

Newton County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting Agenda  
7:00 p.m.  
Historic Courthouse-1124 Clark Street  
Covington, Georgia 30014  
November 7, 2023



Thought for the day....“ Silence is foolish if we are wise, but wise if we are foolish .”

~Charles C. Colton ~

1. **Call to Order: Chairman Banes**

2. **Invocation**

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

4. **Adoption of the Agenda**

5. **Citizen Comments Agenda topics only**

6. **Reports from Chairman Banes**

Proclamation Presentation - Recognition of November as National Adoption Month  
Ms. Kenya Wooden, Newton County Director Division of Family & Children Services  
Georgia Department of Human Services

Operation Green Light Reading (Honoring Veterans)

**ARPA Funds update**

Ms. Bea Jackson - WSCC/Ms. Darnell S. Taylor - The Taylor Made Foundation

7. **Reports from the County Manager**

8. **Unfinished Business NONE TO CONSIDER**

9. **Consent Agenda**

a) Approval of August 30, 2023 Special Called Meeting Minutes 6:00 p.m.

b) Approval of October 17, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes 7:00 p.m.

Executive Session Minutes (not enclosed)

c) Annual Renewal of Document Management Software and Support Services  
annual renewal 2023 - 2024. Information Systems

Time sensitive: No/Cost: \$29,495.55/Funding Source: FY24 IS Budget/Budgeted: Yes

d) Grant-funded contractor Professional Services Agreement Renewal between the

Alcovy Judicial

Circuit & Advantage Behavioral Health System to provide treatment services to

Resource

(Mental Health) Court participants FY23 - 24. Contract period: July 23, 2023 - June 30,  
2024.

Time sensitive: Yes/Date: ASAP/There is NO COST/Treatment costs are paid through  
grant

funding. No additional match required.

e) Sports Insurance (Renewal) - Terry L. Green & Associates

Insurance coverage for registered participants of Newton County Parks & Recreation

Programs.

Time sensitive: Yes/Date: November 14, 2023/Cost: \$12,653.00

Contract period: November 1, 2023 - November 1, 2024.

f) Parks & Recreation is requesting approval to apply for DNR Trails Grant. This grant is  
on a

two-year cycle. Time sensitive: Yes/Total Cost: \$200,000.00

Funding Source: DNR Grant \$160,000.00/Budgeted: Yes/Match: \$40,000.00(2023 SPLOST)

g) Newton County Sheriff's Office is requesting to apply for the Naloxone Grant. This grant will be

used to provide training and Naloxone kits to deputies to prevent possible overdoses.

Time sensitive: Yes/Date: Nov. 14, 2023/Grant amount to be determined.

Funding Source: Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC)/Budgeted: Yes/Match: No

h) Newton County Sheriff's Office is requesting to apply for the COVID-19 Mitigation Grant. This

grant will assist purchasing of cleaning supplies, personal and protective equipment to mitigate the

spread of the COVID-19 virus. Time sensitive: No

Funding Source: Georgia Department of Health-Georgia Southern University

Grant amount to be determined.

i) Newton County Sheriff's Office is requesting approval to accept the RSAT (Residential Substance

Abuse Treatment) Continuation Award to allow the Newton County RSAT program to continue

operation. This program provides mental health and substance abuse treatment.

Time sensitive: Yes/Date: December 11, 2023/Cost: \$147,152.00/Funding Source: CJCC (Criminal Justice Coordinating Council)/Budgeted: Yes/Match: Yes 25%

j) Cornish Creek/Purchasing is requesting approval of Reeves Young, LLC contract, Progressive

Design Build Services for CCWTF improvements to 39.5 MGD. Contract amount: \$5,300,000.00.

**This item was listed on the October 17, 2023 agenda and was approved unanimously. Following our procurement policy this item must appear on the agenda twice.**

### Items for Discussion & Consideration

10. Presentation of Phase I of the Community Water Park Project. This project is funded by 2023

SPLOST. **Presenter(s) Dwayne Mask, Parks & Recreation Dir . /Jeff Prine, Project Manager**

11. Tax Assessors Office is requesting the approval of Woolpert, Inc. DBA Data Cloud Solutions contract for Appraisal Technology Integration. This is the only software that integrates

with WinGAP, which is the software that is used by the Tax Assessor's Office.

Time sensitive: No/Cost: Not to exceed \$32,834.00/Budgeted: Yes

No additional match required. **Presenter: Veronica Hardy , Assistant Chief Appraiser**

12. Request to waive penalties and interest. Sunita Patel is requesting the Board of Commissioners

approval to waive all penalties and interest for years 2019 & 2020 back taxes.

Total amount requested to be waived: \$20,123.43.

**Presenter: Margret Smith, Account Manager, Newton County Tax Commissioner 's Office**

13. Request for Board of Commissioners approval of Gary Massey Agency, Inc. Insurance Consultant

contract in the amount of \$25,000.00. Time sensitive: No/Cost: \$25,000.00

Funding Source: General/No additional match required.

**Presenter(s) : Harold Cooper, County Manager/Amanda Shoemaker, H.R. Director**

14. Public Works is requesting Board of Commissioners approval to contract with NOVA Engineering

& Environmental, LLC for construction materials testing and inspection services for the intersection improvements @ Crowell Road and Harold Dobbs Road project.

Time sensitive: Yes/Date: 11/7/2023/Cost: \$14,350.00/Funding Source: 2023 SPLOST

Budgeted: Yes/No match required. **Presenter: Chester Clegg, Transportation Director**

15. Consideration of request to relocate Sewer Easement to Liberty Communities, LLC to serve

Liberty Commons Subdivision and authorization to execute associated documents.

16. Resolution #RO110723. Resolution to authorize the Chairman to execute closing documents

necessary to consummate sale of real property authorized by Third Amendment to Real Estate

Purchase Agreement between the City of Covington and Newton Investments.

17. Authorization to enter into Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Covington to authorize

the conveyance to the City of Covington of Newton County's ½ interest in 3.847 acres adjacent

to the eastern end of the runway at the Covington Municipal Airport to add to the Airport Layout

Plan submitted to the FAA.

18. **Citizen Comments**

19. **Board Comments**

20. **Executive Session (If needed)**

21. **Adjourn**