



Newton County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting Agenda
7:00 p.m.
Historic Courthouse-1124 Clark Street
Covington, Georgia 30014
February 21, 2023

Thought for the day....“He who is untrue to his own cause cannot command the respect of others.” ~Albert Einstein ~

1. Call to Order: Chairman Banes

2. Invocation: Kevin Wilhite, Oxford Baptist Church

3. Pledge

4. Adoption of the Agenda

5. Citizen Comments

6. Reports from Chairman Banes

Recognition of the 2023 MLK Day Awards Recipients

7. Reports from ICM Jarvis Sims

8. Unfinished Business

Item tabled from BOC January 17th meeting.

The Strategic Plan for Newton County Board of Commissioners

Contract for Berry, Dunn, McNeil and Parker, LLC.

Not exceed \$67,600.00/Funding Source: General Fund/Budgeted: Yes/Match: No

Presenter: Jarvis Sims, Interim County Manager

9. Consent Agenda

9a) Newton County Juvenile Court is requesting permission to apply for FY'24 State Accountability Court Grant through the Council of Accountability Court Judges (CACJ). This grant funds the services for clients who are entered into the Family Treatment Court program.

Time Sensitive/Deadline requirement: Yes/Date: March 3, 2023

Cost: Reimbursement Grant (Funds to be released July 1, 2023).

Funding source: Council of Accountability Court Judges/Budgeted: Yes/Match: Yes 12%

9b) Newton County Adult Felony Drug Court is requesting permission to apply for FY'24 State Accountability Court Grant through the Council of Accountability Court Judges (CACJ).

Grant funds will continue to allow day to day operations of the Newton County Adult Felony Drug Court. Time Sensitive/Deadline requirement: Yes/Date: March 3, 2023.

Cost: Reimbursement Grant (Funds to be released July 1, 2023).

Funding Source: Council of Accountability Court Judges/Budgeted: No/Match: Yes 12%

9c) Alcovy Veterans Treatment Court is requesting permission to apply for FY'24 State Accountability Court Grant through the Council of Accountability Court Judges (CACJ).

Grant funds will continue to allow the majority of day to day operations of the Alcovy Veterans Treatment Court.

Time Sensitive/Deadline requirement: Yes/Date: March 3, 2023.

Cost: Reimbursement Grant (Funds to be released July 1, 2023).

Funding source: Council of Accountability Court Judges (CACJ)/Budgeted: Yes/Match:12%.

- 9d) Newton County Resource (Mental Health) Court is requesting permission to apply for FY'24 State Accountability Court Grant through the Council of Accountability Court Judges (CACJ). Time Sensitive/Deadline requirement: Yes/Date: March 3, 2023.
Cost: Reimbursement Grant (Funds to be released July 1, 2023).
Funding Source: CJCC via the Council of Accountability Court Judges (CACJ)
Budgeted: No/Match: Yes 12%.
- 9e) Newton County Sheriff's Office is requesting approval to accept the GEMA (Georgia Emergency Management & Homeland Security grant to purchase Formulytics Software. Grant amount: \$90,000.00. This program is to support the development of a collaborative gang intelligence system among law enforcement agencies.
Time Sensitive:/Deadline requirement: No/Match: No/Budgeted: Yes
Funding Source: GEMA (100% grant funded).
- 9f) Newton County Sheriff's Office is requesting the Board of Commissioners to ratify the request to purchase a K-9 to replace aging/retired K-9. Cost: \$12,500.00. **Time Sensitive**
Funding Source: GEMA/Budgeted: Yes/Match: N/A **No cost to Newton County.**
- 9g) Newton County Juvenile Mental Health Court is requesting permission to apply for the FY'24 Council of Accountability Court Judges (CACJ)-Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) Grant for Newton County Juvenile Mental Health Court. Grant funds will continue the day-to-day resources and activities of the Newton County Juvenile Mental Health Court.
Time Sensitive/Deadline requirement: Yes/Date: March 3, 2023.
Cost: Reimbursement Grant (Funds to be released July 1, 2023).
Funding Source: Purposed Newton County FY'24 Budget/Budgeted: Yes/Match: Yes 12%.
- 9h) Fire Services is requesting permission to apply for Home Fire Sprinklers Stipend Coalition/Grant in the amount of \$500.00 to purchase a Virtual Reality Headset to promote the installations of fire sprinklers in homes. Time Sensitive/Deadline requirement: Yes/Date: February 24, 2023.
Cost: N/A/Budgeted: No/Match: No
- 9i) Approval of the Minutes: February 7, 2023 Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m./Executive Session.
- 9j) Ratification of the Warming Center Agreement: The Office of the County Manager is requesting the Board of Commissioners approval to ratify the Warming Center Agreement with Rainbow Community. Cost: \$15,000.00. **Time Sensitive**
Funding Source: ARPA Funds/Budgeted: Yes/Match: N/A **No Cost to Newton County.**

Items for Board Discussion & Consideration

10. Finance Department- January 2023 Financial Update
Presenter: Brittany White, Finance Director
11. Covington-Newton County 911 is requesting approval of Motorola Solutions Change Order #8 to include radios for Code Enforcement. This will be an addition of five (5) radios, accessories and device programming to provide reliable communication while in the field. Cost: \$26,792.20.
Time Sensitive/Deadline requirement: Yes/Date: ASAP/ Funding Source: SPLOST
Budgeted: No/Match: No
Presenter: Trudy Henry, Director of Covington-Newton County 911
12. Discussion and Consideration: To change the Newton County Board of Commissioners meeting calendar from bi-monthly meetings to a single (1) monthly meeting beginning March 2023.

7:30 P.M. Public Zoning Hearing

*** All cases are to be heard as Public Hearings and requested to be heard at 7:30 p.m. as advertised. *10 minutes is allowed for individuals to speak in favor and or in opposition of each petition. *Presenter: Shena Applewhaite, Director of Development Services***

Old Business

1. Rezoning Case Number: REZ22-000013

Applicant: Eric Johansen

Location: 375 Flat Rock Rd

Map & Parcel Number: 79-9

District: 5 (Five)

FLUM: IND (Industrial)

Zoning: A (Agricultural)

Acreage: 15.56 total Acres approx.

Request: Rezone 15.56 acres of the parent parcel from A (Agricultural) to M2 (Heavy Industrial).

2. Modification Case Number MOD22-000002

Applicant: John Nix

Location: 2486 Hwy 81

Map & Parcel Numbers: 28A-1

District: 4 (Four)

FLUM: DN (Development Node)

Zoning: CG (General Commercial)

Acreage: 2.63 acres

Modification to zoning conditions by substituting the site plan for condition #2(a) which references the preliminary site plan associated with the proposed operation of a landscape business; and to remove condition #3(d) which limits the hours of operation from 7:00am through 10:00pm; and condition #3(e) which requires the maintenance of a 75 ft. tree line along Shepherd road

3. Rezoning Case Number: REZ22-000014

Applicant: Geza DeGall, Rep: Brad Horbal

Location: 7079 Hwy 212 & Hwy 212

Map & Parcel Number: 1-7, 1-7A

District: 2 (Two)

FLUM: MIX (Mixed Use)

Zoning: R2(Single Family Residential)

Acreage: 3.096 total Acres approx.

Request: Rezone parcel from R2 (Single Family Residential) to CG (General Commercial) for commercial/retail use.

New Business

4. Future Land Use Amendment Case Number: FLU22-000006

Applicant: John Knight

Location: Hwy 229

Map & Parcel Number: 126-15

District: 2 (Two)

FLUM: AF (Agricultural Forestry)

Zoning: A(Agricultural)

Acreage: 125.57 acres total Acres approx.

Request: To amend the future Land Use from AF to RR in order to subdivide out 2.69 ac.

5. Rezoning Case Number REZ22-000017

Applicant: Thomas Gibson

Location: 65 Salem Rd

Map & Parcel Number: 13-73

District: 2 (Two)

FLUM: DN (Development Node)

Zoning: R2(Single Family Residential)/ CG (General Commercial)

Acreage: R2 (2.7327 ac approx.) / CG (5.2432 acres approx.) Total 8 acres approx.

Request: To rezone the R2 portion of the lot in order to locate a landscaping business on the entire lot.

6. Conditional Use Permit Case Number CUP22-000007

Applicant: Thomas Gibson

Location: 65 Salem Rd

Map & Parcel Number: 13-73

District: 2 (Two)

FLUM: DN (Development Node)

Zoning: R2(Single Family Residential)/ CG (General Commercial)

Acreage: R2 (2.7327 ac approx.) / CG (5.2432 acres approx.) Total 8 acres approx.

Request: To locate a landscaping business on the entire lot.

Alcohol Beverage License

13. First Reading

Wadhvaniya USA LLC

3633 Salem Road

Covington, GA 30016

Licensee: Sahil Wadhvaniya

District 2

14. Citizen Comments

15. Board Comments

16. Executive Session (If needed)

17. Adjourn