



County Manager Report

June 7, 2022

County Manager:

-Instituted 1st Coffee and Conversation with the Interim County Manager on June 3rd. Conversations with selected employees will be held on the **1st Friday of each month.**

-Working with the PIO and Information Services to upgrade our website. We have also added a 4k Camera to further enhance our video quality.



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Animal Services:

-Shelter intake increased 25% from April 2022. Intake has also increased 225% from May of 2021 when we were holding 25 dogs as evidence. Shelter intake has increased Year to Date 28%

-Received a donation from the Humane Society of Newton County for \$7,124.00 for the purchase of the anesthesia machines



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Building Services:

-Continued work with the City of Covington on the new EV charging stations that will be located behind the Historic Courthouse. Concrete has been cut and electrical lines have been run. The City will install the new stations in the next few days and then repair the sidewalk and walkway.

-Coordinating installation of a new automatic door opening system at the Senior Services Center. Working with Maxx computers as well as Stanley Access. This new system will provide more safety features to ensure our Seniors have ease of access and egress into and out of the facility.

-Still coordinating installation of a COVID testing kiosks to be located at the Health Department. This kiosk will be provided by the Georgia Department of Public Health at no cost to the County. It will be located outside on the covered porch area and be available 24 hours a day for our citizens to access.



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Elections:

-Prepared Advance Voting Sites for May 2, 2022 start of early voting.

-Current Registered Voters Totals Active 77,765 and Inactive 7,648

-Begin interviewing additional FT Staff member.



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EMA:

-Coordinated and supported Ropes and Rescue training at for 12 Newton County Fire personnel, 7 City of Covington personnel, 2 Henry County Fire personnel, 1 Atlanta Fire Dept. personnel and 2 Newton EMA personnel.

-Organized 2 training sessions for Citizens of Newton County on emergency preparedness to be conducted at Turner Lake facility. Assistance with Code Red sign up also to be provided.

-Creating innovative ways to increase CodeRed registration in Newton County. Current registration stands at 834.



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Fire Services:

- Working on finalizing Station 4 and planning a Community Wide Ribbon Cutting.

- Start work on getting donated GA Forestry Facility designed for renovation.

- Begin conversations with school system on creating a Fire Services Curriculum, to prepare students for possible job opportunities with Newton County.



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Finance:

- Working on finalizing FY2023 Budget.
- Budget Book is now available on our website.
- Will begin preparing for audit season, after close of FY2022.
- Continued Management of ARPA allotment and distribution.



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GIS:

- 28 map requests were received; 42 individual maps were printed or produced;
- 5 requests for GIS data were received and processed; and
- 26 phone calls were received from residents and customers (includes County employees).
- Continue work on Next-Gen 911 project with our consultant, GeoComm, and E/911 staff.



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Information Services:

- Our employee training participation rate for May was 72%, down from 83% for April.
- 52 real suspicious emails were reported to Information Services by employees using the Phish Alert Button.
- 1035 test phishing emails were sent, with 35 users failing and 304 users properly reporting the test phishing email.
- Deployed 7 new Chromebooks for Animal Services field staff and a new video conferencing system for the Chairman's conference room.
- Begin discussions with Civic Plus regarding the county website redesign.



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Parks & Recreation:

-Planned and Participated in Fairview Park Ribbon Cutting.

-Fishing Derby hosted 112 Participants, ages 4-15 .

-For the month of May 738 kids and adults paid to use the gym, cardio room, walking track.

-Prepared the Splash Pad for opening on May 30th.

-Will host Jimmy Wright basketball camp in June 2022.



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PIO:

-Kicked Off Redesign of webpage; Next Deliverable due July 1. Project expects to take a few months to complete.

-We now have a new 4K camera. Our weekly Newton Update show and any filming will use this camera.

-434 items updated on website in May
76,665 page views - 19% more page views than April.

-Facebook reach was 44,140 in May – 47% increase from a year ago. We had 87 new followers on Facebook for a total of 15,428 followers.

-Instagram reach 646 reach in May we had a total 8 new Instagram followers for 1,505

-YouTube channel now has 288 subscribers and had 2,200 views in May.



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Public Works:

-Completed LMIG resurfacing on J T Wallace, Galloway Road, Sears Circle and Watts Road.

-Trash pickup counts as of 5/26:

Bag count = 2750

Tons taken to landfill = 14.81 tons

-We will begin SPLOST resurfacing of Old Starrsville Road.

-We will also Resurface C R 213 from bridge to S R 36
– using Impact fees.



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Senior Services:

-Older Americans Month held on Friday 5/6. Rally and walk moved to gym due to rain.

125 seniors, guest and staff enjoy entertainment, great fellowship and food.

-50 Registrations completed (24 new memberships, 26 renewals)

Average daily attendance for month of May 173

-Recreation/Activities/Events scans 3630

-Home Delivery Meals delivered 2238

-On Site Meals served 1373

-The Senior Center will be closed to seniors from Monday 5/27 through Friday 7/8. We will reopen on Monday, July 11th. Staff will continue to deliver home delivery meals



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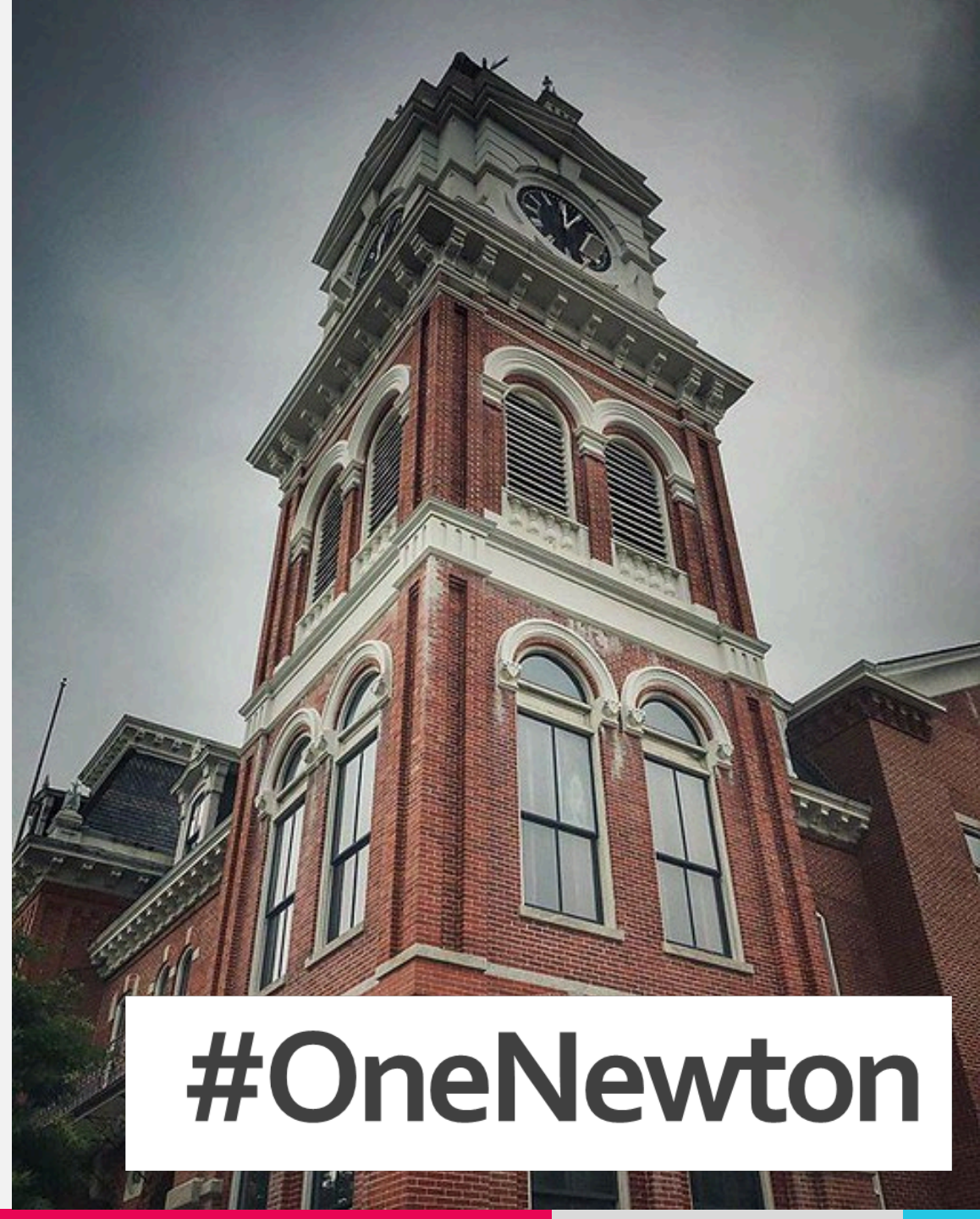
Transportation:

- BOC approved contractors for 2 bridge replacement projects PI 0015096 and 97.
- 95% complete on Hwy 213 Bridge repair @ Alcovy River.
- Received additional 2.9M funding from ARC for existing projects through Planit.
- Requested \$30M now programmed for Transportation by 2023 SPLOST Committee
- Complete Hwy 213 bridge repair @ Alcovy River, open CR 213 to traffic



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QUESTIONS???



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