

NEWTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
1124 Clark Street
Covington, Georgia
Regular Meeting
Minutes
April 18, 2023

Present: Chairman Marcello Banes, Commissioners' Stan Edwards, Demond Mason, Alana Sanders, J.C. Henderson, Ronnie Cowan, County Attorney Patrick Jaugstetter and Clerk Jackie Smith

Others Present: Staff Members, Citizens, Covington News, Newton Citizen

Chairman Banes called the meeting to order, extended a welcome, and read the thought for the day. The invocation was given by Commissioner Demond Mason, and the pledge of was led by Commissioner Alana Sanders.

Chairman Banes recognized Pastor Quinn Baker of Pleasantville Baptist Church to the platform to bring greetings. He noted that Pastor Quinn is celebrating his first year of pastoring in Covington and welcomed him to our community and appreciate what he is doing.

Chairman Banes added the following two items to the agenda.

18a. Resolution R041823 – Newton County, Georgia Approval of Certain Special Events Within the City of Covington historic downtown Entertainment District.

20a. Ordinance O-041823 – An ordinance to establish regulations and guidelines regarding the permitting and operation of mobile and temporary food establishments within Newton County, Georgia.

AGENDA ADOPTION

Motion by Commissioner Edwards, second by Commissioner Sanders, to adopt the agenda dated April 18, 2023 with duly noted items outlined by Chairman Banes.

Motion carried unanimously (5/0)

CITIZEN COMMENTS (Agenda Items Only)

Archie Shepherd

- Encouraged the board to make the right decision for a county manager.

Barbara Morgan

Jennifer Hartman

Elizabeth Dardy

- All three ladies spoke in favor of the 90-day trial program regarding alcohol in the downtown historic district.

Thelma Starr

- Spoke in opposition to the 90-day trial program.

Mr. Jackson

- Support ARPA money going to the citizens.

Anthony Henderson

- Spoke in regards to NHCC Audit.
- He commented they though the tax accountant was handling this.
- Right now we have a county facility that is not being funded.
- We will work to get these recommendations addressed.

Chairman Banes recognized State Senator Tonya Anderson and also, recognized Covington City Councilman Anthony Henderson.

Steve Spearer

- Commented he thought spending \$430,516 at City Pond Park was extravagant, not needed & a waste of money.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: None

OLD BUSINESS

PIEDMONT NEWTON HOSPITAL IS REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ARPA FUNDS. (Tabled March 21st BOC meeting)

Dr. Norris Little, Chief Medical Officer/Interim CEO of Piedmont Newton Hospital appeared before the board to request ARPA Funds.

- Reminded the board the request is for ten (10) bed expansion project due to inadequate bed capacity.
- Since pandemic the hospital has experienced a high volume of patients and this has caused an over-flow into the emergency room department.
- These beds will help ease the congestion in the emergency room.
- Hospital is seeking ARPA funding to assist with this need.
- Chairman Banes noted the BOC asked him to speak with the City of Covington to see if they could assist and after speaking with Mayor Horton, understands there are no funds available.
- Commissioner Sanders voiced her concerns that we have projects already designated for funding and unsure if there will be enough funds to cover these projects.
- She reminded the board that our ARPA consultant directed us to not "touch" the remaining \$2.2 million dollars.
- She noted we just approved Broadband in another area and we do not have a final cost on that.
- Senior Services has an agenda item tonight for ARPA funds.
- Concerned about having enough funds for projects already designated.
- Chairman Banes invited finance director Brittany White to the platform.
- Ms. White said she thinks we have around \$2 million left in fund.

Commissioner Edwards stated we don't have the exact amount, but understands the administration of the ARPA funds have been accounted for. The contract is not to exceed \$420,000.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards, second by Commissioner Cowan, to approve \$1.75 million for Piedmont Newton Hospital for expansion of ten (10) beds.

Commissioner Henderson asked if we could find another source for this funding, i.e. fund balance? He stated he thought our fund was around \$34 million dollars.

He asked Ms. White the amount we have in our fund balance? \$44 million dollars. He noted that fund balance is for an emergency and the hospital is in need of these beds to take care of our citizens.

Commissioner Henderson made a motion to approve taking \$2.2 million from fund balance, second by Commissioner Edwards (for discussion).

Commissioner Edwards asked how many months do we have in fund balance and Ms. White said we have seven (7) months.

Commissioner Cowan noted that he was not opposed to using some of the ARPA funds and fund balance... half Fund Balance and half ARPA (if possible)

Ms. White told the board she would like to be given the opportunity to find other sources for funding before we touch the fund balance.

Commissioner Henderson said he would amend his motion to what Ms. White suggested.

Commissioner Sanders reiterated that we should not touch the fund balance and make sure we understand what we are doing.

Commissioner Mason stated he agreed that we should not utilize ARPA funds, but look for other sources. He reminded the BOC that ACCG recommends a minimum of a 3-month fund balance. Encouraged board to allow Ms. White to find another stream of revenue and not use ARPA funds or Fund Balance.

Chairman requested the county attorney to state the motion.

Final Motion....

Motion by Commissioner Henderson, second by Commissioner Edwards, to direct finance director Brittany White to identify alternative sources of revenue outside of ARPA Funds, if possible, and outside of the Fund Balance, if possible. Motion carried unanimously (5/0)

CONSENT AGENDA

Fire Services: Requesting approval to accept \$18,200 grant from Firehouse Subs Foundation.

County Clerk: BOC Minutes dated April 4, 2023

County Clerk ES Mtg. Minutes dated April 4, 2023

Motion by Commissioner Edwards, second by Commissioner Sanders, to approve the Consent Agenda for April 18, 2023.

Motion carried unanimously (5/0)

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION

DR. KARCHEIK SIMS-ALVARADO CEO OF PRESERVE BLACK ATLANTA.

Dr. Alvarado addressed the board providing an update since her last meeting here two years ago. She also presented a PowerPoint presentation.

- PowerPoint presentation is attached and made part of these minutes
- Board members expressed their concern regarding the slave graves located at Gaither's at Myrtle Creek Farm.
- Dr. Alvarado highlighted several ideas on how to bring honor to these departed souls.
- Board would like to come together for a work session and community involvement.
- No action necessary.

Chairman and board members expressed their appreciation to Dr. Alvarado for her work and service to others and look forward to her next update.

HUMAN RESOURCES: COUNTY MANAGER POSITION

Presenters: Amanda Shoemaker, Director, Patrick Jaugstetter, County Attorney
Director Shoemaker noted the following:

- Received 25 applications for the county manager position.
- Seven were invited for interviews.
- The BOC selected the final two finalists, Lucinda Babers and Harold Cooper.

County Attorney Jaugstetter noted the following:

- Board has interviewed both candidates.
- Reviewed resumes.
- Seen compensation demands.

Commissioner Sanders

- Noted that the BOC was about to appoint one of the highest non-elected positions in the county.
- Looked at both candidates...do not know either candidate.
- Ms. Babers was a finalist last year, but wasn't selected as a finalist this year until one of the finalist withdrew their name.

- I researched Ms. Babers and she has 31 years of federal, state and city government experience.
- She is the Deputy Mayor of Operations of Infrastructure for Washington, D.C.
- She has served as the Director of the Department of Motor Vehicles
- U.S. Air Force Captain Department Manager
- Manages \$651 million dollars in operation funds
- \$1.97 billion in capital funding.
- Manages a department and directors of 3300 employees.
- She stated it didn't matter if she was offered a one-year contract.
- She also has grant writing experience and multiple degrees.

Motion by Commissioner Sanders, second by Commissioner Henderson, to hire Lucinda Babers as the County Manager.

Motion failed (3/2) with Commissioners Edwards, Mason & Cowan voting in opposition to the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Cowan, second by Commissioner Mason, to appoint Mr. Harold Cooper as the County Manager.

Discussion:

Commissioner Sanders stated the following:

Again, looking at the experience, nothing against Mr. Cooper, but he only has HR experience. Also, I am aware some people have personal relationships and directors, that's my only issue.

Ms. Babers knows no one on this board. She can come into this county non-biased and move forward and work with every commissioner in this horseshoe evenly because she doesn't know any of us.

I heard this in the community, whether it is true or not, that y'all don't want another educated black woman. So, I pray that is not what's happening today.

Motion approved (3/2) with Commissioner Sanders and Henderson voting in opposition to the motion.

BOC: REQUESTING APPROVAL OF \$10,000 FOR THE 2023 JUNETEENTH HOLIDAY CELEBRATION.

Presenter: Commissioner Alana Sanders

- Independence Day: June 19, 1855
- Juneteenth designated as a national holiday.
- County provides \$10,000 for July 4th Fireworks program and requesting same amount be provided for the Juneteenth Celebration.

Chairman Banes noted that the board approved Juneteenth as a county employee holiday last year.

Commissioner Edwards noted that we have participated in the Juneteenth Parade and questioned who would receive the \$10,000. Commissioner Sanders noted the same as last year, The African-American Historical Society. The county paid for permit. Chairman Banes said we sponsored Legion Field.

Motion by Commissioner Sanders, second by Commissioner Henderson, to donate \$10,000 for the Juneteenth Celebration in Newton County.

Commissioner Mason stated this is a great holiday and a great celebration.

Commissioner Edwards questioned who would the check be made out to.... Commissioner Sanders stated it will be made out to the same committee as last year, African-American Historic Committee, a non-profit organization that is located in the TK Adams Building in the county.

Commissioner Sanders said last year the board approved to pay for the permits for the Juneteenth Parade which has been done by the same organization for years.

Chairman Banes noted that the county sponsored the Legion Field.

Substitute Motion:

Motion by Commissioner Mason, second by Commissioner Edwards, for the county to put on the Juneteenth Celebration and allow our historical committee to be a part of putting the Juneteenth Celebration together.

Commissioner Henderson questioned why we can't just do as intended and allow Ms. James to continue to run it?

Substitute Motion:

Motion by Commissioner Henderson, second by Commissioner Mason, to sponsor the Juneteenth Celebration for \$10,000 with Ms James continuing to run it and work with her for possibly the county sponsoring the Juneteenth Celebration next year with Ms. James working with the county.

Commissioner Cowan stated that Ms. James has done a great job and he is not interested in taking anything away from a private citizen. He said he thinks we ought to do what we did last year and make sure it is properly accounted for.

Substitute Motion:

Motion by Commissioner Cowan, second by Commissioner Mason, to do what the county did last year.

Commissioner Edwards stated that he does not want to lose sight of the \$10,000 And wants to move forward tonight with designating the \$10,000 for the Juneteenth Celebration.

Chairman Banes invited Ms. James to the podium.

Ms. James provided the board with a budget showing where the \$10,000 funds would be spent.

Ms. James said that last year the city and the county partnered together to pay for parade. This year the City of Covington is paying for the permits only.

Commissioner Cowan asked if they were a non-profit and she said yes. He advised her that at some point she would have to provide documents to the county as to how the money is spent. She said that she would do that.

Commissioner Henderson mentioned that Ms. James was having a difficult time getting a lease agreement from the county for the TK Adams building and he would like to see that handled.

Substitute Motion:

Motion by Commissioner Edwards, second by Commissioner Mason, to designate \$10,000 for the Juneteenth Celebration to be administered by the county.

County Attorney Jaugstetter asked if he could make a recommendation. He recommended a contract between NC and the Historical Committee.

Motion by Commissioner Henderson, second by Commissioner Mason, to enter into a contract with the Newton County Historical Committee on Black Heritage Preservation to conduct, on the county's behalf, a Juneteenth Celebration in exchange for \$10,000 to include the budget items as presented.

Motion carried unanimously (5/0)

SENIOR SERVICES: REQUESTING APPROVAL TO CHANGE REQUEST FOR VAN PURCHASE TO VEHICLE PURCHASE.

Director Freda Reed appeared before the board to present this request and highlighted the pertinent information.

- Cost: \$27,000
- Funding Source: ARPA
- No additional funding required.
- Information is attached and made part of these minutes.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards, second by Commissioner Mason, to approve the request from Senior Services to change the purchase of a van to a purchase of a vehicle.

Motion carried unanimously (5/0)

INFORMATION SERVICES: REQUESTING APPROVAL OF AT&T USM ANYWHERE ANNUAL RENEWAL CONTRACT.

Director Greg Mann appeared before the board to present this request and highlighted the pertinent information.

- Cost: \$1,387.37 per month
- Budgeted: Yes

- Funding Source: FY23 Information Services Budget
- Information is attached and made part of these minutes.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards, second by Commissioner Henderson, to approve the renewal contact with AT&T USM for Information Services.
Motion carried unanimously (5/0)

INFORMATION SERVICES: REQUESTING APPROVAL OF WATCHGUARD AUTHPOINT MFA RENEWAL AGREEMENT – 3-YEAR TERM WITH JSCM GROUP.

Director Greg Mann appeared before the board to present this request and highlighted the pertinent information.

- Cost: \$16,456.50
- Budgeted: Yes
- Funding Source: FY2023 Information Services Budget
- Information is attached and made part of these minutes.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards, second by Commissioner Mason, to approve the Watchguard Authpoint MFA Renewal Agreement – 3-Year term with the JSCM Group for Information Services.
Motion carried unanimously (5/0)

FINANCE: MARCH 2023 FINANCIAL UPDATE

Presenter: Brittany White, Director

- No action required
- Information is made part of these minutes.

FINANCE: REQUESTING APPROVAL OF FY23 BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Director Brittany White appeared before the board to present this request and highlighted the pertinent information.

- Information is attached and made part of these minutes.

Motion by Commissioner Henderson, second by Commissioner Edwards, to approve the budget amendments requested by Finance Department.
Motion carried unanimously (5/0)

FINANCE: NELSON HEIGHTS AUDIT 2019-2021

Director Brittany White appeared before the board to present this request and highlighted the pertinent information.

- Requesting direction from the board regarding releasing funds to the NHCC.
- Information is attached and made part of these minutes.

Anthony Henderson appeared before the board and noted they are working on resolving the issues and recommendations by the auditor and would like to request a little more time to resolve.

Commissioner Henderson noted it was very disappointing that the county required a three-year audit from NHCC and accepted a three-year review from the Washington Street Community Center. Would like for everyone to be treated the same.

He said they received funding previously, but if the records were inadequate why were they awarded the funds in 2019.

During the board's discussed they decided to allow NHCC 60 days to resolve the issues and the county will be responsible for the cost of the operation of the center during the 60 days.

Commissioner Sanders noted that the county does not have standard operating procedures in place. She noted that for 15 years NHCC has received appropriations.

County Attorney Jaugstetter reminded the board that as part of the budget process the board was directed that non-profits were to provide a three-year audit. He said that Ms. White is seeking direction on how to move forward with how to resume the appropriation.

Motion by Commissioner Sanders, second by Commissioner Henderson, to approve moving forward with current appropriations for NHCC and Washington Street Center with stipulation that Councilman Henderson stated they were going to correct.

Discussion:

Commissioner Cowan stated that he does not think it is in the county's best interest to shut down NHCC. School is about to be out and the children need a place.

He questioned Councilman Henderson if it would be reasonable to say in 60 days you (Anthony Henderson) will work with someone with a business background to assist you in moving forward. Yes.

Commissioner Cowan suggested the county pay the utility bills for the next two months to keep the center open.

Commissioner Edwards said it's not the intent to leave the children at NHCC or Washington Street without a place. He said that in his opinion WSCC is a model to follow and hopes that NHCC can follow in those footsteps. He said that as a commissioner he cannot ignore the report from the auditor. He commented that he would like to see some of the low hanging fruit rectified. He also said that he

would agree with Commissioner Cowan that we don't cut off NHCC, but we require both NHCC and WSCC to check the box we voted on two years ago.

Commissioner Henderson stated that the utilities for the NHCC is \$2000 per month, then they pay for the alarm system, the security cameras and it takes a lot of money to operate. He said he was grateful they had survived for about a year with the help of the community and express thanks to them.

He said we (NHCC) wanted the same person that Washington Street used, but he could not do it. Washington Street provided a 3-year review while NHCC was required to have a 3-year audit. He said they were just asking to be treated the same, but you made a difference in the two centers.

He also mentioned the Almon Community Center...county pays all the bills and they take all the rentals and there is no reporting of any kind.

Commissioner Sanders thanked Commissioner Henderson for mentioning the Almon Community Center. She questioned if there have been any reports turned in for ACC? Director White said, not to her knowledge, but it doesn't run through her department. Commissioner Sanders said she was not blaming Brittany.... but this is a double standard and it has got to stop. Too many double standards.

Commissioner Sanders noted that we have a for-profit running a community center, setting prices, collecting money, on county property and we didn't audit them.

She questioned the amount of money WSCC has been paid? Director White said it was for 7 months and thinks the amount is around \$33,000.

Commissioner Sanders said, again, there is a double standard. The county does not have a SOP in place to give to those we are allocating funding to. She said, if we have for-profits running county business...that's a problem.

Commissioner Cowan noted that some of the deficiencies that were listed by JC and Anthony are very easy business things to deal with, but if you don't know how they work they can seem very complicated.

He stated he does not think it is in the best interest of the county to shut down the programs at NHCC. They are of value to the county with the after school program and believes they lease it to a church on Sundays.

He asked Councilman Henderson if it would be reasonable to extend a time period of 60 days, or whatever time you need, to work with a consultant or a community person that has a background in business to assist you. He said that he agreed with Commissioner Sanders that you need a Standard Operating Procedure in place.

Motion by Commissioner Cowan, second by Commissioner Sanders, to allow NHCC 60 days to work on their business operational procedures and in the meantime, the county will continue to pay the necessary utilities, insurance and other things needed to operate the building. That way NHCC can continue to operate their programs.

Discussion:

Director White stated she would like there to be clarity and a list of the exact bill that the county will be responsible for because I think lack of clarity is why we are where we are right now.

Commissioner Cowan said he would clear that up and listed the following for payment.

Utilities, Insurance, Internet, Security, Phones, Operational things for the building.

Also, after 60 days, once you have some of these other issues addressed and you have complied with everything and Director White is satisfied that what you have done is correct and we have an auditor or accountant look at it, then we will issue the appropriation to NHCC less what we have already advanced you. I just don't want to shut it down.

Motion carried unanimously (5/0)

RECREATION/PURCHASING: REQUESTING APPROVAL FOR QUALITE SPORTS LIGHTING CONTRACT FOR CITY POND COMPLEX.

Project Manager Jeff Prine appeared before the board to present this request and highlighted the pertinent information.

- Cost: \$430,516
- Funding Source: SPLOST 23
- Budgeted: Yes

Motion by Commissioner Henderson, second by Commissioner Mason, to approve the Qualite Sports Lighting Contract for City Pond Complex.

Motion carried (4/1) with Commissioner Sanders voting in opposition to the motion.

RESOLUTION R041823 – NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA APPROVAL OF CERTAIN SPECIAL EVENTS WITHIN THE CITY OF COVINGTON HISTORIC DOWNTOWN ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT

Presented by Ken Malcom.

Motion by Commissioner Sanders, second by Commissioner Henderson, to table resolution to the May 2, 2023 BOC meeting to allow a conversation between the Chief of Police and the Sheriff regarding security.

Motion failed (2/3) with Commissioner Edwards, Mason & Cowan voting in opposition to the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards, second by Commissioner Mason, to approve Resolution R041823.

Motion failed (3/2) with Commissioner Sanders, Henderson and Cowan voting in opposition to the motion.

Commissioner Cowan requested that Commissioner Sanders make her motion again.

Motion to a table to May 2, 2023 BOC Meeting to allow a conversation between the Chief of Police and the Sheriff regarding security.

Motion approved (3/2) with Commissioners Edwards and Mason voting in opposition to the motion.

7:30 PM

ZONING/PUBLIC HEARING

The applicant and those in favor of the petition are allowed ten-minutes to address the board. In addition, ten-minutes are allotted for those in opposition to the petition. This ten-minute allotment does not include a response.

Development Services director Shena Applewhaite presented the zoning requests to the board for their consideration

- Displayed parcel maps
- Flood Plain
- Survey Map
- Concept Plan
- Highlighted the information below.
- Information is attached and made part of these minutes.

Case Number:	Rez23-000001
Companion Case:	Rez23-000002
Existing Land Use Map:	PRC (Parks/Recreation/Conservation)
Existing Zoning:	OI(Office Institutional)/CG (General Commercial)
Proposed Zoning:	A (Agricultural for 84.8659 acres)
Watershed:	Yellow River
Location:	1495 Access Road
Parcel Size:	114.36 Acres (84.8659 acres to be rezoned)
Tax Parcel:	0043 004f
Commission District:	(4) Four
Owner:	JACO Contracting Solutions, Inc.
Petitioner:	Alan McRae
Representative:	William Goodson Galloway, The Galloway Law Group

Chairman Banes opened the public hearing @ 7:40 p.m.

Favor of Petition:

Mr. William Galloway

The Galloway Law Group

- Representing the petitioner
- Neither the northern or the southern part of property is used.
- Asking for approval to preserve and develop it into wetlands as part of the proposed Yellow River Mitigation Bank
- Will not generate any additional traffic.
- Consistent with Newton County's Comp Plan.
- Recommended by both the Planning Commission and staff.

Opposition: None

Chairman Banes closed this portion of the public hearing at 7:43 p.m.

Motion by Commissioner Henderson, second by Commissioner Mason, to approve Case #REZ23-000001 with the following staff recommended conditions:

1. To the owner's agreement to restrict the use to the following:
 - a. A minor plat shall be submitted and reviewed for approval by Development Services.
 - b. The parcel shall be used for Wetland Mitigation & Conservation only and not developed.
 - c. Permits shall be obtained from the USACE and other applicable state & Federal agencies.

Motion carried unanimously (5/0)

Case Number:	Rez23-000002
Companion Case:	Rez23-000001
Existing Land Use Map:	PRC (Parks/Recreation/Conservation)
Existing Zoning:	R2 (Single-Family Residential)/OI (Office Institutional)/ CG (General Commercial)
Proposed Zoning:	A (Agricultural)
Watershed:	Yellow River
Location:	1675 Access Road
Parcel Size:	70.37 Acres (Rezoning 49.9599 Acres)
Tax Parcel:	0043 003
Commission District:	(4) Four
Owner:	Chancey Stacey L.
Petitioner:	Alan McRae
Representative:	William Goodson Galloway, The Galloway Law Group

- Displayed parcel maps
- Flood Plain
- Survey Map
- Concept Plan
- Highlighted the information below.
- Information is attached and made part of these minutes.

Chairman Banes opened the public hearing at 7:45 p.m.

Favor of Petition:

Mr. William Galloway

The Galloway Law Group

- Representing the petitioner
- Parcels are side by side.
- Asking for approval to preserve and develop it into wetlands as part of the proposed Yellow River Mitigation Bank
- Will not generate any additional traffic.
- Consistent with Newton County's Comp Plan.
- Recommended by both the Planning Commission and staff.

Opposition: None

Chairman Banes closed this portion of the public hearing at 7:46 p.m.

Motion by Commissioner Henderson, second by Commissioner Edwards, to approve Case #REZ23-000002 with the following staff recommended conditions:

1. To the owner's agreement to restrict the use to the following:
 - d. A minor plat shall be submitted and reviewed for approval by Development Services.
 - e. The parcel shall be used for Wetland Mitigation & Conservation only and not developed.
 - f. Permits shall be obtained from the USACE and other applicable state & Federal agencies.

Motion carried unanimously (5/0)

ORDINANCE O-041823 – AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH REGULATIONS AND GUIDELINES REGARDING THE PERMITTING AND OPERATION OF MOBILE AND TEMPORARY FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS WITHIN NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA.

Presented by Development Services Director Shena Applewhaite.

- In the past two years we have received a lot of requests for county to allow Mobile Food Establishments.
- FYI: Rockdale, Walton, Henry and DeKalb allow this already.
- Trucks on private property with permission of the property owner. Non - Residential property.
- Will allow a total of five food trucks for one location.
- We are currently working on fee schedule to bring back to the board for approval.
- Ordinance will govern unincorporated Newton County.
- Code Enforcement will enforce ordinance.
- Ordinance O-041823 is attached and made part of these minutes.

Chairman Banes opened the public heart to receive comments in favor and in

opposition to the ordinance and there were none. Chairman Banes closed the public hearing @ 7:55 p.m.

Motion by Commissioner Sims, second by Commissioner Cowan, to approve ORDINANCE O-041823 – AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH REGULATIONS AND GUIDELINES REGARDING THE PERMITTING AND OPERATION OF MOBILE AND TEMPORARY FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS WITHIN NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA.

Motion carried unanimously (5/0)

Director Applewhaite requested an opportunity to announce the upcoming meeting regarding a Comprehensive Plan Update to be held on Monday, April 24th from 6:00pm to 8:00 pm at Turner Lake Park. This will allow us an opportunity to provide information and receive feedback/comments from the public.

CITIZEN COMMENTS (TOPIC OF CHOICE)

- See attached page.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Stan Edwards

- Requested prayer for the families of the five residents who were tragically killed and one in critical condition from an accident on Highway 142.
- Noted how sobering the memorial is on Highway 142.

Demond Mason

- No comments

Alana Sanders

- Spoke with our GIS director and Tax Commissioner regarding taxes.
- Will give a detailed report tomorrow.
- District 3 produces a lot of tax dollars and has no recreation for our kids.

JC Henderson

- Thanked district citizens for their support over the years.
- Would like to think that I have made a difference for the people that elected me.

Ronnie Cowan

- No comments

EXECUTIVE SESSION: No Executive Session

With there being no further business, a motion by Commissioner Henderson, second by Commissioner Mason, Chairman Banes adjourned the meeting at 10:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Smith, County Clerk

Marcello Banes, Chairman