

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NEWTON COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO APPLY FOR FEDERAL FUNDING FOR AND TO  
COMMIT LOCAL MATCHING FUNDS TO COUNTY ROAD 511/BROWN BRIDGE  
ROAD AT YELLOW RIVER BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT  
(ATLANTA REGIONAL COMMISSION PROJECT NO. 0015096)**

**WITNESSETH:**

**WHEREAS**, the Constitution of the State of Georgia, approved by the voters of the State in November 1982, and effective July 1, 1983, provides in Article IX, Section 2, Paragraph 1 thereof, that the governing authority of the County may adopt clearly reasonable ordinances, resolutions, and regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Newton County Board of Commissioners desires that the County own and operate bridges that are safe and in excellent structural condition; and

**WHEREAS**, Newton County's Bridge Assessment report, completed in 2014, recommended that the Yellow River Bridge on Brown Bridge Road be replaced; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Road 511/Brown Bridge Road at Yellow River Bridge Replacement Project (the "Project") is currently programmed in the Atlanta Regional Commission's ("ARC") Transportation Improvement Program but is not yet fully funded; and

**WHEREAS**, the ARC has released a call for projects to be considered for federal funding; and

**WHEREAS**, the County desires to submit an application to ARC seeking federal funding for the Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the grant agreement for federal financial assistance, if awarded, will require Newton County to provide a local match in the amount of 20% of the total Project cost, or \$1,452,988.00; and

**WHEREAS**, there exists sufficient local funds available for the Project from the County's 2011 Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The Newton County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the filing of a grant application with the ARC in the total amount of \$7,264,942.00 to fund the Project (ARC Project No. 0015096).

2. The Chairman of the Newton County Board of Commissioners is authorized to execute and file the necessary certifications, assurances, and other documents the ARC may require before awarding the federal assistance grant.

3. If the federal assistance grant is awarded, the Chairman of the Newton County Board of Commissioners is authorized to execute the grant and other agreements with the ARC as well as the Project Framework Agreement with the Georgia Department of Transportation.

**SO RESOLVED** this 16th day of May 2017.

**NEWTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

  
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Marcello Banes, Chairman

Attest:

  
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Jackie Smith, County Clerk

