

**NEWTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
May 4, 2010**

MINUTES

Present: Chairman Kathy Morgan, Commissioner's 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.

APPROVAL OF W/S MINUTES DATED APRIL 20, 2010

Motion made by Commissioner Ewing, and seconded by Commissioner Fleming to approve the BOC Work Session Minutes dated April 20, 2010 as printed. Motion carried unanimously

APPROVAL OF BOC MINUTES DATED APRIL 20, 2010

Motion made by Commissioner Ewing, and seconded by Commissioner Fleming to approve the BOC Minutes dated April 20, 2010 as printed. Motion carried unanimously

SHERIFF'S OFFICE: APPLICATION FOR FY2010 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL, JAG PROGRAM

Sheriff Ezell Brown and Apryle Jones appeared before the board requesting approval for a grant application regarding FY2010 JAG Grant. Grant funds will be used to improve/enhance law enforcement programs. Information is attached and made part of these minutes.

Motion made by Commissioner Simmons, and seconded by Commissioner Henderson to approve the Application for the FY2010 Edward Byrne Memorial Grant (JAG) in the amount of \$43,053.00 as requested by the Newton County Sheriff's Office.

Motion carried unanimously

SHERIFF'S OFFICE – LIVE SCAN BOOKING SYSTEM

Sheriff Ezell Brown and Captain Sammy Banks appeared before the board requesting approval of a Live Scan Booking System/Finger Printing Machine at the cost of \$60,813.00. The funding source for this system is the Jail Fund. Information is attached and made part of these minutes.

Motion made by Commissioner Simmons, and seconded by Commissioner Ewing to approve the purchase of the Live Scan Booking System for a not to exceed cost of \$60,813.00, and funded through the Jail Fund as prescribed by Sheriff Ezell Brown and Captain Banks.

Motion carried unanimously

Ro50410 – GRANT ACCEPTANCE – NORTHEAST GEORGIA TREE PLANTING FOR ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION & GREEN JOBS

County Arborist/Special Projects Department Debbie Bell appeared before the board to present the attached resolution regarding tree planting for ecosystem restoration and green jobs. The grant amount is \$2400.00 and there will be no matching funds required by the county. Information is made part of these minutes.

Motion made by Commissioner Simmons, and seconded by Commissioner Henderson to approve Resolution R050410 – Grant Acceptance for Northeast Georgia Tree Planting for Ecosystem Restoration and Green Jobs as presented by Debbie Bell/Special Projects Department.

Motion carried unanimously

SETTLEMENT & RELEASE AGREEMENT – CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS, LLC

- Housekeeping item
- Copy of the agreement is made part of these minutes.

Motion made by Commissioner Simmons, and seconded by Commissioner Ewing to accept/approve the Settlement and Release Agreement between Newton County, Georgia and Charter Communications, LLC as presented by Attorney Jenny Carter.

HARRIS CORPORATION – BETA SITE TEST AGREEMENT

E911 Director presented this agreement to the board for action.

- No cost to Newton County
- Testing product for Harris

Motion made by Commissioner Fleming, and seconded by Commissioner Ewing to approve the BETA Site Test Agreement between Newton County, Georgia and Harris Corporation as presented and listed on pages 146-150 in board packet.
Motion carried unanimously

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 unanimously

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Motion by Commissioner Simmons and seconded by Commissioner Henderson to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing land acquisition.

Motion Carried

REGULAR SESSION

Time: 7:55 p.m.

Motion by Commissioner Schulz and seconded by Commissioner Simmons to enter into Regular Session.

Motion Carried

LAND ACQUISITION

Attorney Scott Pippin presented the assignment of contract to purchase real estate for the Neighborhood Stabilization Program for approval. A copy of contract is made part of these minutes.

Motion made by Commissioner Schulz and seconded by Commissioner Ewing to accept the assignment of the contract that includes the purchase of the proposed 12.1 acres designated as the Fairview Community Park as presented, and to authorize the Chairman and the County Attorney's office to proceed with a closing on said property.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m. on a motion by Commissioner Simmons and a second by Commissioner Henderson.

Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie B. Smith, County Clerk

Kathryn G. Morgan, Chairman

