

**NEWTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
October 21, 2008
MINUTES**

Present: Chairman Aaron Varner, Commissioners Mort Ewing, Earnest Simmons, Ester Fleming, Jr., J.C. Henderson, and Monty Laster, Administrative Officer John Middleton, Attorney James Griffin, & County Clerk Jackie Smith

Newspaper: Covington News – Rachel Oswald
Newton Citizen - Crystal Tatum

Chairman Varner called the meeting to order, extended a welcome and read the thought for the day. Commissioner Mort Ewing gave the invocation and Chairman Varner led the Pledge of Allegiance to our great Flag.

APPROVAL OF BOC W/S MINUTES DATED OCTOBER 7, 2008

Motion: To approve the BOC Work Session Minutes dated October 7, 2008 as printed.

Proposed by: Commissioner Monty Laster, District Five

Second by: Commissioner Ester Fleming, Jr., District three

Motion Carried Unanimously

APPROVAL OF BOC MINUTES DATED OCTOBER 7, 2008

Motion: To approve the BOC Minutes dated October 7, 2008 with the duly noted correction regarding the abandonment of Otis Nixon Farm ROW. And to request the county attorney to include in the final resolution to abandon the following: The county shall erect a sign at the intersection with name of cemetery and instructions as to how to access the cemetery.

Proposed by: Commissioner Mort Ewing, District One

Second by: Commissioner Monty Laster, District Five

Motion Carried Unanimously

RECYCLING CENTER STAFFING CONTRACT EXTENSION

Purchasing Director Tina Malone appeared before the board and presented this request:

- Mr. Hilliard has provided service to the county since 1996
- No significant changes to the contract at this time.
- Requesting extension for the period of December 1, 2008 through November 30, 2009 with the option to renew three (3) additional years that will be renewable each year.
- Cost: \$10.49 per hour.

Motion: To approve the contract for staffing the Newton County Recycling Centers with Junior Hilliard Services at a cost of \$10.49 per hour for December 1, 2008 through November 30, 2009 with the option to renew three (3) additional years. (Renewable each year).

Proposed by: Commissioner Monty Laster, District Five

Second by: Commissioner Ester Fleming, Jr., District Three

Motion Carried Unanimously

FOOD SERVICE CONTRACT EXTENSION FOR NEWTON COUNTY DETENTION CENTER

Purchasing Director Tina Malone appeared before the board and presented this request:

- Frank's Restaurant has provided food services for inmates in Newton County since 1987.
- Sheriff very pleased with excellent service and quality of food.
- Contract was bid in 2003 for 3 meals per day, 7 days per week, 365 days per year, including holidays.
- Request is to extend current contract for one year at the current price of \$1.75 per meal.
- Option to renew three (3) additional years.

Motion: To approve a one year extension, with option to renew three (3) additional years, for the Food Service Contract with Frank's Restaurant for the Newton County Detention Center. Renewable each year. Term is January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009. Cost of meals is \$1.75 per meal.

Proposed by: Commissioner Mort Ewing, District One

Second by: Commissioner Ester Fleming, Jr., District Three

Motion Carried Unanimously

DECLARATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY TO BE SOLD ON GOVDEALS

Purchasing Director Tina Malone appeared before the board and presented this request:

- Property turned over to be sold as surplus equipment from departments.

Motion: To approve the request and declare property listed on pages 17-18 in board packet as surplus and to be sold on Gov Deals.

Proposed by: Commissioner Mort Ewing, District One

Second by: Commissioner Earnest Simmons, District Two

Motion Carried Unanimously

CONTRACT APPROVAL FOR PROBATION SERVICES – GA CORRECTIONS CORP

- Probation Services for Newton County Magistrate & Probate Courts
- Probation services have been on going since January 12, 2004.
- Requesting board to ratify contract from January 12, 2004 to December 31, 2009.

Motion: To approve the contract as attached from January 12, 2004 through December 31, 2009 for Probation Services with Georgia Corrections Corporation.

Proposed by: Commissioner Mort Ewing, District One

Second by: Commissioner J.C. Henderson, District Four

Motion Carried Unanimously

CDBG NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION PROGRAM

Administrative Officer John Middleton presented this issue to the board.

- City of Covington Council reviewed and approved moving forward with program at their meeting on October 20th.
- Application must be submitted to DCA by October 26th just to be eligible for grants.
- Income qualifications: Median Income
- Joint application between city and county

Commissioner Comments

- Tool to help county fix up areas
- Federal government is providing this money to clean up areas.
- Funds will help keep areas healthy until economy improves.

Commissioner Concerns

- County going into housing business.
- Board must approve before signing a grant application or committing county resources to administering grants.

Motion: To authorize the Chairman and his designees to cooperate with the City of Covington to explore CDBG Neighborhood Stabilization Program in order to determine if appropriated funds might be obtained for Newton County, be beneficial for Newton County, and efficiently administered and monitored for Newton County. The Chairman must report back to the Board of Commissioners and obtain approval before signing a grant application or committing County resources to administering grants.

Proposed by: Commissioner Monty Laster, District Five

Second by: Commissioner J.C. Henderson, District Four

Motion Carried Unanimously

ZONINGS: NONE

ALCOHOL LICENSE:

Final Reading

JJ's Quick Stop

298 Hwy. 162

Covington, Georgia 30016

Owner: Marina Sharlify (100%)

District Five

Motion: To approve the Alcohol License for JJ's Quick Stop located at 298 Hwy. 162, Covington, Georgia and located in the fifth commission district.

Proposed by: Commissioner Monty Laster, District Five

Second by: Commissioner Earnest Simmons, District Two

Motion Carried Unanimously

First Reading

BP Food Mart

11128 Hwy. 36

Covington, Georgia 30014

Supesh S. Ratput (50% Owner)

Amrita Barot (50% Owner)

District Five

COUNTY CHECKS:

Motion: To approve the county checks as read aloud by the chairman.

Proposed by: Commissioner Mort Ewing, District One

Second by: Commissioner J.C. Henderson, District Four

Motion Carried Unanimously

ADJOURN

Time: 7:45 p.m.

Motion: To adjourn the meeting.

Proposed by: Commissioner Ester Fleming, Jr., District Three

Second by: Commissioner J.C. Henderson, District Four

Motion Carried Unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie B. Smith, County Clerk

Aaron Varner, Chairman

