

**NEWTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
June 1, 2010
MINUTES**

Present: Chairman Kathy Morgan, Commissioners Mort Ewing, Earnest Simmons, Nancy Schulz, J.C. Henderson, and Tim Fleming. Administrative Officer John Middleton, Attorney Jenny Carter & 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

Attorney Jenny Carter appeared before the board to give an update on several ordinances the county attorney's office is working on.

APPROVAL OF BOC WORK SESSION MINUTES MAY 18, 2010

Motion by Commissioner Ewing, seconded by Commissioner Henderson to approve the Work Session BOC Meeting Minutes dated May 18, 2010.

Motion Carried

APPROVAL OF BOC MINUTES MAY 18, 2010

Motion by Commissioner Ewing, seconded by Commissioner Fleming to approve the BOC Meeting Minutes dated May 18, 2010.

Motion Carried

E911 – HARRIS SOFTWARE FX AGREEMENT

E911 Director Mike Smith appeared before the board to present this agreement.

- Provided correspondence from Harris Corporation to be made part of agreement.
- Changes to agreement on pages 70, 71, 72 (fill in blanks)
- Copy of Agreement with changes and supplements is made part of these minutes.

Motion by Commissioner Simmons, seconded by Commissioner Fleming to approve the Harris Software FX Agreement as presented by Director Smith and listed on pages 59-72 in board packet along with changes and supplement to be made part of these minutes, and for the cost not to exceed \$79,000.

Motion Carried

SHERIFF'S OFFICE: APPROVAL OF GRANT APPLICATIONS

Sheriff Ezell Brown and Apryle Jones appeared before the board to present a request to apply for COPS Grant and for the 2010 Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant.

- COPS Grant will be used to hire, rehire or retain sworn law enforcement officers.
- Grant will pay entry-level salary for 36 months
- County must retain the officer for additional 12 months
- BVP Grant will reimburse 50% of the cost of vest purchase up to grant award.

Motion by Commissioner Simmons, seconded by Commissioner Henderson to approve the COPS Grant Application and the BVP Grant application as requested by Sheriff Ezell Brown.

Motion Carried

APPROVAL OF WATER RATE FY2011

Administrative Officer John Middleton addressed the board regarding the approval of the FY2011 Water Rates.

- Analysis of Water Rates required to meet 2010 Bond Covenants
- Water rates are approved annually as a matter of good management practices.
- Analysis made part of these minutes

Motion by Commissioner Ewing, seconded by Commissioner Henderson to approve the FY2011 Water Rates at \$1.773 presented by Mr. Middleton and listed in board packet on page 74.

Motion Carried

PARITY RESOLUTION FOR WATER REVENUE BONDS

Mr. Jamie Wilson from Merchant Capital appeared before the board to present the Parity Resolution for the Water Revenue Bonds.

- Merchant Capital's recommendation is to accept Bank America's proposal
- Resolution is made part of these minutes.

Motion by Commissioner Ewing, seconded by Commissioner Fleming to accept the recommendation of Jamie Wilson/Merchant Capital and approve the Parity Resolution regarding the issuance of Newton County Georgia Water Revenue Bond, Series 2010, in the principal amount of \$2,875,000 for the purpose of reimbursing, in whole or in part, the cost of the acquisition, construction and installation of improvements to its water system; and other related purposes. And to accept the proposal by Bank America as presented by Mr. Wilson.

Motion Carried

VALIDATION I PAPERS NEWTON 2010

Motion by Commissioner Ewing, seconded by Commissioner Henderson to accept and approve the Validation I Papers Newton County 2010 as listed in board packet on pages 98 through 109.

Motion Carried

AMENDMENTS TO THE NEWTON COUNTY SOIL AND SEDIMENTATION CONTROL ORDINANCE

Attorney Jenny Carter appeared before the board to present these amendments.

Ms. Carter went over all the changes and definitions with the board.

Ms. Carter duly noted changes and a copy of ordinance is made part of these minutes.

Provided Article 2 – Definitions

Provided Article 7 – Erosion and Sedimentation Control

Motion by Commissioner Ewing, seconded by Commissioner Simmons to approve the Amendments to the Newton County Soil and Sedimentation Control Ordinance as presented by Ms. Carter with a copy of Ordinance being made part of these minutes.
Motion Carried

FY2010 BUDGET SCHEDULE

Chairman Morgan and Administrative Officer John Middleton addressed the board regarding the budget schedule.

- Chairman Morgan read a statement which is made part of these minutes.
- Mr. Middleton went over schedule

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

ALCOHOL LICENSE

Final Reading

Motion by Commissioner Ewing, seconded by Commissioner Fleming to approve the Alcohol License for the Hub Marathon located at 12752 Hwy. 278, Social Circle, GA.

Motion Carried

Final Reading

Motion by Commissioner Simmons, seconded by Commissioner Fleming to approve the Alcohol License for Bailey's Food Pride located at 5890 Salem Road, Covington, GA.

Motion Carried

First Reading

CVS Drugs

5384 Highway 20

Covington, GA 30016

District Two

With no further business to be brought before the board, a motion by Commissioner Simmons, seconded by Commissioner Henderson the meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.
Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Smith, County Clerk

Kathryn G. Morgan, Chairman