

Newton County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting 7:00 P.M.

AGENDA SUMMARY

October 19, 2021

Historic Courthouse
Covington, GA 30014

1. Call to Order-Chairman Banes
2. Invocation-Commissioner Cowan
3. Pledge-Commissioner Sanders
Agenda Adoption- **modify to add item(s) 13(a) and 15(a) to Board Discussion/Consideration.**
Commissioner Henderson motioned to approve agenda with modifications, Commissioner Mason seconded. APPROVED-VOTE 5-0
4. Citizen Comments
Ashante Bell
5. Reports from Chairman:
Ms. Dana Herring, President, Creekview Heights Home Owners Association
6. Reports from County Manager:
October 2021 Monthly Staffing Report
PowerPoint presentation, SPLOST Project and COVID updates, Bicentennial Celebration/events, ongoing projects.
7. Approval of the Minutes-October 5, 2021
Commissioner Edwards motioned to approve, Commissioner Mason seconded, APPROVED-Vote 5-0
8. Unfinished Business
Newton County Water and Sewerage Authority/City of Covington-Service Delivery Strategy (SDS) Plan Agreement. **Motion to deny FAILED 3-2.**
Commissioner Henderson motioned to approve, Commissioner Sanders seconded, APPROVED-Vote3-2.
SPLOST Committee-Tabled @ BOC Meeting October 5, 2021
District 4 appointment -Archie Shepherd by Commissioner Henderson
Consent Agenda
Commissioner Edwards motioned to approve consent agenda as modified, APPROVED-Vote 5-0
9. Fire Services-Requesting approval to apply for State Farm Safety Grant to purchase fire escape ladders for citizens.
Cost: \$10,000
Funding Source: Grant
Match: N/A
Budgeted: N/A
APPROVED

(a) Parks & Recreation-Requesting approval to change current security lighting @Turner Lake Park to LED lighting.

Cost: N/A

Funding Source: General Fund

Match: \$100.00 (estimate)

Budgeted: N/A

APPROVED

(b) Cornish Creek-Request to submit application for the American Rescue Plan Grant which will be in collaboration with the City of Covington and the Water Authority to improve water and waste infrastructures.

Cost: N/A

Funding Source: State Grant

Match: Yes *Possible could use existing loans as matching dollars

Budgeted: No

APPROVED

~~(c) Cornish Creek-To submit application for Economic Development Agencies Grant, proceeds to be collaborated with Municipalities and Authorities of Covington for water improvements and waste and water infrastructures.~~

~~Cost: N/A~~

~~Funding Source: State Grant~~

~~Match: Yes *Current (GEFA) Georgia Environmental Finance Authority Loans~~

~~Budgeted: No~~

(d) Consideration of BOC meeting dates for November and December 2021.

APPROVED

Regular Agenda

Board Discussion/Consideration

11. Finance Department-Finance Director, Brittany White

Presentation of September 2021 Financial Report

NO ACTION REQUIRED

12. IT/Purchasing-Requesting approval of Task Order C10 for Ascension Program Management, LLC for IT Department to help the Administrative Building Emergency Power System project.

Cost: \$32,750

Funding Source: Capital Improvement

Budgeted: Yes

Match: No

Commissioner Edwards motioned to approve, Commissioner Cowan seconded,

APPROVED-Vote 5-0

13. Development Services-Requesting approval of Resolution #10192021

A RESOLUTION PROVIDED FOR THE INSTALLATION OF STREET LIGHTS AND THE ASSESSMENT OF THE ANNUAL COSTS OF MAINTAINING AND OPERATING SAID LIGHTS AGAINST PROPERTY SERVED BY THOSE LIGHTS FOR BRITTNEY TRACE SUBDIVISION, LOCATED OFF ROCKY PLAINS RD, DISTRICT 1.

Commissioner Edwards motioned to approve, Commissioner Henderson seconded,

APPROVED-Vote 5-0

13. (a) Cornish Creek-To submit application for Economic Development Agencies Grant, proceeds to be collaborated with Municipalities and Authorities of Covington for water improvements and waste and water infrastructures.

Cost: N/A

Funding Source: State Grant

Match: Yes *Current (GEFA) Georgia Environmental Finance Authority Loans

Budgeted: No

Commissioner Edwards motioned to approve, Commissioner Mason seconded,
APPROVED-Vote 5-0

14. Resolution #10192021A

RESOLUTION OF THE NEWTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO GRANT A
PERMANENT UTILITY EASEMENT

(Neely Farms Family Limited Partnership, LLLP)

Commissioner Cowan motioned to approve, Commissioner Henderson seconded,
APPROVED-Vote 5-0

15. Approval of letter of support of AT&T/Newton County Broadband grant application.

Commissioner Edwards motioned to approve, Commissioner Sanders,
APPROVED-Vote 5-0

15. (a) ARPA-American Rescue Plan Act-The Commissioners questioned the current status and distribution timeline of the ARPA funds. County Manager, Lloyd Kerr reported that no final guidelines for eligibility had been received from the Treasury Department as of yet. Lloyd also stated that an RFP has been created and will be posted for 30 days.

The Commissioners concluded their discussion expressing their concerns regarding the urgency that a timeline be established and to move forward in taking the necessary course of action needed to expedite and distribute the funds in the community. Commissioner Sanders suggested that the Board come together again to discuss the matter further and motioned for the Board to schedule a Special Called Meeting November 1st @ 7:00 P.M. Commissioner Henderson seconded. PASSED-Vote 5-0

7:30 P.M. Zonings/Public Hearings

Case# OTC21-000001 (Overlay Tier Change)

Applicant: Denny M. Dobbs

Location: Crowell Rd

Map & Parcel Numbers: 25-37

District: 3 (Three)

FLUM: DN (Development Node)

Zoning: R-2 (Single-Family Residential)

Acreage: 51.02 acres

Planning Commission voted to recommend approval September 28, 2021 with staff conditions by a vote of (5-0).

TABLED UNTIL 12-7-2021

Commissioner Sanders motioned to table, Commissioner Henderson seconded.
PASSED-Vote 5-0

Alcohol Beverage License

1st Reading Bajrang Group LLC, d/b/a Valero Food Mart
11280 Brown Bridge Road
Covington, GA 30016
Owner: Vimalkumar K. Patel

1st Reading SM Pony Express, Inc.
1820 Hwy. 11
Covington, GA 30014
Owner: Nikitaben Patel

16. Citizen Comments

Barbara Fleming
Alicia Brown
Carla Hooper
Ashante Bell

17. Board Comments

Commissioner Edwards
Commissioner Mason
Commissioner Sanders
Commissioner Henderson
Commissioner Cowan

18. Executive Session (immediately after meeting adjourned. No action to take place)

19. Adjourn 10:12 P.M.

Commissioner Henderson motioned to adjourn, Commissioner Edwards seconded.

PASSED-5-0