

The Newton County Board of Commissioners regular board meeting was held on Tuesday, January 10, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioners meeting room on the 3rd floor in the Historic Courthouse. This meeting was open to the public and live streamed on the Newton County YouTube Channel Link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCaelYAOMGdiPaiqUz7SdTfO>

Present were, Chairman Banes, Commissioners Stan Edwards, Alana Sanders, J.C. Henderson, Ronnie Cowan, Interim County Manager Jarvis Sims, Attorney Patrick Jaugstetter and Deputy Clerk Susan Nolley. The media staff and other administrative staff were also present. Commissioner Demond Mason was not in attendance.

Chairman Banes called the meeting to order and read the thought for the day. Pastor Jason Johnson of Stewart Community Church gave the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Sanders.

Agenda Adoption was approved with the following changes:
Item(s) #8a & #8i moved to the regular agenda as #12a & #12b. #14 Removed. Motion: To approve adoption of the agenda with changes, Commissioner Edwards and seconded by Commissioner Sanders and was passed unanimously.

There were no citizen comments.
Reports from Chairman Banes: Chairman Banes thanked to the board and the surrounding municipalities for their support of the Emergency Warming Shelter.

Reports from ICM Sims: Jarvis gave a PowerPoint presentation of departmental highlights, updates and events for the month of December 2022.

Commissioner Henderson motioned to approve the Consent Agenda as listed, seconded by Commissioner Edwards and was passed unanimously.

- 8b. To ratify the Newton County Warming Center Operating Agreement with Exhibit A & B between N.C. and the Rainbow Community Center, Inc.
- 8c. To ratify the Sheriff's Office request to accept the FY20 SCAAP Grant in the amount of \$3,954.00.
- 8d. To ratify the Sheriff's Office request to accept the FY22 JAG grant in the amount of \$26,750.00.
- 8e. Sheriff's Office approval to apply for the FY2024 HEAT Grant through the Governor's Office of Highway Safety.

8f. Sheriff's Office approval to apply for the Traffic Enforcement Networks FY24 grant.

8g. Sheriff's Office approval to apply for the FY22 State Criminal Alien Assistance

Program (SCAAP) amount is set by the grantor.

8h. Public Works approval to deem 2004 Ranger as surplus property.

8j. Appointment to NC Board of Appeals - District One - Anne

Knight

8k. Appointment to NC Planning Commission - District Three
Ronnie Glover

8l. Appointment to NC Planning Commission - District Four
Terry Shepherd

8m. Appointment of the BOC Vice Chairman - Ronnie Cowan

8n. County Clerk: BOC Mtg. Minutes dated October 4, 2022

8o. County Clerk ES Mtg. Minutes dated October 4, 2022

8p. County Clerk: BOC Mtg. Minutes dated December 6, 2022

8q. County Clerk ES Mtg. Minutes dated December 6, 2022

9. Appointment to the Newton County Board of Elections.

Chairman's position.

Motion: To appoint Phil Johnson as Chairman of the Newton County Board of Elections made by Commissioner Henderson, seconded by Commissioner

Cowan and

was passed unanimously.

9a. Appointment to the Newton County Board of Elections
Republican Representative.

Motion: To appoint Kim Payne as Republican Representative to the Newton
County

Board of Elections made by Commissioner Edwards, seconded by
Commissioner

Cowan and was passed unanimously.

10. Appointment of the Interim County Manager

Motion: To extend the appointment term of Interim County Manager Jarvis

Sims

until March made by Commissioner Cowan, seconded by Commissioner
Henderson and was passed unanimously.

11. Appointment of the County Attorney

Motion: To approve appointment of the County Attorney, Patrick Jaugstetter -
Jarrard

& Davis, LLP, made by Commissioner Cowan, seconded by Commissioner
Edwards.

Passed. Vote 3-1 Abstention. Commissioner Henderson expressed concerns regarding

expense and not pleased with the service.

12. Appointment of the County Clerk Jackie Smith

Motion: To approve appointment of County Clerk Jackie Smith, seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Passed. Vote 3-1 Abstention. Commissioner

Sanders

voiced concerns regarding management of the Clerks workload.

12a BOC/Fire Services: To ratify Commercial Purchase & Sales

Agreement for property located at 4146 Highway 278, Covington, GA for Fire Services. (Time Sensitive)

Motion: To approve made by Commissioner Edwards, seconded by

Commissioner

Cowan and was passed unanimously.

12b Public Works approval to purchase 2022 Broom Sweeper from Tractor & Equipment

Company. Cost: \$79,000.00/Funding Source: ARPA

Motion: To approve made by Commissioner Henderson, seconded by

Commissioner

Edwards and was passed unanimously.

13. Approval of the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between Newton

County, Georgia and the City of Covington. Amendment to the IGA for Lease of Williams Street Water Treatment Facility dated July 21, 2020.

Motion: To approve made Commissioner Henderson, seconded by

Commissioner

Edwards and was passed unanimously.

*Item 14 removed

15. Approval of Change Order No. 007 with Motorola and Change Order No. 003 with

TUSA. (Covington/Newton County 911)

Motion: to approve made by Commissioner Edwards, seconded by

Commissioner

Sanders and was passed unanimously.

16. Approval of RJB & Associates Contractors, Inc. contract Change Order #1 for Nelson

Heights bathroom and pavilion in the amount of \$152,422.00.

Total contract price to \$295,784.00/Funding Source: ARPA

Motion: To approve made by Commissioner Henderson, seconded by

Commissioner

Sanders and was passed unanimously.

17. Approval of Secondary Internet Connection for Cloud Data Backup.

Cost: \$1800.00 month (onetime installation fee of \$1,000)

Funding Source/ FY23 Information Services Budget

Motion: To approve made by Commissioner Edwards, seconded by
Commissioner

Edwards and was passed unanimously.

18. Fire Services is seeking approval to order 4 Pumper Apparatus' and 2
Tankers before

price increases. This is an approved 2023 SPLOST project. Cost:
\$4,933,312.88.

Due to the amount per purchasing policy, this item has to be presented twice
and will

be placed on the January 17, 2023 BOC regular meeting agenda.

Motion: To approve made by Commissioner Edwards, seconded by
Commissioner

Henderson and was passed unanimously.

19. Alcohol Beverage License/First Reading

Walgreens #12621 12955 Brown Bridge Road Covington, GA 30016

Applicant: Clayton Schwindt/District 2

20. Alcohol Beverage License/First Reading

Flash Foods, Circle K 4175 Salem Road Covington, GA 30016

Licensee: Misty Wilson/District 2

21. Alcohol Beverage License/Final Reading

GA CVS Pharmacy LLC/ CVS Pharmacy #8419 4192 Salem Rd. Covington,
GA 30016

Licensee: Bastet Cross/District 3

Motion: to approve Final Reading made by Commissioner Sanders, seconded
by

Commissioner Henderson and was passed unanimously.

22. Alcohol Beverage License/Final Reading

Family Dollar Stores of Ga LLC/Family Dollar Store #31714

3250 Highway 81 Covington, Georgia 30016

Licensee: Joy Robinson/District 2

Motion: To approve Final Reading made by Commissioner Henderson,
seconded by

Commissioner Edwards and was passed unanimously.

23. Alcohol Beverage License/Final Reading

GA CVS Pharmacy LLC/ CVS Pharmacy # 1359 5384 Hwy 20 Covington, GA
30016

Licensee: Misty Kite District 2

Motion: To approve Final Reading by Commissioner Edwards, seconded by

Commissioner Henderson and was passed unanimously.

24. Alcohol Beverage License/Final Reading

Walmart Stores East #4558 4200 Salem Road

Licensee: Danyel Forney/District 2

Motion: To approve Final Reading made by Commissioner Edwards,
seconded by

Commissioner Henderson and was passed unanimously.

25. 2023 Alcohol Beverage License Renewal Listing

Motion: To approve 2023 Alcohol Beverage License Renewal Listing made by
Commissioner Edwards, seconded by Commissioner Henderson and was
passed

unanimously.

26. Citizen Comments

Ms. Barbara Morgan commented on a publication in the Newton Citizen
acknowledging the Finance Department/Director Brittany White received a
national award for their work of excellence.

Mr. Archie Shepherd commented on the ARPA Funds/Gift cards/Booster
shots/Housing help for seniors.

Mr. Fred Johnson commented on MLK Day Cemetery Cleanup January 16th @

Newton

County HS 10:00 a.m. encouraged all to come out.

27. Board Comments

Commissioner Edwards commented that he is looking forward to a
productive year

working together with the board.

Commissioner Sanders announced- January 21st Vision Board Party @
Turner Lake

March 4th Newton County Health & Wellness Fair @ Turner Lake/Thanked
the

residents of District 3 for assisting with the letter to Congressman Hank
Johnson/

Congressional Grant.

Commissioner Henderson commented on celebration of Newton County
Black

History.

Chairman Banes congratulated Commissioners Henderson and Mason on
being reelected to the board and thanked the City of Covington and everyone
for

their support and providing funds for the Emergency Warming Shelter.

ICM Jarvis Sims commented there will be a presentation at the next board meeting, Tuesday, January 17th to provide the citizens with an update on the ARPA funds and some of the upcoming projects that will utilize ARPA funding.

8:17 p.m.

There being no further business to discuss Chairman Banes called for a motion to adjourn.

Motion: To adjourn made by Commissioner Edwards, seconded by Commissioner Henderson.

Marcello Banes

Chairman

Submitted by:

Susan G. Nolley

Deputy Clerk

