

**NEWTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
1124 Clark Street
Covington, Georgia**

**PUBLIC HEARING
June 20, 2023
Minutes**

Present: Chairman Marcello Banes, Commissioners' Stan Edwards, Demond Mason, Alana Sanders, J.C. Henderson, Ronnie Cowan, County Attorney Patrick Jaugstetter and Clerk Jackie Smith

Note: Commissioner Stan Edwards was present for the meeting via Zoom.

Staff: Finance Director Brittany White

Chairman Banes called the meeting to order, and extended a welcome to all present. The invocation was given by Commissioner J.C. Henderson, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Ronnie Cowan.

Chairman Banes recognized County Manager Harold Cooper who reiterated that the public hearing is being held as it relates to our FY24 budget. He yielded the balance of his time to finance director Brittany White.

Ms. White noted the following:

- FY24 Budget Book can be found on Newton County Website under the Transparency Tool.
- Noted budget book handout is on the table for citizens.
- Briefly went over numbers again regarding the budget.
- 13.4 increase over FY23 budget.
- General Fund: 10.8% increase
- Total budget amount: \$130,283,880

Chairman Banes opened the public hearing for citizen comments and received none. He then closed the public hearing.

With there being no further business, a motion by Commissioner Mason, second by Commissioner Cowan, the meeting adjourned @ 6:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Smith, County Clerk

Marcello Banes, Chairman