

Newton County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
Agenda
Historic Courthouse-1124 Clark Street
Covington, Georgia 30014
July 18, 2023
7:00 p.m.



Thought for the day...“Most people do not listen with the intent to understand; they listen with the intent to reply. ”

~Stephen Covey ~

1. **Call to Order**: Chairman Banes
 2. **Invocation**: Pastor O. Quintodd Bryant, Sims Chapel Baptist Church
 3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
 4. **Adoption of the Agenda**
 5. **Citizen Comments (Agenda items only)**
 6. **Reports from Chairman Banes**
 7. **Reports from County Manager Harold Cooper**
 8. **Unfinished Business (None to consider)**
 9. **Consent Agenda**
 - a) Correction of BOC June 6, 2023 minutes
 - b) Approval of June 20, 2023 Public Hearing Minutes
 - c) Approval of June 27, 2023 Special Called Meeting Minutes
 - d) Aging Services Contract Amendment between Northeast Georgia Regional Commission and Newton County Board of Commissioners.
 - e) Juvenile Court - Professional Services Contract for dependency Court appointed attorney for children and qualified low-income parents in dependency proceedings. (Atty. Weston Maffit)
Time Sensitive: Yes/Services Start Date: August 1, 2023/Cost: \$46,200.00
Funding: Juvenile Court Annual Budget/Budgeted: Yes/Match: No
- Items for Discussion and Consideration**
10. Information Systems is requesting approval to renew the annual KnowB4 cybersecurity training and testing program for county employees.
Time sensitive/Deadline requirement: **Yes**/Cost: \$12,467.80
Funding Source: Information Systems FY24 Information Services Budget/Budgeted: Yes
Match: No **Presenter: Greg Mann, Information Services Director**
 11. Information Systems is requesting approval to replace the WatchGuard Firewall Hardware for the county firewall cluster with 3-year term of hardware and software support. This is needed for added security features and implementation of network segmentation project.

Cost: \$39,217.56/Funding Source: FY24 Information Services Budget/Budgeted: Yes
Match: No **Presenter: Greg Mann, Information Services Director**

12. Human Resources/Risk Management/Purchasing is requesting approval to extend the contract of

McGriff Insurance for Property and Casualty Insurance Services.

Proposed price: \$78,500.00/Funding Source: General Fund/Budgeted: Yes/Match:

Presenter: Amanda Shoemaker, Director of Human Resources & Risk Management

13. Public Works/Finance is requesting approval to increase the total 2017 SPLOST Transportation

Budget to fully support planned projects.

Cost: \$3,000,000.00/Funding Source: SPLOST 2017 Overage Collections/Budgeted: No/

Match No

Presenter(s) Chester Clegg, Transportation Director/Brittany White, Finance Director

14. Public Works is requesting the Board of Commissioners to award the construction contract

Bid #23-29 to Pittman Construction Company for the Alcovy Road Resurfacing Project.

Time Sensitive: Yes/Date: 7/18/2023

Cost: \$1,372,287.50/Funding Source: 2017 SPLOST 100%/Budgeted: No/Match: Yes

Presenter: Chester Clegg, Transportation Director

15. Public Works is requesting approval by BOC of the Project Framework Agreement with

GDOT for the preliminary engineering phase of the Fairview Road Multi-Use Path

Project (PI 0019621). Time Sensitive: **Yes**/Date: 7/18/2023 / Cost: \$200,000.00

Funding Source: FHWA (Federal Highway Administration) 80%, 2023 SPLOST 20%

Budgeted: Yes/Match: No **Presenter: Chester Clegg, Transportation Director**

16. Discussion of addendum to MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) for Newton Family Connection.

17. Newton County Travel Policy and Procedures Revision.

Presenter(s) County Manager Harold Cooper/ Brittany White, Finance Director

Alcohol Beverage License

18. Venture Management 14656 Brown Bridge Rd. Covington, Ga 30016

Applicant: Yousef Aleemuddin District:2

Alcohol license for off-premises consumption application. 1st Reading

19. Fox Vineyard Inc. 225 Hwy 11 South, Social Circle, Ga 30025

Applicant: Kenneth R. Fuchs District:1

Alcohol license for off-premises consumption application. 1st Reading

20. TMN Enterprises /World of Wings 5350 Hwy 20 South, Covington, Ga 30016

Applicant: Christopher Thomas

District:2

On-premise consumption license application. 1st Reading

7:30 P.M.

**ALL LISTED BELOW ARE FOR THE PUBLIC ZONING HEARING S
NEW BUSINESS**

1. REZ23-000010- Rezoning

Location: 2094 Hwy 81, Hwy 81

Applicant: Maria Alves

Map & Parcel Number: 0045 060 & 0045 049A

FLUM: COM (Commercial)

Zoning: R3 (Single Family Residential)

Proposed zoning: CH (Highway Commercial)

Acreage: Total = 2.5ac & 1ac

District: 4 (Four)

Request: To Rezone to Commercial in order to locate a special events facility.

Recommended for approval by the Planning Commission. Vote 4-0

2. CUP23-000004 - Conditional Use Permit

Location: 13161 Brown Bridge Rd

Applicant: Dawn Delegal (Benjamin Academy)

Map & Parcel Number: 0013 130D

FLUM: DN (Development Node)

Zoning: CN (Neighborhood Commercial)

District: 2 (Two)

Acreage: 1

Request: To allow education center to operate.

Application has been withdrawn by the owner of the property - Baxter Bouchillon

Recommended for withdrawal by the Planning Commission. Vote of 4- 0

3. Consideration of text amendments to the Newton County Zoning Ordinance codified at Appendix A -Zoning to amend procedures to ensure consistency with the Zoning Procedures Law of the State of Georgia.

UDOAMD23-002. O-07182023.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE NEWTON COUNTY UNIFIED DEVELOPEMNT ORDINANCE, CHAPTER 6 ZONING ORDINANCE, ARTICLE 6, DIVISION 600.

Recommended for approval by the Planning Commission. Vote of 4-0

4. Development Services is requesting approval of Resolution R071823.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NEWTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TO CREATE A STREET LIGHTING DISTRICT FOR MEADOWS AT RIVERTRACE
PHASE 2.**

21. Citizen Comments
22. Board Comments
23. Executive Session (If needed)
24. Adjourn