6-14 in board packet, and for a not to exceed amount of \$17,700.00.

Motion Carried

ZONINGS

Director of Development Services Scott Sirotkin appeared before the board to sound the Zoning requests.

Chairman Morgan noted that those in favor and those against the petition would be allowed to address the board for ten minutes each.

REZ10-003

Existing Land Use Map: RR (Rural Residential)

Existing Zoning: AR (Agricultural Residential)

Proposed Zoning: A (Agricultural)

Watershed: Yellow River

Character Area: Rocky Plains

Location: Rocky Plains Road (South Side)

869.63 Feet of Frontage

Parcel Size: 402.06 Acres
Tax Parcel: 50-7
Owner: Plum Creek Land Company
Petitioner: Plum Creek Land Company
Representative: Jay Scott
Applicant's Intent: To return land to agricultural use (timbering)
Planning Commission: Approval
District One

Petitioner Representative: Jay Scott

- 2 years ago zoning was changed to AR (Agricultural Residential) for development purposes.
- Economy has changed they are no longer in the development business.
- Now property will be used for Timber Management

No opposition

Motion by Commissioner Ewing, seconded by Commissioner Fleming to approve REZ10-003 zoning change from AR (Agricultural Residential) to A (Agricultural) with no conditions, and as outlined by Scott Sirotkin and Jay Scott.

Motion Carried

MOD10-000044

Proposal: To remove condition 3.b. of REZ09-001 and to waive requirement for decel land per section 605-110 F.5. of Development Regulations.

Existing Zoning: CH (Highway Commercial) approved 5/19/09

Location: 16328 Highway 36 (West side)

Parcel Size: 4.37 Acres

Tax Parcel: 72-22

Owner: Ben Rivers

Petitioner: Ben Rivers

Representative: Michelle L. Jackam, PE

Applicant's Intent: To remove requirements for providing decel and left-turn lanes.

District One

Commissioner Ewing noted the county had received a written request from Attorney James Alexander to defer MOD10-000044 until the September 21st meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Ewing, seconded by Commissioner Schulz to approval the deferral request to the September 21, 2010 commission meeting.

Motion Carried

ADOPTION OF OFFICIAL ZONING DISTRICT MAP OF NEWTON COUNTY

Director of Development Services Scott Sirotkin noted:

- Advertisement ran in legal organ
- Map on display in commission board room
- Reflects zoning changes
- Yearly housekeeping item

Motion by Commissioner Ewing, seconded by Commissioner Fleming to approve
The adoption of the Official Zoning District Map of Newton County
Motion Carried

COUNTY CHECKS:

Motion by Commissioner Henderson, 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 and a motion by Commissioner Simmons, seconded by
Commissioner Henderson the meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.
Motion carried unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie B. Smith, County Clerk

Kathryn G. Morgan, Chairman