

**NEWTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**1124 Clark Street**  
**Covington, Georgia**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**MINUTES**  
**April 6, 2021**

7:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Marcello Banes, Commissioners' Stan Edwards, Demond Mason (via phone), Alana Sanders, J.C. Henderson, Ronnie Cowan, County Manager Lloyd Kerr, Attorney Megan Martin, and County Clerk Jackie Smith

Chairman Banes called the meeting to order, extended a welcome to all present, and read the thought for the day. The invocation was given by Commissioner Alana Sanders, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to our great flag led by Commissioner Ronnie Cowan.

**AGENDA ADOPTION**

Motion by Commissioner Edwards, second by Commissioner Sanders, to adopt the agenda dated April 6, 2021 as printed.

Motion carried unanimously

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

- no citizen comments.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:**

**COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT:**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- None

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Sheriff's Office: Ratification to Apply for GEMA Security grant for Bearcat-\$300,000.

- Time sensitive application

Sheriff's Office: Ratification to Apply for EOD K-9 grant in the amount of \$3,500.

- Time sensitive application

Sheriff's Office: Seeks approval to apply for the FY20 State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) Grant. The award amount will be determined by the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA).

- No match
- Provides payments incurred for incarcerating undocumented criminal aliens.

Parks & Recreation: Seeks permission to apply for Atlanta Hawks Grant in the amount of \$1750.00.

- No match
- Grant will be used to scholarship 16 kids.

Parks & Recreation: Seeks permission to accept the General Mills Hometown Grant in the amount of \$4,000.

- No match

Fire Services: Seeks permission to accept a \$5,000 grant from CSX to purchase extrication equipment.

- No match

Fire Services: Seeks permission to apply for a 555 Fitness grant to purchase work out equipment.

- No match

Fire Services: Seeks permission to apply for FM Global grant to purchase smoke alarms and iPad.

- No match

Fire Services: Seeks permission to apply for Walmart Community Grant.

- No match

County Clerk: Approval of BOC minutes dated March 2, 2021.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards, second by Commissioner Sanders, to approve the consent agenda as printed.

Motion carried unanimously (5/0)

**PARKS & RECREATION: SEEKS PERMISSION TO DEDICATE THE MIRACLE FIELD PAVILION IN MEMORY OF MR. STANLEY EDWARDS, SR.**

County Manager Lloyd Kerr invited Dwayne Mask, director of recreation to the platform to present this request to the board.

Mr. Mask addressed the board on behalf of the Miracle League Board requesting permission to dedicate the Pavilion at the Miracle League Field at City Pond in memory of Mr. Stanley Edwards, Sr.

- Mr. Stanley was an original member of the Miracle League Board and was serving as the chairman when he passed away.
- He served and supported recreation throughout the years.

Motion by Commissioner Henderson, second by Commissioner Sanders, to approve the request by the Miracle Field Board to honor and name a pavilion after Stanley Edwards, Sr.

Motion carried unanimously (5/0)

- Commissioner Edwards noted that his dad spent countless hours over the years in support of recreation projects and it expressed his appreciation of this gesture in honoring his dad.

**PUBLIC WORKS: REQUESTING APPROVAL BY BOC TO AWARD CONTRACT TO VARGAS & SALCEDO CONSTRUCTION TO REPLACE 2,250 LF OF 4' AND 80 LF OF 5' CONCRETE SIDEWALK IN VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN RIVER WALK FARMS SUBDIVISION.**

Presented by County Manager Lloyd Kerr.

- 2 vendors submitted quotes.
- Information made part of these minutes
- Founding Source: Public Works General Fund.
- Request to award to: AboveAll Tree Service
- Cost: \$36,115.00

Motion by Commissioner Cowan, second by Commissioner Henderson, to approve and award the contract to Vargas & Salcedo Construction in the amount of \$36,115.00.

Motion carried unanimously (5/0)

**PUBLIC WORKS: REQUESTING APPROVAL BY BOC TO AWARD CONTRACT TO ABOVE ALL TREE SERVICE TO REMOVE 100 TREES AND GRIND 100 STUMPS IN VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN RIVER WALK FARMS SUBDIVISION.**

Presented by County Manager Lloyd Kerr.

- 3 vendors submitted quotes.
- Information made part of these minutes
- Founding Source: Public Works General Fund.
- Request to award to: AboveAll Tree Service
- Cost: \$35,000
- Subdivision developed over 20 years ago.
- Oak trees were planted and now have grown and broken up concrete.

Motion by Commissioner Cowan, second by Commissioner Henderson, to approve and award the contract to AboveAll Tree Service to remove 100 trees and grind 100 stumps in various locations in the River Walk Subdivision in the amount of \$35,000.

Motion carried unanimously (5/0)

**PUBLIC WORKS: REQUESTING APPROVAL BY BOC TO APPLY FOR 2021 LMIG SAFETY ACTION PLAN (SAP) GRANT (\$171,600.00) FOR NEW SIGNS AND STRIPING ON BROWN BRIDGE ROAD AND ALCOVY ROAD.**

Presented by County Manager Lloyd Kerr and Toney Wright, Engineer.

- GDOT has issued a request for grant applications under the LMIG Safety Action Plan program. The amount available to Newton County is \$171,600.00.
- The funds are to be used to upgrade signs, striping, and pavement markers on Brown Bridge Road and Alcovy Road. Public Works may also install centerline and side stripe rumble strips on Brown Bridge Road, depending on the cost.
- The two County roads were selected by GDOT for the SAP program based on crash data and are not interchangeable with any other County roads.
- The SAP LMIG program is in addition to the annual County LMIG funding.
- Newton County's 30% match will be \$51,480.00, funded through 2017 SPLOST revenues.
- Request the BOC approval of the SAP grant application submittal for \$171,600 from GDOT.

Motion by Commissioner Henderson, second by Commissioner Cowan, to approve the request to apply for 2021 LMIG Safety Action Plan (SAP) grant (\$171,600.00) for new signs and striping on Brown Bridge Road and Alcovy Road.

Motion carried unanimously (5/0)

**COUNTY MANAGER: DISCUSSION/CONSIDERATION OF A LEASE AGREEMENT FOR GENERAL MILLS WATER TANK FOR E911.**

Presented by County Manager Lloyd Kerr.

- Cell tower
- Public safety/911 Communication System
- No lease fee

Motion by Commissioner Edwards, second by Commissioner Cowan, to approve the Lease Agreement for the General Mills Water Tank for 911.

Motion carried unanimously (5/0)

**COUNTY MANAGER: DISCUSSION/CONSIDERATION OF ROCKY PLAINS SITE LEASE AGREEMENT.**

Presented by County Manager Lloyd Kerr.

- Cell tower
- Public safety/911 Communication System
- No lease fee

Motion by Commissioner Henderson, second by Commissioner Edwards, to approve the Lease Agreement for the Rocky Plains site for 911

Motion carried unanimously (5/0)

**COUNTY MANAGER: DISCUSSION CONSIDERATION OF SNAPPING SHOALS SITE LEASE AGREEMENT.**

Presented by County Manager Lloyd Kerr.

- Cell tower
- Public safety/911 Communication System
- No lease fee

Motion by Commissioner Mason, second by Commissioner Edwards, to approve the Lease Agreement for Snapping Shoals site for 911.

Motion carried unanimously (5/0)

**COUNTY MANAGER: DISCUSSION/CONSIDERATION OF LEASE AGREEMENT WITH SNAPPING SHOALS FOR FAIRVIEW PARK LIGHTING.**

County Manager Lloyd Kerr asked the board to table this agenda item until the April 20<sup>th</sup> BOC meeting to allow the county attorney more time to review.

Motion by Commissioner Sanders, second by Commissioner Henderson, to table until the April 20<sup>th</sup> BOC meeting.

Motion carried unanimously (5/0)

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**  
**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

No executive session.

With there being no further business and a motion by Commissioner Henderson and second by Commissioner Cowan, the meeting adjourned @ 8:23 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously (5/0)

Respectfully submitted,

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Jackie Smith, County Clerk

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Marcello Banes, Chairman