

NEWTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
1124 Clark Street
Covington, Georgia

Regular Meeting
AGENDA SUMMARY
March 17, 2020

Thought for the day...

May your troubles be less and your blessings be more
And nothing but happiness come through your door.

Anonymous

- 7:00 p.m.
1. Call to Order: Chairman Marcello Banes
 2. Invocation - **Commissioner Mason**
 3. Pledge of Allegiance – **Commissioner Edwards**
 4. Agenda Adoption – **Chairman Banes requested the agenda be amended with the following changes: Add Item 9i to the Consent Agenda: Sheriff’s Department seeks approval of a K-9 grant with no matching funds and to move Item 22 to Item 20 and Item 20 will become Item 22.**

Motion to approve with changes was made by Commissioner Mason and 2nd by Commissioner Edwards. Motion passed unanimously. (5-0)
 5. Citizen Comments
 6. Chairman’s Report
 7. County Manager’s Report
County business during the Coronavirus outbreak.
Motion to approve the outline as presented by the County Manager was made by Commissioner Edwards and 2nd by Commissioner Schulz. Motion passed unanimously. (5-0)
 8. Old Business:
None
 9. Consent Agenda
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- 9a. Sheriff’s Office: Seeks permission to apply for the COPS Anti-Heroin Task Force Grant.
No match required
Funding: Department of Justice

- 1 9b. Sheriff's Office: Seeks permission to apply for the COPS Anti-Methamphetamine Grant.
No match required
Funding: Department of Justice
- 2 9c. Juvenile Court: Seeks permission to apply for the Criminal Justice Coordinating County (CJCC) grant to provide funding for the Juvenile Court Mental Health Court.
Match Required
Funding Source: Budgeted funds
- 3 9d. Juvenile Court: Seeks permission to apply for the Criminal Justice Coordinating County (CJCC) grant to provide funding for Family Treatment Court.
Match Required
Funding Source: Budgeted funds
- 4-14 9e. County Clerk: BOC RM Minutes dated February 18, 2020
- 15-19 9f. County Clerk: BOC RM Minutes dated March 3, 2020
- 20-21 9g. County Clerk: BOC SCM Minutes dated March 9, 2020
- 22 9h. Fireworks – 4th of July Celebration
- 9i. Sheriff's Department seeks approval of a K-9 grant with no matching funds

Motion was made by Commissioner Schulz and 2nd by Commissioner Mason to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion passed unanimously. (5-0)
- 23-SP 10. Finance: Monthly Financial Presentation – February 2020
- 24-26-SP 11. Finance: Request Budget Transfers
Motion made by Commissioner Schulz to approve the three (3) budget transfers as outlined by the Finance Director. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Henderson. Motion passed unanimously. (5-0)
12. BOC: Discussion/approval of funding for Economic Development for the months of April, May, and June.
Total Funding: \$142,924.00
Motion to approve the funding for Economic Development for the months of April, May, and June in the amount of \$142,924.00 was made by Commissioner Schulz and 2nd by Commissioner Edwards. Motion passed unanimously. (5-0)

- 27-55 15 Public Works: Request the BOC award the engineering contract to Michael Baker International, Inc. for the design of the Intersection Improvements @ Harold Dobbs Road and Crowell Road.
Cost: \$198,993.42
Funding Source: 2017 SPLOST
Motion to award the engineering contract to Michael Baker International, Inc. for the design of the Intersection Improvements @ Harold Dobbs Road and Crowell Road at a cost of \$198,993.42 from the 2017 SPLOST was made by Commissioner Schulz and 2nd by Commissioner Edwards. Motion passed unanimously. (5-0)
- 56-75 16. Public Works: Request approval to purchase three ½ ton pickup trucks to replace three trucks taken out of service.
Vendor: Covington Ford
Cost: \$86,014.00
Funding Source: FY20 Public Works General Budget
Motion to approve the purchase three ½ ton pickup trucks to replace three trucks taken out of service from Covington Ford from the FY20 Public Works General Budget at a cost of \$86,014.00 was made by Commissioner Edwards and 2nd by Commissioner Cowan. Motion passed unanimously. (5-0)
- 76-104 17. Public Works: Request the BOC award the engineering contract to Atlas for the design of the Intersection Improvements @ Kirkland Road and Jack Neely Road.
Cost: \$195,000.00
Funding Source: 2017 SPLOST
Motion to award the engineering contract to Atlas for the design of the Intersection Improvements @ Kirkland Road and Jack Neely Road at a cost of \$195,000.00 from the 2017 SPLOST was made by Commissioner Schulz and 2nd by Commissioner Henderson. Motion passed unanimously. (5-0)
- 105-113 18. BOC: Consideration of sales agreement with Cousins Community Center, Inc. and United Bank for the purchase of Cousins Community Center property in the amount of \$1,198,000.00.
Motion to enter into a sales agreement with Cousins Community Center, Inc. and United Bank for the purchase of Cousins Community Center property in the amount of \$1,198,000.00 was made by Commissioner

Henderson and 2nd by Commissioner Mason. Motion passed (3-1-1 Commissioner Edwards voted against and Commissioner Cowan abstained.)

- 114 19. BOC: Consideration of acquisition of tax parcels 0024 033 and 0024 033A (approximately 80.04 acres).
Owners: Southern Conservation Trust, Inc.
Motion to approve the acquisition of tax parcels 0024 033 and 0024 033A (approximately 80.04 acres) was made by Commissioner Schulz and 2nd by Commissioner Henderson. Motion passed unanimously. (5-0)

7:30 PM **ZONINGS – PUBLIC HEARING**

The applicant and those in favor of the petition are allowed ten-minutes to address the board. In addition, ten-minutes are allotted for those in opposition to the petition.

~~SP — 20. — Case Number: CUP19-000007~~

- SP 20. Case Number: REZ20-000001
Motion to Approve REZ20-000001 with staff conditions was made by Commissioner Mason and 2nd by Commissioner Henderson. Motion passed. (3-1-1 Commissioner Schulz voted against and Commissioner Cowan abstained.)

- SP 21. Case Number: REZ19-000009
Motion to Approve REZ19-000009 with staff conditions was made by Commissioner Mason and 2nd by Commissioner Henderson. Motion passed. (4-1 Commissioner Cowan abstained.)

- SP 22. Case Number: CUP19-000007
Motion to table CUP19-000007 until the April 21, 2020 Board of Commissioners meeting was made by Commissioner Mason and 2nd by Commissioner Edwards. Motion passed unanimously. (5-0)

~~SP — 22. — Case Number: REZ20-000001~~

- SP 23. Case Number: REZ20-000002
Motion to Approve REZ20-000029 with staff conditions was made by Commissioner Edwards and 2nd by Commissioner Mason. Motion passed unanimously. (5-0)

PUBLIC HEARING – Duly Advertised

Requesting the board to table the following Ordinance Amendments until April 7, 2020.

24. UDO19-000001 – Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance, Development Regulations and the Water Resources Ordinance.

25. Chapter 35 of Division II of the Newton County Erosion and Sedimentation Control Ordinance of Newton County, Georgia – Amendment proposed to incorporate and amend the Newton County Water Resources Management Ordinance by updating language for recent state and federal changes.

26. Chapter 34 of Division II of the Newton County Code entitled The Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance of Newton County, Georgia – Amendment proposed to repeal and replacement of the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance to be in-line with state and federal regulations.

27. Chapter 39 of Division II of the Land Development Regulations of Newton County, Georgia – Proposed amendment of the Land Development Regulations of Newton County, Georgia by updating language for recent state and federal changes.

Motion to table the following ordinance amendments, UDO19-000001 – Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance, Development Regulations and the Water Resources Ordinance, Chapter 35 of Division II of the Newton County Erosion and Sedimentation Control Ordinance of Newton County, Georgia; Chapter 34 of Division II of the Newton County Code entitled The Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance of Newton County, Georgia; Chapter 39 of Division II of the Land Development Regulations of Newton County, Georgia until the April 21, 2020 Board of Commissioners meeting was made by Commissioner Schulz and 2nd by Commissioner Henderson. Motion passed unanimously. (5-0)

ALCOHOL LICENSE:

28. First Reading (Chairman read into the record)
Chevron Food Mart
66 Almon Road
Covington, GA 30014
Shahnewaz Hossain
District 3

29. Citizen Comments
30. Commissioner Comments
31. Executive Session
10:12 p.m.
Motion by Commissioner Edwards and 2nd by Commissioner Schulz to enter into Executive Session for Personnel.
Motion passed unanimously. (5-0)

10:35 p.m.
Motion by Commissioner Edwards and 2nd by Commissioner Schulz to enter into Regular Session for Personnel.
Motion passed unanimously. (5-0)
32. Adjourn
10:35 p.m.
Motion by Commissioner Edwards and 2nd by Commissioner Schulz to adjourn.
Motion passed unanimously. (5-0)