

**NEWTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES  
October 4, 2005**

Newton County Historic Courthouse  
1124 Clark Street  
Covington, Georgia 30014

Present: Chairman Aaron Varner, Commissioners' Mort Ewing, Ronnie Dimsdale, Ester Fleming, Jr., J.C. Henderson, Monty Laster, Administration Assistant John Middleton, County Attorney Tommy Craig, Attorney Scott Cole, and Clerk Jackie Smith

Chairman Varner called the meeting to order and read the thought for the day. Commissioner Mort Ewing gave the invocation and the pledge of the Flag was given by all. Chairman Varner noted that several participants of Leadership Newton County was present and extended a special welcome to them on behalf of the board.

Newspaper: Brittany Edwards, Covington News  
Alice Queen, Newton Citizen

**APPROVAL OF BOC MINUTES DATED SEPTEMBER 20, 2005**

Motion: To approve the Minutes as written.  
Proposed by: Commissioner Monty Laster, District Five  
Second by: Commissioner Mort Ewing, District One  
Motion Carried Unanimously

**APPROVAL OF BOC W/S MINUTES DATED SEPTEMBER 29, 2005**

Motion: To approve the Minutes as written.  
Proposed by: Commissioner Mort Ewing, District One  
Second by: Commissioner J.C. Henderson, District Four  
Motion Carried Unanimously

**INITIATION OF REZONING – PROPERTY NEAR JACKSON LAKE**

Commissioner Ewing noted that there was a lot of revitalization taking place at Lake Jackson and to allow site built houses to be mixed with the mobile and manufactured homes the zoning would need to be changed. He requested the board approve the initiation process.

Motion: To initiate an amendment to the Future Land Use Map from A (Agriculture), RR (Rural Residential) and PRC (Park/Recreation/Conservation) to MHDR (Medium/High-Density Residential) and to initiate an amendment to the official zoning map from MSR (Mixed-Use Single-Family Residential), AR (Agricultural Residential) and MHS (Manufactured Home Subdivision) to MSR (Mixed-Use Single Family Residential), on properties shown on exhibit. Zoning will come back before this board.

Proposed by: Commissioner Mort Ewing, District One

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

Motion Carried Unanimously

Note: Exhibit made part of minutes

### **INITIATION OF REZONING – COOK ROAD PROPERTY – BOC**

Attorney Scott Cole addressed the board requesting permission to initiate the process of rezoning a portion of property located on Cook Road. Map attached and made part of minutes.

Motion: To begin the initiation process of rezoning property on Cook Road as presented by Attorney Scott Cole. Zoning request will come back before this board.

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

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

Motion Carried Unanimously

### **DISCUSSION: SENIOR SERVICES – 5013C**

Administrative Assistant John Middleton addressed the board regarding the Senior Services having a 5013C status. This would allow for community donations to be taxed deductible. He will bring a report back to the board as things progress.

No official action was taken.

### **DISCUSSION: WASHINGTON STREET COMMUNITY CENTER ROOFING**

Commissioner Henderson asked the board to review the invoices for roofing leaks at Washington Street Center and to reimburse the \$1300 plus dollars back to their fund.

There was a long discussion and a majority of the board members felt that it was the correct action to take, debiting the M&O Fund for Washington Street Center. However, if documentation can be provided which states otherwise the board will review again for further action.

Motion: To approve the process as stands charging the \$1,329.00 for roof repairs to the Washington Street M&O Fund.

Proposed by: Commissioner Mort Ewing, District One

Second by: Commissioner Monty Laster, District Five

Motion Carried with Commissioners Dimsdale and Henderson voting in opposition to the motion.

### **DISCUSSION: ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE**

Commissioner Dimsdale addressed the board was his strong concern over the Animal Control Ordinance. He told the board he has been in discussion with an attorney who specializes in Animal Control law who would like to come and make a presentation to the board as a community service. The board agreed that a work session would be set up accordingly.

No official action taken.

### **ALCOHOL LICENSE: FINAL READING**

T&H One Stop

14625 Hwy. 36

Covington, Georgia 30014

Habib Bijani (100% Owner)

Motion: To approve the Alcohol License for T&H One Stop located at 14625 Highway 36, Covington as requested.

Proposed by: Commissioner Mort Ewing, District One

Second by: Commissioner Monty Laster, District Five

Motion Carried Unanimously

CVS Drug/Pharmacy #8419

4192 Salem Road

Covington, Georgia 30016

CVS Subsidiaries Corporate Officers

Motion: To approve the Alcohol License for CVS Drug/Pharmacy #8419 located at 4192 Salem Road, Covington as requested.

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

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

Motion Carried Unanimously

### **COUNTY CHECKS:**

Motion: To approve the County Checks as read by the Chairman.

Proposed by: Commissioner Monty Laster, District Five

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

Motion Carried Unanimously

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Time: 8:05 p.m.**

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

Proposed by: Commissioner Mort Ewing, District One

Second by: Commissioner Monty Laster, District Five

Motion Carried Unanimously

**REGULAR SESSION**

**Time: 9:00 p.m.**

Motion: To enter into Regular Session.

Proposed by: Commissioner Mort Ewing, District One

Second by: Commissioner Monty Laster, District Five

Motion Carried Unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 9:01 on a motion by Commissioner Ewing and a second by Commissioner Fleming.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jackie Smith  
County Clerk