

Newton County Board of Commissioners
Minutes
January 18, 2022
1124 Clark Street Historic Courthouse
Covington, GA 30014

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

1. Call to Order- Chairman Marcello Banes
2. Invocation-Commissioner Mason
3. Pledge of Allegiance-led by Commissioner Edwards
4. Agenda Adoption-Commissioners Edwards motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Mason. Vote 5-0 Approved
5. Citizen Comments-None
6. **Chairman's Report**

Mrs. Gail Reid Slaton, Chair of the Newton County Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Awards Committee presented plaques to the 2021 and 2022 award recipients. This is the 37th year that the committee has celebrated the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday and for the past 2 years the program has been virtual due to the pandemic.

Chairman Banes acknowledged each recipient and thanked them for their dedication in community service and presented them with a Certificate of Appreciation on behalf of Newton County and the Board of Commissioners.

- I Have a Dream Award
2021-Chairman Marcello Banes
2022-Mrs. Freda Reed
- Trailblazer Award
2021-Chandra Tuggle Mitchell & Felecia Tuggle Harris
2022-Mr. Weston Brown
- Young Dreamer Awards
2021-Meredith McCorey
2022-Zion Driskell & Leah Lang

Joint Development Authority Update-Sara Hall presented a quarterly report update, handouts were distributed to the Board attached and made part of the minutes.

Miracle League – Dwayne Mask, Director of Newton County Parks and Recreation
Miracle League Board was present and gave an update on opportunity to host 2024 Miracle League event.

7. **Old Business**
8. **Consent Agenda**
 - 8a. Ratification of approval of Newton County Animal Services to apply for Petco Grant. (Training Grant)
 - 8b. Approval of BOC Minutes – January 4, 2022

- 8c. Fire Services-approval to apply for Firehouse Subs Foundation Grant in the amount of \$12,297.
- 8d. Fire Services-approval to apply for Wal-Mart Community Grant in the amount of \$2,850.
- 8e. Fire Services-approval to apply for National Public Safety Drone Donation Program Grant.
Commissioner Edwards motioned to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded Commissioner Mason. Vote 5-0. Approved

9. Finance Department-Brittany White, Director-Reported and gave an update and review of the December 2021 monthly financial report. (

- 10. Ms. Laura Bertram of Newton County Family Connection- requests for Newton County Board of Commissioners to serve as the Fiscal Agent 2023.
Term July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023.

Dr. Sams, Director of After School and Community Relations for the Newton County School System spoke briefly sharing an important initiative suggesting that Newton County should continue to serve as the Fiscal Agent, adding, that partnering with Family Connection, the after school program has been able to bring in approximately three million dollars in the after school services in Newton County.

Commissioner Edwards motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Mason. Vote 5-0. Approved

- 11. District Attorney-Randy McGinley-requests Newton County Board of Commissioners approval to accept the state American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Grant. This is a one-year reimbursable state grant to fund two new positions and can be reapplied for up to a total of 3 years.

Commissioner Edwards motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Sanders. Vote 5-0. Approved

District Attorney-Randy McGinley-request approval of a budget amendment for the purpose to purchase a vehicle, additional equipment and supplies in the amount total of \$48,900.

\$40,000 vehicle for investigator - \$8,900 for equipment/supplies

Commissioner Edwards motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Cowan. Vote 5-0. Approved

- 12. Greg Mann, Information Services Director- Approval of contract with Sunbelt Builders, Inc. for Admin Building Emergency Power design phase.
Contract amount-\$27,500
Commissioner Mason motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Vote 5-0. Approved

13. RESOLUTION R011822 – A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF NEWTON COUNTY SETTING QUALIFYING FEES FOR THE 2022 ELECTION AND AUTHORIZING PUBLICATION OF SAME.
Commissioner Henderson motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Mason.
Vote 5-0. Approved
14. INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF COVINGTON AND NEWTON COUNTY REGARDING THE SALE OF APPROXIMATELY 34.928 ACRES OF THE COVINGTON-NEWTON INDUSTRIAL PARK PROPERTY FOR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT PURPOSES.

Commissioner Henderson motioned to approve, Commissioner Cowan seconded.
Vote 5-0. Approved

15. RESOLUTION R011822B - CONSIDERATION OF 2022 NEWTON COUNTY COMMISSION AND SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICT MAP.

Commissioner Edwards motioned to approve, Commissioner Cowan seconded,
Vote 3-2. Failed

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Old Business

Conditional Use Permit Case Number CUP21-000005

Applicant: Kit Crieghton

Location: 11390 & 11368 Brown Bridge Rd and 28 Kirkland Rd

Map & Parcel Numbers: 44-3, 44-3A & 44-4

District: 3 (Three)

FLUM: DN (Development Node)

Zoning: CG (General Commercial)

Acreage: 2.82 acres

November 16, 2021 the Planning Commission voted to recommend approval with staff conditions by a vote of (5-0).

BOC tabled on December 7, 2021

Commissioner Sanders motioned to deny, Commissioner Edwards seconded.
Vote 5-0. Denied

16. **RESOLUTION R011822a**
A RESOLUTION OF THE NEWTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS EXTENDING UNTIL APRIL 19, 2022 AN EXISTING MORATORIUM ON THE ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATIONS OF ZONING PETITIONS AND PRELIMINARY PLAT/CONCEPT PLAN PETITIONS FOR NEW RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT.

Commissioner Edwards motioned to approve, Commissioner Cowan seconded.
Vote 4-1. Passed

ALCOHOL LICENSE

17. Final Reading-CVS 4192 Salem Road
Covington, Georgia 30016
Applicant-Tasha Reed District-3
Commissioner Sanders motioned to approve, Commissioner Henderson seconded.
Vote 5-0. Approved
18. First Reading Wal-Mart Store #4558 4200 Salem Road Covington, Georgia 30016
Applicant- Shanta Latrell White
District 2

19. Citizen Comments-None

20. **Board Comments**

Commissioner Edwards-Commended the Dwayne Mask and the Recreation Board and encouraged the community to get involved in the Miracle League event. Also commended Public Works for their service provided during the recent storm.

Commissioner Mason-Recap on a successful Community Cleanup @ Butler Bridge Road – Smith Store Road and encouraged more community involvement. The Community Cleanup event will be scheduled each month.

Commissioner Sanders-Thanked Chairman Banes for the Delta Sigma Theta proclamation, thanked Zavion Sheppard for attending and speaking at the Newton County Board of Education’s work session Tuesday night, would like to encourage more community involvement from young adults.

Commissioner Henderson-Thanked Public Works for their service provided during the recent storm. The need and availability for more community activities for underprivileged children.

21. Executive Session (enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel matter-No action)
8:56
Commissioner Mason motioned to enter into Executive Session, Commissioner Sanders seconded. Vote 5-0. Approved
22. Adjourn 9:45
Commissioner Mason motioned to adjourn, Commissioner Edwards seconded.
Vote 5-0.