

Newton County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting 7:00 P.M.
Agenda
October 5, 2021
Historic Courthouse
Covington, GA 30014

Thought for the day....."A positive mind finds opportunity in everything. A negative mind finds fault in everything." – Author Unknown

1. Call to Order
2. Invocation
3. Pledge
4. Agenda Adoption
5. Citizen Comments
6. Reports from Chairman
Newton County 4-H Extension Office-Charlene Scott
Bicentennial Birthday Bash Firework Display-Bicentennial Committee
7. Reports from County Manager
Recognition of Ashley Best for Professional Equine Publication
Recognition of Maynard Kerrick for Professional Lifetime Achievement Award
8. Unfinished Business
9. Consent Agenda Items
 - a) Regular Meeting Minutes May 4, 2021
 - b) Work Session Minutes September 14, 2021
 - c) Work Session Minutes September 21, 2021
 - d) Regular Meeting Minutes September 21, 2021
 - e) Newton County Sheriff's Office seeks permission to accept the FY 2021 State Homeland Security Award in the amount of \$19,036.00
Funding Source: Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security
Budgeted: N/A
Match: N/A
 - f) Newton County Sheriff's Office seeks permission to apply for the FY 2020 Naloxone Grant. This grant will allow Narcan to individuals who have overdosed on drugs.
Deadline requirement: October 8, 2021
Funding Source: Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC)
Budgeted: N/A
Match: N/A
 - g) Newton County District Attorney's Office request for renewal of Victim of Crimes Act (VOCA) Grant to cover the existing Victim Advocate positions held by Cindy Hooper, Gabriela Arredondo and Leslie Smith.
Deadline requirement: October 15, 2021
Cost: \$199,078.54

Funding Source: District Attorney's General Fund

Budgeted: Yes

Match: Federal Funds \$75,974.00 Cash Match \$18,993.00 (waived)

h) Newton County District Attorney's Office request for renewal of Victim of Crimes Act (VOCA) Grant Funding for the Victim Compensation Advocate held by Ellen Bales.

Deadline requirement: October 18, 2021

Cost: \$69,494.74 Total salary and benefits for the position

Funding Source: District Attorney's General Fund

Match: Federal Funds \$43,500.00 Cash Match \$10,875.00 (Waived)

Budgeted: Yes

Regular Agenda Board Discussion/Consideration

10. Parks and Recreation/Purchasing requesting approval of contract for Bliss Products & Services for playground @ Fairview Park.

Cost: \$99,981.33

Funding Source: SPLOST

Budgeted: Yes

Match: N/A

11. GIS Department requests approval of GeoComm, Inc. Professional Service Agreement for consulting support on a Next-Gen 911 data readiness project.

Cost: \$222,413.00

Funding Source: Newton County and Municipalities

Budgeted: Yes

Match: N/A

12. Discussion/Consideration SPLOST Committee

13. Discussion/Consideration In-House Attorney Counteroffer

14. Approval to adopt Resolution #10052021

A RESOLUTION BY THE NEWTON COUNTY

COMMISSIONERS, RECOGNIZING E-911 TELECOMMUNICATORS OF COVINGTON

E-911 CENTER AS FIRST RESPONDERS AND PART OF THE CRITICAL

INFRASTRUCTURE OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY FRAMEWORK

Zonings/Public Hearings @ 7:30 P.M.

(1) Case# REZ21-000007

Applicant-Newton County Board of Commissioners

Location: Hwy 11 & I-20

Map/Parcel # 112-017

District: 1(One)

FLUM: DN (Development Node)

Zoning: AR (Agricultural Residential) & CH (Highway Commercial)

Acreage: 46.12

On September 28, 2021 the Planning Commission voted to recommend approval with staff conditions. Vote 5-0.

15. Citizen Comments
16. Board Comments
17. Executive Session if Needed
18. Adjourn