

**NEWTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
May 3, 2005
MINUTES**

Newton County Historic Courthouse
1124 Clark Street
Covington, Georgia 30014
Presiding: Chairman Aaron Varner

Present: Chairman Varner, Commissioners' Mort Ewing, Ronnie Dimsdale, J.C. Henderson, and Monty Laster; Administrative Assistant John Middleton and County Clerk Jackie Smith. Note: Commissioner Fleming was absent from the meeting because he was at the bedside of his mother who was critically ill.

APPROVAL OF BOC MINUTES DATED APRIL 19, 2005

Motion: To approve the minutes as written.

Proposed by: Commissioner Mort Ewing, District One

Second by: Commissioner Monty Laster, District Five

Motion Carried Unanimously

**OPERATION SANDBOX GA – SUPPORTING AMERICA’S TROOPS
PRESENTATION**

Mrs. Ginny Pearson appeared before the board and presented Operation Sandbox. She read a very touching letter from a soldier who has benefited from this mission. The board presented Mrs. Pearson with a proclamation expressing deep appreciation for this wonderful program. A copy of the proclamation is made part of these minutes.

VEHICLE PARKING DISCUSSION

Motion: To table the discussion on vehicle parking at this time.

Proposed by: Commissioner Mort Ewing, District One

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

Motion Carried Unanimously

GDOT AGREEMENT – OPERATIONAL IMPROVEMENT ON SR 20 & SR 212

Chairman Varner presented this agreement for board approval. The board was very glad to see action on this project as they have worked and struggled with this intersection for several years. They asked that the project begin as fast as practical.

Motion: To approve GDOT Agreement – Operational Improvement on SR 20 & SR 212 and to award the project to URS, Incorporated. The GDOT Program number is CSSTP-0006-00 (365) NEWTON COUNTY.

Proposed by: Commissioner Ronnie Dimsdale, District Two

Second by: Commissioner Mort Ewing, District One

Motion Carried Unanimously

STREETLIGHTS:

SAVOY PARK PHASE II

Motion: To approve the streetlights for Savoy Park Phase II as requested.

Proposed by: Commissioner Mort Ewing, District One

Second by: Commissioner Monty Laster, District Five

Motion Carried Unanimously

ALCOHOL LICENSE:

FINAL READING:

THE PIT STOP

1313 HWY. 11

SOCIAL CIRCLE, GA 30025

OWNER: JOHN S. HARDEGREE (100% OWNER)

Motion: To approve the Alcohol License for The Pit Stop located at 1313 Hwy. 11, Social Circle, GA as requested.

Proposed by: Commissioner Mort Ewing, District One

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

Motion Carried Unanimously

PONY EXPRESS FOOD MART

1814 HIGHWAY 11 SOUTH

COVINGTON, GEORGIA 30014

OWNER: LEE KAHANNA (100% OWNER)

Motion: To approve the Alcohol License for The Pony Express Food Mart located at 1814 Hwy. 11 South, Covington, GA as requested.

Proposed by: Commissioner Mort Ewing, District One

Second by: Commissioner Monty Laster, District Five

Motion Carried Unanimously

EXECUTIVE SESSION

TIME: 7:35 p.m.

Motion: To enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing possible litigation

Proposed by: Commissioner Mort Ewing, District One

Second by: Commissioner Monty Laster, District Five

Motion Carried Unanimously

REGULAR SESSION

TIME: 7:45 p.m.

Motion: To enter into Regular Session.

Proposed by: Commissioner Mort Ewing, District One

Second by: Commissioner Ronnie Dimsdale, District Two

Motion Carried Unanimously

MOTIONS AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

REPAIRS TO FIRESTATION 9 & 14

Motion: To approve the proposal for repairs to Fire Station 9 and 14 as outlined in a memo dated April 29, 2005 addressed to Chairman Aaron Varner which is made a part of these minutes. Cost is not to exceed \$129,000.00.

Proposed by: Commissioner Mort Ewing, District One

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

Motion Carried Unanimously

ADJOURN

TIME: 8:05 p.m.

Motion: To adjourn.

Proposed by: Commissioner Mort Ewing, District One

Second by: Commissioner Monty Laster, District Five

Motion Carried Unanimously

Respectfully Submitted,

**Jackie Smith
County Clerk**