

Newton County Board of Commissioners

**AGENDA SUMMARY**

January 4, 2022

1124 Clark Street

Historic Courthouse

Covington, GA 30014

In attendance, Chairman Banes, Commissioners; Edwards, Mason, Sanders, Henderson, Cowan, Attorney Patrick Jaugstetter and Deputy Clerk Susan Nolley.

1. Call to Order-Chairman Banes
2. Invocation-Commissioner Edwards
3. Pledge-Led by Commissioner Sanders
4. Agenda Adoption

Commissioner Henderson made request to remove items 8(e) and 8(f) from the Consent Agenda and to be added as Regular Agenda items 9(a) and 9(b).

Commissioner Sanders made motion for the following (2) items to be added to the Regular Agenda.

10a Discussion of Interim County Manager position

Commissioner Henderson seconded. PASSED 5-0

10b Discussion of COVID measures and safety measures for Newton County

Commissioner Henderson seconded. PASSED 5-0

Commissioner Edwards motioned to approve Agenda Adoption as amended, Commissioner Sanders seconded. PASSED 5-0

5. Citizen Comments **NONE**

6. Reports from Chairman

Acknowledgement of Berry's Christmas Tree Farm- delivered Christmas Trees for Vice President Kamala Harris

Chuck and Lori Berry were received a plaque of recognition for their Award Winning Christmas tree that was purchased and delivered to the home of U.S. Vice President Kamala Harris.

Mr. Hunter Hall-Newton Chamber of Commerce Board Chair

Presented a strategic plan analysis for economical and projective growth for the Covington-Newton County Community.

7. Approval of the minutes

12-07-2021 Special Call Meeting/Regular Meeting

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PASSED 5-0

8. **Consent Agenda**

- a) Ratification of 2022 Alcohol Beverage License Renewals (December 7, 2021 BOC agenda)
- b) Ratification of approval for Newton County Animal Services to apply for Petco Grant. (Training Grant)
- c) Ratification of **RESOLUTION-R080421E** A MANDATORY MASK POLICY ADOPTED AUGUST 4, 2021 **UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**
- d) Newton County Sheriff's Office-seeks permission to accept the FY 2020 Naloxone Grant.  
Deadline: January 15, 2022  
Funding Source: Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC)

— Appointments

e) ~~Appointment of the Vice-Chairman~~

f) ~~Appointment of the County Clerk~~

g) Newton County Planning Commission-James Johnson-Appointment at Large Commissioner Edwards motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Sanders. PASSED 5-0

**Regular Agenda**

- 9a Appointment of Vice Chair-Commissioner J.C. Henderson Fiscal Year 2022 PASSED 5-0
- 9b Appointment of County Clerk Jackie Smith Fiscal Year 2022 PASSED 5-0
- 9c Clarification on compensation for County and State employees regarding Premium pay.  
Motion to pay ALL county employees and state employees that receive supplement pay from the County to receive Premium pay as passed by the Board December 7, 2021.  
Commissioner Cowan, seconded by Commissioner Henderson.  
PASSED 5-0.
- 10. Cornish Creek-James Brown, Director-requesting Amendment #2 Change Order #1 to Williams St. Crowder Agreement. Add engineering evaluation of the existing City Pond Dam to Design-Builder's Phase I scope for the Williams Street Rehabilitation Project. Cost: \$52,761.45  
Funding Source: GEFA (Georgia Environmental Finance Authority)  
Commissioner Henderson motioned to approve, Commissioner Mason seconded.  
PASSED 5-0
- 10a Discussion of Interim County Manager position.  
No action required
- 10b Discussion of COVID measures and safety measures in Newton County.  
No action required

11. Cornish Creek-James Brown, Director-requesting to grant permission to allow Newton County Water & Sewerage use of easement.  
Paine Crossing Transmission Main Project #N2075.026  
Commissioner Mason motioned to approve, Commissioner Cowan seconded.  
PASSED 5-0.
12. GIS-Tim Lawrence, Director- Discussion and PowerPoint presentation of the Newton County Commission and School Board "Redistricting Map".  
NONE ACTION ITEM
13. Newton County Development Services-Judy Johnson, Director-requesting approval of **INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF NEWTON, GEORGIA AND THE COUNTY OF ROCKDALE, GEORGIA FOR PROVISION OF PUBLIC WORKS SERVICES.**  
PASSED 5-0
14. **Alcohol Beverage License**  
1<sup>st</sup> Reading  
CVS 4192 Salem Road  
Covington, Georgia 30016 Applicant Tasha Reed  
District-3
15. 2022 Alcohol License Renewals-Additional Submittals  
(Total 11 records - listing attached)  
Commissioner Mason motioned to approve, Commissioner Edwards seconded.  
PASSED 5-0
16. Citizen Comments  
Barbara Fairman  
Gary Griggs  
Steven Holistine  
Annette Austin  
Fred Johnson
17. Board Comments
18. Executive Session  
Enter into Executive (NO ACTION)  
9:40 P.M.  
Commissioner Mason motioned, seconded by Commissioner Edwards
19. Adjourn  
Commissioner Edwards motioned to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Sanders.  
Adjourned @ 10:07 PM