



Newton County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting Agenda  
7:00 p.m.  
Historic Courthouse-1124 Clark Street  
Covington, Georgia 30014  
January 17,

2023

Thought for the day... "The most important thing in communication is hearing what isn't said."

~Author Unknown~

1. **Call to Order** : Chairman Banes
2. **Invocation**
3. **Pledge**
4. **Adoption of the Agenda**
5. **Citizen Comments**
6. **Reports from Chairman Banes**
7. **Reports from ICM Jarvis Sims**
8. **Unfinished Business**

Fire Services is seeking approval to order 4 Pumper Apparatus' and 2

Tankers before price increases. This is an approved 2023 SPLOST project.

Due to the amount per purchasing policy, this item must be presented

twice. This item was presented at the BOC January 10, 2023 meeting.

Cost: \$4,933,312.88/Funding Source: 2023 SPLOST

**Presenter: Mike Conner, Fire Chief**

9. **Consent Agenda**

9a) Superior Court/Resource Court is requesting permission to apply for CACJ (Council of

Accountability Court Judges) supplemental grant. There are no match requirements.

Time Sensitive: Yes/Date: 01/27/2023/ Funding Source: CACJ

9b) Fire Services is requesting approval to apply for Assistance to Firefighters Grant (\$85,000.00)

To purchase fire hose to replace outdated hose.

Time Sensitive: Yes/Date: 02/10/2023/Cost: \$8,500.00/Funding Source: \$85,000.00 (Grant)

Budgeted: Yes/Match: Yes 10%

9c) Board Appointment: View Point Health Board-Brandy Burch of the Newton County

Sheriff's Office will serve the remaining term of previous board member Terria Maxwell.

Term to expire June 30, 2024.

**Items for Board Discussion & Consideration**

10. Information Services is requesting approval of AT&T Internet Feed Bandwidth Upgrade.

Cost: \$1,562.00 Monthly/Funding Source: FY 23 Information Services  
Budget/Budgeted: Yes

**Presenter: Greg Mann, Information Services Director**

11. Development Services/Purchasing is requesting approval of contract for CPL Architects for

Development Services Consultant. Cost: Not to exceed \$130,000.00  
Funding Source: General Fund/Budgeted: Yes/Match: No

**Presenter: Shena Applewhaite , Interim Director of Development Services**

12. Finance Department - December 2022 Financial Update

**Presenter: Brittany White, Finance Director**

13. Finance Department - FY 2024 Budget Calendar

Time Sensitive: January 17, 2023

**Presenter: Brittany White, Finance Director**

14. Office of the County Manager/Finance Department will provide update on 2023 SPLOST Tier

List, Tier 1 and Tier 2.

**Presenter(s): ICM Jarvis Sims, Brittany White, Finance Director**

15. Public Works is requesting approval to contract with Colliers Engineering and Design to negotiate

the acquisition of easements for the Yellow River Trail project.

Time Sensitive: January 17, 2023/Cost: \$72,750.00/Funding Source: 100% 2017 SPLOST

Budgeted: Yes/Match: No

**Presenter: Chester Clegg, Transportation Director**

**7:30 P.M. Public Zoning Hearing**

**Presenter: Shena Applewhaite , Interim Director of Development Services**

**\*10 minutes allowed for individuals to speak in favor and or in opposition of each petition.**

**Old Business**

1. **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.

2. **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.

**Alcohol Beverage License**

16. **Final Reading**

Walgreens #12621  
12955 Brown Bridge Road  
Covington, GA 30016  
Applicant: Clayton Schwindt  
District 2

17. **Final Reading**

Flash Foods, Circle K  
4175 Salem Road  
Covington, GA 30016  
Licensee: Misty Wilson  
District 2

18. **Citizen Comments**

19. **Board Comments**

20. Executive Session (If needed)

21. Adjourn