

NEWTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
1124 Clark Street
Covington, Georgia
Regular Meeting
Agenda
February 7, 2023

Thought for the day...

“Men are born to succeed, not to fail.”

Henry David Thoreau

7:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order: Chairman Marcello Banes
2. Invocation:
3. Pledge of Allegiance:
4. Agenda Adoption
5. Citizen Comments
6. Chairman’s Report:
 - a. Audit Report by Mauldin & Jenkins
7. Interim County Manager’s Report:
 - a. Emergency Warming Center Update
8. Consent Agenda
- 8a. District 3 Appointment to Planning Commission – Tiffanie Benton
- 8b. Juvenile Court: To ratify permission given to move forward to apply for a technology grant to fund computers, printers and accessories for the Resource Building.
(Time Sensitive)
- 8c. County Manager: To ratify Agreement for Temporary Staging of Storm Debris
- 8d. Fire Services: Seeking approval to accept a donation of gym equipment.
 - No cost to Newton County
- 8e. Fire Services: Seeking approval to apply for a Walmart Community Grant to purchase workout equipment.
 - Grant: \$5,000
 - No Match

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- 8f. Fire Services: Seeking approval to apply for a GA Fireworks Tax Grant to purchase fire hose.
- Grant: \$25,000
 - Match: \$2,500 (10%)
 - Funding Source: Grant
- 8g. County Clerk: BOC Mtg. Minutes dated January 10, 2023
- 8h. County Clerk SPC Mtg. Minutes dated July 6, 2022
- 8i. County Clerk: BOC Minutes dated January 17, 2023
- 8j. County Clerk: ES Mtg. Minutes dated January 17, 2023

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION

9. Chairman: Discussion of Truck Parking Ordinance in Residential Areas and Communities
10. Finance: Seeking approval of Resolution R020723
A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF NEWTON COUNTY DECLARING THE RESULTS OF AN ELECTION DETERMINING THE CONTINUATION OF A ONE PERCENT SALES AND USE TAX AND THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION DEBT Y NEWTON COUNTY AND FOR OTHER RELATED PURPOSES.
- Presenter: County Attorney
 - Time Sensitive
 - Bond Amount: \$24,900,000
 - Funding Source: SPLOST
11. Finance: Seeking approval of MOU between Newton County and Newton Trails regarding the County disbursing the condemnation funds to be utilized for renovation of the Alcovy River Bridge.
- Presenter: Brittany White, Finance Director
 - Entity: Newton Trails
 - Cost: \$110,445.65
 - Funding Source: General Fund
 - Budgeted: Yes
12. Finance: IParametrics – Update on ARPA Program
- a. Mortgage/Rental & Utility Assistance Program
 - b. Youth Commission
 - c. Non-Profit & Small Business Assistance Program
 - d. COVID Vaccination Gift Cards
 - Funding Source: ARPA

- Budgeted: Yes
 - No match required
13. County Manager/Finance: ARPA Revenue Replacement Proposed Updates
- Time Sensitive
 - Cost: \$25,255
 - Funding Source: ARPA
 - Budgeted: No
 - Match: Yes
14. County Manager/Purchasing: Requesting approval of contract between Newton County and iParametrics for Grant Consulting.
- Presenter: Jarvis Sims, ICM
 - Company: iParametrics
 - Cost: No to exceed \$10,000 per grant
 - Funding Source: General Fund
 - Budgeted: No
 - No match required
15. E911: Seeking approval of MOU between Newton County and Athens-Clark County to share radio talkgroups for mutual aid and interoperability with Athens-Clark County.
- Presenter: Trudy Henry, Director
 - Entity: Athens-Clark County
 - No cost to Newton County
16. E911: Seeking approval of MOU between Newton County and Emory University for mutual aid and interoperability with Emory University.
- Presenter: Trudy Henry, Director
 - Entity: Emory University
 - No cost to Newton County
17. Parks & Recreation: Seeking approval for approval of the Government Security Light Contract between Newton County and Snapping Shoals EMC for upgrading security lights to LED's at Beaver Park in Mansfield.
- Presenter: Dwayne Mask, Director
 - Entity: Snapping Shoals EMC
 - Cost: will add \$54.00 monthly to existing bill.
 - Funding Source: General Budget
 - Budgeted: No

18. Planning & Development: Seeking approval of contract between Newton County and SAFEbuilt Georgia, LLC for Development Services Consultant.
 - Presenter: Shena Applewhaite, Director
 - Company: SAFEbuilt Georgia, LLC
 - Cost: No to exceed \$130,000
 - Funding Source: General Fund
 - Budgeted: Yes

19. Tax Commissioner's Office: Citizen is requesting a refund for taxes paid for property known as 48 Ivy Street, Porterdale, Georgia.
 - Presenter: Marcus Jordan, Tax Commissioner
Christine Morgan, Citizen

20. Information Services: Requesting approval to purchase 6 laptops and 6 iPads for public use, including ARPA applications and youth commissioners.
 - Presenter: Greg Mann, Director
 - Cost: \$7230
 - Funding Source: ARPA
 - No match

21. Newton County Family Connection: Requesting Newton County Board of Commissioners serve as the Fiscal Agent for state allocation of funds to the Newton county Family Connection July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024.
 - Presenter: Laura Bertram, Director
 - Entity: Newton County Family Connection
 - No cost to Newton County

22. County Manager/Purchasing: Requesting approval for contract between Newton County and iParametrics – Grant Consulting.
 - Presenter: Jarvis Sims, ICM
 - Company: iParametrics
 - Grant Amount: \$10,000
 - Cost not to exceed grant amount
 - Funding Source: General Fund
 - Budgeted: Yes
 - No match required

23. Public Works: Requesting approval of contract between Newton County and Gresham Smith to redesign the Newton County 18 Bridge Repair & Maintenance project.
 - Presenter: Chester Clegg, Director
 - Company: Gresham Smith
 - Time Sensitive
 - Cost: \$313,087.19
 - Funding Source: 100% 2017 SPLOST
 - Budgeted: Yes
 - No match required

24. Public Works: Requesting approval of contact with Georgia Power and Snapping Shoals EMC to relocate power line facilities on the Crowell Road @ I-20 Bypass Project.
 - Presenter: Chester Clegg, Director
 - Company: Georgia Power and Snapping Shoals EMC
 - Cost: \$182,408.66
 - Funding Source: 80% FHWA, 20% 2017 SPLOST
 - Budgeted: Yes
 - No match required.

25. Cornish Creek: Requesting approval of the Intergovernmental Agreement between Newton County, City of Covington, & Newton County Water & Sewerage Authority regarding the drinking water projects award.
 - Presenter: James Brown, Director
 - Time Sensitive
 - Entities: NC, Covington, NCW&SA
 - Funding Source: Drinking Water Projects Award Grant
 - No match required

26. Citizen Comments

27. Commissioner Comments

28. Executive Session (if needed)

29. Adjourn