

**NEWTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**1124 Clark Street  
Covington, Georgia**

**July 14, 2020**

**5:00 p.m.**

**PUBLIC HEARING  
MINUTES**

Present: Chairman Marcello Banes, Commissioner's Stan Edwards, Demond Mason, Nancy Schulz, JC Henderson, Ronnie Cowan, Manager Lloyd Kerr, County Clerk Jackie Smith, and Attorney Megan Martin.

Staff: Brittany White, Finance Director

Others Present: Covington News, Newton Citizen, and a group of citizens

Chairman Banes called the public hearing to order and extended a welcome to all in attendance. Commissioner Schulz gave the invocation and Commissioner Edwards led the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

Chairman Banes recognized County Manager Kerr who noted the following:

- Had some technical difficulties at the prior budget public hearing and chairman had to close the meeting.
- Several changes have been made to the proposed budget since then.
- He provided an overview summary of budget updates revenues and an overview of the summary of budget updates expenditures and budget highlights.
- Information is attached and made part of these minutes.
- Budget conforms to the rollback rate of 12.917
- Proposed Budget updated July 14, 2020 is attached and made part of these minutes
- Mr. Kerr noted that the LOST and SPLOST revenue was extremely high in May.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> highest month for SPLOST in the last 12 months.
- He expressed appreciate for the efforts made by the Constitutional officers, department heads and especially finance director and staff for work on the budget.
- Our aim is to always be good stewards of the citizen's money.
- He then asked Finance Director Brittany White to address the board.
- Ms. White provided an overview of the following.
- All Funds Overview, General Fund Revenues BY Source, General Fund Expenditures by Category, General Fund Expenditures by Department, Special Revenue Funds, Capital Improvement Funds, Enterprise Funds, a graph of total county taxes levied and millage rate 2010 – 2020., History of County Levy, Millage rate history and all information is made part of these minutes.
- Fiscal Year 2021

Chairman Banes opened the public hearing for citizen comments at 5:13 p.m.

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Questioned the reduction in the sheriff's office/jail request.

Opposition

None

Chairman Banes closed the public hearing @ 5:16 p.m.

On a motion by Commissioner Schulz, and a second by Commissioner Edwards, the public hearing adjourned @ 5:17 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Jackie B. Smith, County Clerk

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Marcello Banes, Chairman