

NEWTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
September 7, 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 Tommy Craig, & Clerk Jackie Smith

Newspaper: Covington News-Gabe Khouli
Newton Citizen- Alice Queen
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

Road Dedication to Honor Former Commission Chairmen Roy Varner &

Aaron Varner

Senator John Douglas and Representative Doug Holt were in attendance to honor the late, Roy Varner and his son Aaron Varner. Both men served as chairman of the Newton County Board of Commissioners. Resolutions were read highlighting the many achievements during their tenure of service to the people of Newton County.

The Varner's were honored by naming a portion of Highway 36 the Roy & Aaron Varner Highway. A large crowd of family and friends were on hand to celebrate this wonderful event.

Footloose Update

Chairman Morgan recognized Ryan Schaetzle location manager for the movie Footloose with actor Dennis Quaid, and assistant Erin Fisher. Mr. Schaetzle addressed the board expressing appreciation for being allowed to film in Newton County, in particular, the commission boardroom on September 21st.

Chairman Morgan noted the commission meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 21st will be held at the Judicial Center in the Jury Impaneling Room.

Chamber Of Commerce Report

Chamber of Commerce President Hunter Hall appeared before the board to provide an economic development report that is attached and made part of these minutes.

He noted the Chamber continues to actively search for a vice-president whose main focus will be economic development.

Mr. Hall presented the Chamber's Mission Statement stating this is the "what and the how" of Chamber goals.

- Chamber Mission Statement attached
- Economic Development Report attached
- Handout regarding Business 101 Seminars attached

He provided the board a very informative presentation and noted he would take their comments and recommendations/suggestions, i.e. webinar and after-hour training for small business people, back to the Chamber's Board of Directors. The board expressed appreciation for the report and the good job the Chamber continues to do for Covington/Newton County.

Grant Update/Cornish Creek

- Dedication of new building & upgrade to facility today
- Produces 25 million gallons of water per day
- County received very complimentary letter from Pamela Riley, State Program Manager, EPD regarding Cornish Creek Facility/Quality Drinking Water, and outstanding employees. Attached and made part of these minutes.

APPROVAL OF BOC MINUTES DATED AUGUST 17, 2010

Motion by Commissioner Ewing, seconded by Commissioner Fleming to approve the BOC Minutes dated August 17, 2010.

Motion Carried

APPOINTMENT TO ANIMAL CONTROL BOARD-DISTRICT 3

Commissioner Schulz noted the current representative, Mary Lynne Johnson, has moved out of the third district. She then presented Mrs. Sharon Gramkow to fill the unexpired term which will expire on December 31, 2012.

Motion by Commissioner Schulz, seconded by Commissioner Simmons to appoint Sharon Gramkow to serve on the Animal Control board filling the unexpired term of Mary Lynne Johnson. Term expires: December 31, 2012.

Motion Carried

SHERIFF'S OFFICE: FY2010 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL-JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM (JAG) -ACCEPTANCE OF \$43,053.00 GRANT

Sheriff Ezell Brown and April Jones appeared before the board to present this request.

- Housekeeping item/acceptance of grant
- Grant Amount: \$43,053.00
- Purchase miscellaneous equipment
- Will provide list of equipment purchased.

Motion by Commissioner Simmons, seconded by Commissioner Henderson to accept the FY2010 Edward Byrne Memorial-Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) – in the amount of \$43,053.00 on behalf of the Newton County Sheriff's Office.

Motion Carried

JUVENILE SERVICES/DRUG COURT/GRANT ACCEPTANCE - \$18,751.00

Administrative Officer John Middleton presented this request to the board.

- Housekeeping item acceptance of grant.
- Grant Amount: \$18,751.00
- No matching funds required
- Money will be used to train drug court staff, drug testing supplies.

Motion by Commissioner Simmons, seconded by Commissioner Ewing to accept the Juvenile Services/Drug Court/Grant in the amount of \$18,751.00 on behalf of the Juvenile Services Department.

Motion Carried

JUVENILE SERVICES/PURCHASE OF SERVICES/GRANT ACCEPTANCE - \$9,774.00

Administrative Officer John Middleton presented this request to the board.

- Housekeeping item/acceptance of grant.
- Grant Amount: \$9,774.00
- No matching funds required
- Money will be used for community service supervision, drug screening, counseling

Motion by Commissioner Ewing, seconded by Commissioner Simmons to accept the Juvenile Services/Purchase of Services/Grant in the amount of \$9,774.00 on behalf of the Juvenile Services Department.

Motion Carried

DECLARATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY/GOVDEALS

Administrative Officer John Middleton presented this request to the board.

- Housekeeping item
- Department: Information Services
- 3 Com Network Security Device, Model #X5, Serial #8UY98QA06A8E
- 3 Com Network Security Device Model #X5, Serial #8UY98QGA04BCE
- Equipment has been replaced with new equipment and is no longer being used.
- Estimated Value: \$500.00 each
- Request to declare as surplus property

Motion by Commissioner Simmons, seconded by Commissioner Ewing to declare

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- 3 Com Network Security Device Model #X5, Serial #8UY98QGA04BCE

as Surplus Property to be sold on Gov/Deals as requested by the Information Systems Department.

Motion Carried

O-090710 – ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE

Attorney Jenny Carter appeared before the board to present the proposed amendments Animal Control Ordinance. Animal Control Director Terri Key-Hoosan was on hand to answer any questions.

- Discussed amendments at length in prior work sessions.
- Ordinance is attached and made part of these minutes
- Board decided to meet with the municipalities to discuss licensing fees before any final decision would be made by the BOC.
- Board will hold work session with the municipalities within the next 60 days.

Motion by Commissioner Fleming, seconded by Commissioner Schulz to adopt Ordinance O-090710a – Newton County Animal Control Ordinance with exhibits A & B as presented and made part of these minutes.

Motion Carried

Motion by Commissioner Schulz, seconded by Commissioner Fleming to table O-090710b regarding licensing fees until a work session can be held with the municipalities within the next 60 days. Afterwards it will be brought back to the commission for board action.

Motion Carried

N.C. TRANSPORTATION MASTER AGREEMENTS ENGINEER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES-FEE PROPOSALS

Administrative Officer John Middleton presented the fee proposals to the board regarding the county's transportation master agreements.

- Discussed by board earlier this year
- Requested revised rate schedule
- Master Agreement expires in 2011 and will be rebid at that time.
- Fee Proposal attached and made part of these minutes

Motion by Commissioner Simmons, seconded by Commissioner Schulz to accept the revised rates for engineering services as presented by Mr. Middleton and outlined in the board packet.

Motion Carried

COUNTY CHECKS:

Motion by Commissioner Ewing, seconded by Commissioner Simmons 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 by Commissioner Henderson, seconded by Commissioner Fleming the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie B. Smith, County Clerk

Kathryn G. Morgan, Chairman