

**NEWTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**January 19, 2010**  
**MINUTES**

**Present:** Chairman Kathy Morgan, Commissioner's Mort Ewing, Nancy Schulz, J.C. Henderson, and Tim Fleming. County Attorney Tommy Craig, & Clerk Jackie Smith

Note: Commissioner Earnest Simmons was out of town on business.

**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**

Update on Nelson Heights Community Center/Winter Repairs

Chairman Morgan noted the following:

- Pipe busted under bathroom sink during recent freeze
- Commissioner Henderson looked at it and pipe was repaired
- Building was cleaned and will be cleaned one more time.
- Facility has been winterized and water turned off.
- Burglar & Fire Alarm: Working correctly
- Building is secure
- We have asked two "mold experts" to come in, review the situation and make sure that there is not any mold in the building. Estimated cost: \$300.00

Financial Update

Administrative Officer John Middleton addressed the board and briefly went over the Financial Report ending December 31, 2009.

- A copy is made part of these minutes.
- Met w/constitutional officers and department heads
- 88.5% of taxes have been collected per tax commissioner
- Rate of collection is pretty consistent
- Operating expenses by quarter is less than it has been in past years.
- Significant reduction in spending.
- All payables are current (23 days).
- Expenses are key to managing whole budget process.
- Invoices received in a timely manner...pay out in a timely manner with a 3-way check

### **APPROVAL OF BOC W/S MINUTES DATED JANUARY 5, 2010**

Motion made by Commissioner Ewing, and seconded by Commissioner Fleming to approve the BOC Work Session Minutes dated January 5, 2010 as printed.

Motion carried unanimously

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### **APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN OF BOC**

Commissioner Ewing noted that this is a rotating position among board by district on an annual basis.

Motion made by Commissioner Ewing, and seconded by Commissioner Henderson to appoint Commissioner Earnest Simmons to serve as vice chairman of the BOC for the year 2010.

Motion carried unanimously

### **JUVENILE COURT/SHERIFF'S OFFICE: ACCEPTANCE EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG)**

Administrative Officer John Middleton presented this request for acceptance of funds on behalf of the Juvenile Court & Sheriff's Office.

- Amount: \$137,657.00
- Sheriff Department: Special Investigations Unit
- Juvenile Department: Diversion Programs & Drug Court

Motion made by Commissioner Schulz, and seconded by Commissioner Fleming to accept the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Grant (JAG) in the amount of \$137,657.00 on behalf of the Sheriff's Office and the Juvenile Court.

Motion carried unanimously

### **DECLARATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY TO BE SOLD ON GOV/DEALS**

Administrative Officer John Middleton presented this request to declare surplus property to be sold on Gov/Deals.

- Two vehicles
- 2002 Chevrolet 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Camaro #2G1FP22G822124679 (mileage: 140,800)
- 2002 Chevrolet 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Camaro #2G1FP22G022123416 (Mileage 109,000)
- Vehicles have served their usefulness
- Minimum starting bid of \$9,500.00 each

Motion made by Commissioner Ewing, and seconded by Commissioner Schulz to approve the Declaration of Surplus Property to be sold on Gov/Deals with a minimum bid to be established at \$9,500.00 per vehicle as presented.

Motion carried unanimously

### **CONTRACT APPROVAL FOR PROBATION SERVICES/GA CORRECTIONS CORPORATION**

Administrative Officer John Middleton presented this request.

- Housekeeping item
- Contract signed by Judge Henry Baker
- Requires board approval.
- Contract made part of these minutes

Motion made by Commissioner Ewing, and seconded by Commissioner Fleming to approve the contract for Probation Services/GA Corrections Corporation as it relates to the court and listed on pages 45-51 in board packet.

Motion carried unanimously

### **FOOD SERVICE CONTRACT EXTENSION FOR NEWTON COUNTY DETENTION CENTER**

Administrative Officer John Middleton presented this request.

- Frank's Restaurant has been providing meals for the inmates at the Newton County Detention Center since 1987.
- Contract was bid out in 2003
- Excellent job of providing three meals per day, seven days per week, 365 days per year including holidays.
- October 2009 extension for the current contract was approved for one year with the option to renew three additional years renewable each year.
- Request to renew contract for the first year of the three year contract.
- Extension of time period: 1/1/2010-12/31/2010
- Cost: \$1.70 per meal
- Contract made part of these minutes.

Commissioner Ewing expressed appreciation to the Castellano family for their service to Newton County and noted that they were the only business that came forth and offered to reduce their rates at a time when Newton County was facing a financial problem.

Motion made by Commissioner Ewing, and seconded by Commissioner Schulz to approve the Food Service Contract Extension with Frank's Restaurant, first year renewal of three year option (January 1, 2010 – December 31, 2010), Food Services for inmates at the Newton County Detention Center

Motion carried unanimously

## **NCFS UNIFORM PURCHASE**

Newton County Fire Chief Mike Satterfield appeared before the board to make this request.

- Will complete the majority of uniforms anticipate issuing to our firefighters this year.
- Staff has done a great job in managing.
- Lowered budget by 20% on this particular line item.

Motion made by Commissioner Fleming, and seconded by Commissioner Ewing to approve the uniform purchase for Newton County Fire Services from T&T Uniforms South for a not to exceed amount of \$14,616.30.

Motion carried unanimously

## **TASK ORDER #16 FOR TRANSPORTATION CONSULTANTS PBS&J FOR GUM CREEK ROAD RESURFACING**

Newton County Engineer Kevin Walter appeared before the board to present this request.

- Briefly went over project
- Consultant: PBS&J
- Construction Management for Resurfacing of Gum Creek Road from GASR#81 to Dial Mill Road
- Cost: \$70,979.00
- Newton County has obtained \$500,000 in Stimulus funding (American Reinvestment and Recovery Act-ARRA), to be assigned to the engineering & construction of this project.
- 4<sup>th</sup> quarter administrative modifications of the ARC Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) of December 2009
- PBS&J will ensure that Newton County obtains the maximum length of paving possible from this ARRA allocation by the ARC.

Commissioner Fleming expressed appreciation for the presentation and noted this is a very important project to get done.

Motion made by Commissioner Fleming, and seconded by Commissioner Schulz to approve Task Order #16 for Transportation Consultants PBS&J Resurfacing Project for Gum Creek Road for a not to exceed amount of \$70,979.00.

Motion carried unanimously

## **COUNTY CHECKS**

Motion made by Commissioner Ewing, seconded by Commissioner Henderson to approve the county checks read aloud by Chairman Morgan and listed in board packet.

Motion carried unanimously.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Time: 7:40 pm

Motion made by Commissioner Ewing, seconded by Commissioner Fleming to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing land acquisition.

Motion carried unanimously

**REGULAR SESSION**

Time: 8:05 pm

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

Motion carried unanimously

With no further business, a motion by Commissioner Henderson, seconded by Commissioner Schulz the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

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Jackie B. Smith, Clerk

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Kathryn G. Morgan, Chairman