

# NEWTON COUNTY BOC



**County Manager Report  
December 2022**

# COUNTY MANAGER OFFICE HIGHLIGHTS

- ❖ Congratulations to our very own, Nwaka Hughes for being selected to participate in the 2023 Professional Development Academy Program partnered with NACO on High-Performance Leadership! Nwaka represents 1 of 7 counties from GA selected to participate in the program which began on Jan 9<sup>th</sup>.
- ❖ We plan to roll out our new and improved Newton County Website on January 31st.
- ❖ We completed the replacement of 195 signs in Newton County in 2022. Thank you to our Public Works Department for leading this effort.



# ANIMAL SERVICES

1. Animal Services had 92 adoptions in December.
2. On December 28th –19 spay/neuter surgeries were performed at Animal Services.
3. Intake remains 24% higher than in 2021.
4. Animal Services responded to 7 animal to human bite cases in December and 271 requests for service.
5. Animal Services is planning a Spring vaccination and microchip clinic in March 2023.

*Animal Services would like to thank the Newton County Board of Commissioners and residents for making this spay/neuter surgery suite possible. In 2022 Newton County Animal Services had over **1000** animal adoptions making this surgery suite extremely necessary.*



# BUILDING SERVICES

1. Completed a facility inspection with NCFS of the additional office space adjacent to the space they currently occupy.
2. Completed a facility inspection of an office space located at 1167 Pace Street.
3. Continued to work on media booth in the rear of the Boardroom.
4. Staff will attend a meeting with the County Manager's office as well as officials from the DDS office to discuss possible relocation or new construction of a new DDS office.
5. We completed a total of 159 Service and Maintenance requests for the month of December.



# EMA

1. Staff completed required 24 hours of continuing education for CEM recertification.
2. Distributed 25 sleeping cots to multiple warming shelters during extreme cold temperatures.
3. Current Code Red registration numbers as of 12/25/2022:

**Businesses: 339**

**Residences: 1,404**

**Cell Phones: 1,565**

**Notifications via text: 1,583**

**Notifications email: 484**

**Weather warnings only: 999**



# FINANCE

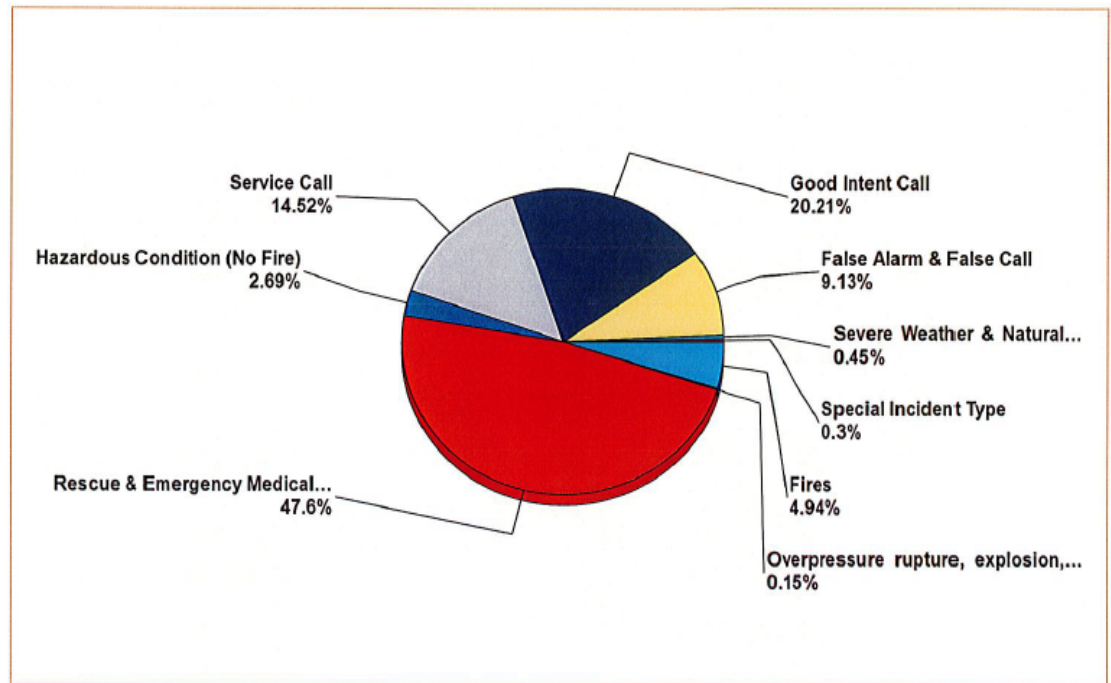
1. Finalizing FY22 Audit.
2. Processed 1627 invoices.
3. Issued 927 accounts payable checks totaling \$11,146,939.
4. Processed 46 purchase orders.
5. Processed 1,727 payroll checks totaling \$3,911,728.
6. Deposited \$6,651,999 in revenue.



# FIRE SERVICES

For the Month of December Fire Services Reports:

- 33-Fires
- 318-Rescue & EMS Calls
- 18-Hazardous Conditions Calls (No Fire)
- 97-Service Calls
- 135-Good Intent Calls
- 61-False Alarm & False Calls
- 3-Severe Weather & Natural Disaster
- 2-Special Incident Call
- Total Calls 688 with a 100% Response rate.**



MAJOR INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
Fires	33	4.94%
Overpressure rupture, explosion, overheat - no fire	1	0.15%
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	318	47.6%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	18	2.69%
Service Call	97	14.52%
Good Intent Call	135	20.21%
False Alarm & False Call	61	9.13%
Severe Weather & Natural Disaster	3	0.45%
Special Incident Type	2	0.3%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>688</b>	<b>100%</b>



# GIS

1. 8 map requests were received; 13 individual maps were printed or produced.
2. 10 phone calls were received from residents and customers (includes County employees).
3. New political district maps and layers were updated on the County's website and qPublic; the new districts include BOC/BOE, GA House, GA Senate, and US Congressional seats.





# HR & RISK MANAGEMENT

1. Onboarded 8 employees across the following departments: Tax Commissioner, Fire, Tax Assessors, Detention, and Sheriff's Office.
2. Offboarded 6 employees across the following departments: Detention, Sheriff's Office, School Resource Officer, Senior Services, Clerk of Courts, and Public Works.
3. Hosted 325+ employees at Newton County's Annual Employee Holiday Luncheon.
4. Held Essentials of Workers' Comp. and Property and Casualty Insurance training for 40 employees.
5. Provided 694 County Employees with a \$500 Holiday Incentive.
6. Represented Newton County at the Georgia Department of Labor Job Fair.
7. Provided Flu and COVID-19 vaccines to 58 employees over 4 locations around the County.



# INFORMATION SERVICES

1. Our employee training participation rate for December was at 73%, down 2% from November. Employees using the Phish Alert Button reported 91 real suspicious emails to Information Services
2. Information Services staff responded to 205 support tickets for the month of December 2022, up from 174 in November.
3. Continued deployment of multi-factor authorization for email.
4. Performed Munis financial application major upgrade and server migration 12/9-12/10, working to fix ongoing issues.
5. Configured new mini computers for installation for the BOC in the horseshoe.



# JUVENILE COURT

1. Juvenile Court processed 77 delinquency complaints and served 35 walk-ins. We also served 8 families in the new truancy court program with a total of 21 children. There were 6 court dates hearing 41 cases for delinquency with Judge Branche. Judge Branche had 6 court days hearing 14 dependency cases and Judge Edgar had 7 court days hearing 20 cases. No children were taken into foster care.
2. Case Calendars continue to be developed each month to address newly filed cases.
3. Behavioral Health Court and Family Treatment Court recognized participant accomplishments & provided updates.
4. A Community Stakeholder's meeting was held on December 9, 2022 for all those who work with youth and families in Newton County.



# PARKS & RECREATION

1. Youth & Adult basketball practice began in December.
2. Hosted an Evening with Santa with over 220 families.
3. LED lights were installed at Turner Lake Park.
4. 23,039 Citizens visited the Recreation Center.
5. 770 Paying/Members attended Recreation Center.



# PIO

1. We had 70 new follows in the month of December, giving us total of 15,987 and a total of 700 new followers in 2022. We reached 66,827 people – a 12.5% increase from November.
2. The Top 3 content in regards to reach was:
  - \*Condolences for a Newton County Employee
  - \*Warming Shelter Opening
  - \*Cold Weather Notice
3. Continued work on Boardroom Improvements and installation of production booth.



# PUBLIC WORKS

1. Completed SPLOST patching in Bailey Glynn subdivision and on River Walk Farms.

2. Trash pickup counts for December:

The bag count = **3285**

**17.98** tons taken to landfill

The sheriff's trash detail reported picking up **93 bags**



# SENIOR SERVICES

1. 52 seniors attended performance at the Porter Sanford Performing Arts Center in DeKalb County on December 2<sup>nd</sup> .
2. 42 seniors participated in a day trip to Hamrick, South Carolina for a day of shopping on December 9<sup>th</sup> .
3. The Annual Senior Center Christmas Luncheon was held on December 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> for seniors and volunteers with over 200 in attendance.
4. The Senior Center will be closed for the holidays December 19<sup>th</sup> thru January 2<sup>nd</sup>.



# SOLID WASTE SERVICES

1. On December 31, 2022, Harbin Engineering submitted the 5-Year Update to the Design and Operations Plans for the Newton County Landfill via GEOS (Georgia EPD's online system).
2. During the month of December, a total of 400 mattresses and box springs were received at the landfill. This equals an average of 15 per day for the 26 days of landfill operations.
3. We sold a total of 5,482 Convenience Center Hang Tags for 2022.





# TRANSPORTATION

1. All Right of Way acquired for Davis Ford Road paving Improvements.
2. 2022 Resurfacing Project started with Pittman Construction Company.
3. Major Parking Lot rehabilitation completed at Fire Station #9.
4. Begin 2023 LMIG resurfacing project.



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