

THE NEWTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
April 1, 2003

Newton County Judicial Center
Covington, Georgia
Chairman Aaron Varner presiding

Present: Chairman Aaron Varner, Commissioners' Mort Ewing, Ronnie Dimsdale, Ester Fleming, Jr., J.C. Henderson, and Billy Strickland; Administrative Assistant John Middleton; Attorney Scott Cole, and Clerk Jackie Smith

Also Present: Nathan Cain, Covington News
Joey Peters, Newton Citizen
Small group of citizens

Call to Order: Chairman Varner called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M., read the thought for the day, and extended a welcome to all present. Gavin Moon, Pastor of the Voice of Pentecost Church gave the invocation. Chairman Varner, on behalf of the board, expressed appreciation to Pastor Moon for his eloquent prayer and for the service he and his congregation provide to Newton County. The Chairman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF W/S MINUTES DATED 03.18.03

Motion: To approve the Minutes as written.

Proposed by: Commissioner Mort Ewing, District One

Second by: Commissioner Billy Strickland, District Five

Motion Carried Unanimously

APPROVAL OF BOC MINUTES DATED 03.18.03

Motion: To approve the Minutes as written.

Proposed by: Commissioner J.C. Henderson, District Four

Second by: Commissioner Mort Ewing, District One

Motion Carried Unanimously

GEORGIA COMMUNITY SUPPORT & SOLUTIONS

Chairman Varner reported to the board that he spoke with Stu Tabor from Community Partnership and Angie Moore-Sims from the Juvenile Department regarding this program. They expressed their support of this program and welcomed it to Newton County. He noted letters of support were also included in the commissioners packet. He

said the request is for a “letter of support” only and part of the processing packet for receiving grants from the state.

- Commissioner Ewing reiterated that no funds would be expended by Newton County and the chairman concurred.

Motion: To approve a letter of support for the Georgia Community Support & Solutions Program as requested.

Proposed by: Commissioner Ronnie Dimsdale, District Two

Second by: Commissioner Mort Ewing, District One

Motion Carried Unanimously

RESOLUTION R040103 ZONING MORATORIUM EXTENSION

Chairman Varner told the board this nine (9) day extension will allow additional time that is needed to amend the county’s zoning ordinance. He said the moratorium will expire on April 30, 2003.

- Commissioner Dimsdale noted this extension will not delay any of the zonings that are now being processed.

Motion: To approve Resolution R040103 Zoning Moratorium Extension.

Proposed by: Commissioner Ester Fleming, District Three

Second by: Commissioner J.C. Henderson, District Four

Motion Carried Unanimously

Note: The original resolution is contained in file number R040103, incorporated herein be reference and expressly made a part of these minutes.

RESOLUTION R040103a FY2003 COMMUNITY SERVICE BLOCK GRANT AMENDMENT

Chairman Varner stated this was a housekeeping item required by the state. He said the original contract amount was for \$118,560.00 and there was a carryover of funds from FY2002 of \$29,479.71, making the new amended grant total \$148,039.71.

Motion: To approve Resolution R040103a FY2003 Community Service Block Grant Amendment.

Proposed by: Commissioner J.C. Henderson, District Four

Second by: Commissioner Billy Strickland, District Five

Motion Carried Unanimously

WATER LINE EXTENSION HIGHWAY 162

Administrative Assistant John Middleton

Motion: To approve the water line extension on Highway 162 in the amount of \$94,500.00.

Proposed by: Commissioner Ronnie Dimsdale, District Two

Second by: Commissioner Mort Ewing, District One

Motion Carried Unanimously

ZONINGS:

Mark Stewart appeared before the board and presented the following zonings:

CASE NO. 02-032

ROBERT YOUNG ENTERPRISES, INC.

BUTLER BRIDGE ROAD

A-R (AGRICULTURAL-RESIDENTIAL)

R-1 SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL

TAX PARCEL: 9-36C & 36D

DISTRICT 2

Purpose of Request: To allow the development of a residential subdivision.

Size of Property: 8.6 acres

FLUM: Low-Density Residential

Adherence to FLUM: Compliance

Neighboring Zoning: North, South, West: A-R; East along Butler Bridge Road is also A-R

Motion: To uphold the Planning Commission's recommendation and deny the zoning request.

Proposed by: Commissioner Ronnie Dimsdale, District Two

Second by: Commissioner Ester Fleming, Jr., District Three

Motion Carried Unanimously

CASE NO. 03-001

RONNIE & PATRICIA OWENS

7218 HIGHWAY 212N.

R-40 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL)

R-1 SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL

TAX PARCEL: 9-36C & 36D DISTRICT 2

Purpose of Request: To allow the development of a greenhouse and sod yard.

Size of Property: 3.63 acres

FLUM: Development Node

Adherence to FLUM: Both the current residential and proposed commercial zoning complies with the Development Node designation. The planning principal used for this designation is more intense development at the center of the node transitioning to zoning identical to the surrounding area.

Neighboring Zoning: R-40 and Residential zoning to the east and north in Rockdale County.

Motion: To uphold the Planning Commission's recommendation and approve the zoning request with the restriction that a *Landscape Business ONLY* shall be allowed to operate at this location. Also, if any other type of business allowed within the CN zoning is proposed for the site, the property will come before the commission, not for a rezoning, but to get this condition revised.

Proposed by: Commissioner Ronnie Dimsdale, District Two

Second by: Commissioner Billy Strickland, District Five

Motion Carried Unanimously

CASE NO. 03-004

KARLENE ROBINSON

12633 BROWN BRIDGE ROAD

COVINGTON, GEORGIA 30016

**R-40 WITH CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO OPERATE A
DAY CARE BUSINESS**

TAX PARCEL: 13-89A

DISTRICT 2

Motion: To uphold the Planning Commission's recommendation and approve the zoning request with the following conditions:

1. No more than six (6) children as paying customers.
2. Fencing and buffer between the property as agreed by the applicant and neighboring property owner, Ron Menzies. Fencing 5-feet off property line with Mr. Menzies and a row of trees to Mr. Menzies specifications.
3. Driveway must be approved by staff/county engineer.

STREETLIGHTS:
THE VILLAGE AT ELLINGTON

Motion: To approve the streetlights as request.
Proposed by: Commissioner Ester Fleming, Jr., District Three
Second by: Commissioner J.C. Henderson, District Four
Motion Carried Unanimously

ALCOHOL LICENSE

First Reading
Lovers Lane Food Mart
2527 Highway 81 S
Covington, Georgia 30016
Owner: Judy Page (100% Owner)
District Two

APPROVAL OF COUNTY CHECKS

Motion: To approve the checks as read.
Proposed by: Commissioner Mort Ewing, District One
Second by: Commissioner Billy Strickland, District Five
Motion Carried Unanimously

CITIZEN COMMENTS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

TIME: 8:05 P.M.

Motion: To enter into Executive Session for the purpose of land acquisition.
Proposed by: Commissioner J.C. Henderson, District Four
Second by: Commissioner Mort Ewing, District One
Motion Carried Unanimously

REGULAR SESSION

TIME: 8:35 P.M.

Motion: To enter into Regular Session.
Proposed by: Commissioner Mort Ewing, District One
Second by: Commissioner J.C. Henderson, District Four
Motion Carried Unanimously

ADJOURN

Time: 8:35 P.M.

Motion: To adjourn

Proposed by: Commissioner Ester Fleming, Jr., District Three

Second by: Commissioner Billy Strickland, District Five

Motion Carried Unanimously

Respectfully Submitted,

Jackie B. Smith

County Clerk