

**NEWTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
August 3, 2010**

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

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.

Chairman Morgan recognized local Boy Scouts Sam B. Hay IV and Heath Brickell. As part of earning their Merit Badge the scouts are required to write a report on a government meeting/communications and chose the Newton County Board of Commissioners meeting to attend.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION:

County Rental Policy: Administrative Officer John Middleton briefly went over policy and the minor change.

- Small increase in fees
- Information made part of these minutes

Movie – Footloose:

Chairman Morgan advised the board that she was contacted regarding the use of the boardroom for a courtroom scene in the movie Footloose.

- County will receive payment of around \$13,500.00
- Information is made part of these minutes.

APPROVAL OF W/S MINUTES DATED JULY 20, 2010

Motion by Commissioner Ewing, seconded by Commissioner Fleming to approve the Work Session BOC Meeting Minutes dated July 20, 2010.

Motion Carried

APPROVAL OF BOC MINUTES DATED JULY 20, 2010

Motion by Commissioner Ewing, seconded by Commissioner Fleming to approve the BOC Meeting Minutes dated July 20, 2010.

Motion Carried

R080310 - RESOLUTION TO CALL FOR REFERENDUM FOR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR SALE BY THE DRINK

- Chairman Morgan noted the work session that was held on Monday, August 2nd regarding said issue.
- Chairman Morgan gave a summary of what was discussed at the work session.
- Letter of support was presented by the Newton County Chamber of Commerce and made part of these minutes
- Commissioner Schulz made a motion to approve resolution.
- Discussion/comments from commissioners in favor and in opposition to the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Schulz, seconded by Commissioner Fleming to approve Resolution R080310 – A Resolution To Regulate And Provide For The Calling Of An Election To Determine Whether The Board Of Commissioners Of Newton County Shall Be Authorized To Issue Licenses To Sell Distilled Spirits For Beverage Purposes By The Drink For Consumption Only On The Premises And Whether Sales Of Distilled Spirits Or Alcoholic Beverages For Beverage Purposes By The Drink Should Be Allowed On Sundays As Authorized By Article 5 Of Chapter 4 Of Title 3 And Article 1 Of Chapter 3 Of Title 3 Of The Official Code Of Georgia Annotated; Requesting The Election Superintendent Of Newton County To Call An Election Of The Voters Of Newton County; Approving The Form Of The Questions On The Ballot To Be Used In Such Election And The Notice Of Such Election; And For Other Purpose.

- (1) Shall the governing authority of Newton County, Georgia be authorized to issue licenses to sell distilled spirits for beverage purposes by the drink, such sales to be for consumption only on the premises?
- (2) Shall the government authority of Newton County, Georgia be authorized to permit and regulate Sunday sales of distilled spirits or alcoholic beverages for beverage purposes by the drink?

Motion Denied

Commissioner's Ewing, Simmons, and Henderson voted in opposition to the motion.

R080310A – TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF PLAN 2030 PURSUANT TO THE GRANT PROGRAM GUIDELINES THROUGH THE NORTHEAST GEORGIA REGIONAL COMMISSION

- Chairman Morgan noted this was a simple housekeeping issue to participate in the program.

Motion by Commissioner Schulz, seconded by Commissioner Ewing to approve Resolution R080310a – Resolution to participate in the development of Plan 2030 pursuant to the grant program guidelines through the Northeast Georgia Regional Commission as presented by Chairman Morgan.

Motion Carried

APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT TO WITHDRAW WATER FROM THE PROPOSED BEAR CREEK RESERVOIR IN NEWTON COUNTY

APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT TO WITHDRAW WATER FROM ALCOVY RIVER IN NEWTON COUNTY FOR THE PROPOSED BEAR CREEK RESERVOIR

APPLICATION TO RENEW A PERMIT TO WITHDRAW WATER FROM LAKE VARNER IN NEWTON COUNTY

APPLICATION TO RENEW A PERMIT TO WITHDRAW WATER FROM THE ALCOVY RIVER IN NEWTON COUNTY FOR LAKE VARNER

- County Attorney Tommy Craig addressed the board and presented these four applications.
- Housekeeping issue to update files for DNR/EPD
- Copy of applications made part of these minutes.

Motion by Commissioner Ewing, seconded by Commissioner Henderson to approve the applications as presented by County Attorney Tommy Craig, listed on pages 13-36 in board packet and made part of these minutes.

Motion Carried

COUNTY CHECKS:

Motion by Commissioner Ewing, 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 Simmons, seconded by Commissioner Henderson the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie B. Smith, County Clerk

Kathryn G. Morgan, Chairman