

**NEWTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
September 21, 2010
MINUTES**

Present: Chairman Kathy Morgan, Commissioner's Earnest Simmons, Nancy Schulz, J.C. Henderson, and Tim Fleming. County Attorney Tommy Craig, Attorney Jenny Carter & Clerk Jackie Smith

Note: Commissioner Ewing and Ms. Faye were in Switzerland celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

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 BOC WORK SESSION MINUTES SEPTEMBER 7, 2010

Motion by Commissioner Simmons, seconded by Commissioner Fleming to approve the BOC Work Session Minutes dated September 7, 2010.

Motion Carried

APPROVAL OF BOC MINUTES SEPTEMBER 7, 2010

Motion by Commissioner Simmons, seconded by Commissioner Fleming to approve the BOC Minutes dated September 7, 2010.

Motion Carried

TAX COMMISSIONER: REQUEST FOR A REFUND – CHONTELLE MARIE MATTHEWS

TAX COMMISSIONER: REQUEST FOR A REFUND – PORTERDALE HYDROELECTRIC ASSOCIATES

Newton County tax Commissioner appeared before the board and requested the issue be tabled until the county attorney's office reviewed the requests.

Motion by Commissioner Schulz, seconded by Commissioner Fleming to accept the recommendation of the Tax Commissioner and table the refund request until further review by the county attorney's office.

Motion Carried

JUVENILE JUSTICE: ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FROM DHS - AMOUNT: \$36,321.00

Administrative Officer John Middleton presented this request on behalf of Juvenile Services.

- Grant: Promoting Safe & Stable Families Grant Program
- Grant Amount: \$36,321.00
- Match: 25% - will be met through in-kind services, i.e. employee salaries & building rental expense.
- Purpose: The Juvenile Court will use this grant allocation to fund Girl STEPS, a gender-specific program providing group counseling, mentoring & parenting skills for at-risk girls and their families.

Motion by Commissioner Schulz, seconded by Commissioner Fleming to accept the Juvenile Justice Grant from the Department of Human Services in the amount of \$36,321.00, and on behalf of the Juvenile Services Department.

Motion Carried

JUVENILE JUSTICE: ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FROM GOVERNOR'S OFFICE FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES - AMOUNT: \$75,000

Administrative Officer John Middleton presented this request on behalf of Juvenile Services.

- Governor's Office Children & families Block Grant for Juvenile Court CLASS Program.
- Grant Amount: \$75,000
- Match: 10% - will be met in-kind through building rental.
- Purpose: The Juvenile Court will use this grant allocation to fund CLASS, the Center for Learning Alternatives for Suspended Students, which provides tutoring & counseling for court-involved boys with long-term school suspensions, helping them to return to school or work toward their GED.

Motion by Commissioner Simmons, seconded by Commissioner Henderson to accept the Juvenile Justice Grant in the amount of \$75,000 from the Governor's Office for Children & Families, and on behalf of the Juvenile Services Department.

Motion Carried

BID #11-06 PROJECT #0009708 – GUM CREEK ROAD RESURFACING

Chairman Morgan recognized Vinay Uchil, PE from PBS&J to present this request.

- Project is funded through Stimulus Dollars/AARR
- Location: SR 81 to Ellis Road (2.85 miles)
- Received six bids
- Pittman Construction met all requirements
- Recommend board award project to low bidder, Pittman Construction Company.

- Amount: \$380,289.75

Motion by Commissioner Fleming, seconded by Commissioner Schulz to Award Bid #11-06 Project #0009708 – Gum Creek Road Resurfacing Project to Pittman Construction Company for a not to exceed amount of \$380,289.75.
Motion Carried

BID #11-05 – PROJECT #0009707 – SR 212 @ OAK HILL TRAFFIC SIGNAL INSTALLATION

Administrative Officer John Middleton presented this request on behalf of Juvenile Services.

- MAAI/Consultants
- Stimulus dollars/ARRA
- Received 2 bids
- Moye Electric met all requirements
- Recommend board award project to low bidder, Moye Electric
- Amount: \$106,548.30

Motion by Commissioner Simmons, seconded by Commissioner Henderson to Award Bid #11-05 Project #0009707 – SR212 @ Oak Hill for Traffic Signal Installation project to Moye Electric, Inc. for a not to exceed amount of \$106,548.30.
Motion Carried

GDOT CONTRACT: ARRA – PI 0009707 – NEWTON - SR 212 @ OAK HILL ROAD TRAFFIC SIGNAL

Motion by Commissioner Simmons, seconded by Commissioner Henderson to Approve the GDOT Construction Agreement: ARRA – PI00097-7 – Newton – SR 212 @ Oak Hill Road Traffic Signal.
Motion Carried

R092110 – ARC REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN/LCI

Chairman Morgan recognized Scott Sirotkin to present this resolution for approval.

- Newton County & City of Covington adopted LCI Study in 2006
- Transportation Plan is program of ARC
- Better coordinates transportation with surrounding area.

Motion by Commissioner Fleming, seconded by Commissioner Schulz to approve Resolution R092110 – ARC Regional Transportation Plan/LCI as presented. Resolution is made part of these minutes.
Motion Carried

NSP: APPROVAL OF CONTRACT TO PURCHASE PROPERTY

Chairman Morgan recognized Scott Sirotkin to present this contract to purchase property.

- NSP Contract to purchase three lots from Brand Bank
- Total Amount: \$24,000
- Funded through NSP Program
- Requesting approval for Chairman to execute contract

Motion by Commissioner Schulz, seconded by Commissioner Simmons to approve the contract with Brand Bank to purchase three (3) lots in the Fairview Estate Subdivision for a not to exceed cost of \$24,000.00 and authorize chairman to execute contract.

Motion Carried

DECLARATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY

Motion by Commissioner Schulz, seconded by Commissioner Fleming to declare as surplus property to be sold on GovDeals the following:

Clerk of Courts Office:

One Okidata Microline 395 24 Pin Printer (Co Tag #1484)

One Xerox 6020 Memory writer

One Xerox 620 Memo writer (Co Tag #00654)

Sheriff's Office:

One Seized Vehicle: 2001 Chevrolet Malibu VIN #1G1ND52J416185982

Motion Carried

ZONING

MOD10-000044

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

Location: 16328 Highway 36

Parcel Size: 4.37 Acres

Tax Parcel: 72-22

Owner: Ben Rivers

Petitioner: Ben Rivers

Representative: Jim Alexander

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

Deferred to September 21, 2010 @ BOC Meeting on August 17, 2010

District One

Motion by Commissioner Schulz, seconded by Commissioner Simmons to table MOD10-000044 proposal to remove condition 3.b of REZ09-011 and to waive requirement for decel lane per Section 605-110F .5 of Development Regulations until the October 19th Board Meeting.

Motion Carried

COUNTY CHECKS:

Motion by Commissioner Simmons, seconded by Commissioner Schulz 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 from Commissioner Simmons, and a second from Commissioner Henderson the meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Smith, County Clerk

Kathryn G. Morgan, Chairman