

NEWTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
1124 Clark Street
Covington, Georgia
Regular Meeting
November 15, 2016

MINUTES

Present: Vice Chairperson Nancy Schulz, Commissioners' John Douglas, Lanier Sims, Nancy Schulz, J.C. Henderson, Levie Maddox, Attorney Larry Ramsey, and Clerk Jackie Smith

Citizens

Covington News, Newton Citizen

Vice Chair Schulz called the meeting to order, extended a welcome, and read the thought for the day. She invited Captain Sammy Banks to the podium to speak of Deputy Justin White who passed away this morning due to injuries he sustained in a recent accident on Mote Road. Captain Banks said that Sheriff Brown is out of town, but will release a statement on Thursday. He said, Deputy White was just 28 years and leaves behind a 3-year old little girl. He asked everyone to keep Deputy White's family in their prayers. Before the invocation was given by Pastor Ronny Brannen, Vice Chair Schulz asked everyone to stand for a moment of silence on behalf of Deputy White.

The Pledge of Allegiance to our great flag was led by Water Resource Director James Brown.

AGENDA ADOPTION

Motion by Commissioner Maddox, second by Commissioner Sims, to adopt the agenda as presented.

Motion carried unanimously (5/0)

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Dennis Taylor

Ellington Road

- Asked the board why they would consider creating a new position when you can't even pay the employees you have now.
- Suggest Mr. Hilliard keep the convenience centers
- Emptying the bins is the problem, no Mr. Hilliard
- District 5 Commissioner should recuse himself from the vote regarding the recycling centers. Said it was a conflict of interest.

Zack Ames

Covington

- Regarding Mosque – no proof it will have a huge community impact.
- Feels they are being harassed and all they want to do is join our community
- Regarding water: No one's water will be affected.
- This is issue is about the Constitution. (Mr. Ames is a civics teacher)

Thomas Buckner
Fleeta Drive

- Questioned why a new position was being creating.
- Vice Chair Schulz told Mr. Buckner it would be discussed before acting on it. He said it would be too late to complain then. Said, he opposes it.

VICE-CHAIR REPORT

- Echo's appreciation to SPLOST committee members and the work they accomplished.
- Given a monumental task and would like to thank each of your personal after the meeting,
Especially Baxter Bouchillon and Glen Dowling for their leadership.
- Recognized District Five Commissioner Maddox for comments.
- Commissioner Maddox noted that today would have been former County Manager John Middleton's 64th birthday and would like to remember him at this time.
- He noted that John kept a lot of things together even with his health issues and asked God to bless Ms. Carol (John's widow).
- Commissioner Sims noted that he lived very close to Mr. Middleton and, too, appreciated his dedication to this county.
- At time previously the board has talked about naming a portion of Brown Bridge Road, the John Middleton Memorial Highway and asked that his be placed on the December 6th agenda for action. He noted that he hopes this will be the last issue this board deals with as a team.

COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

- HR Report – 621 employees
- Permits: Up \$300,000 from this time last years – not where we want to be, but improving.
- N. Newton Fire Station – budgeted \$1.1 million for project – needs 2 acres to build on.
- Project has not been abandoned. Including money in 2017 SPLOST to fully equip station

COMMISSIONER HENDERSON/REMARKS & RESPONSE

Vice Chair Schulz recognized District Four Commissioner Henderson who addressed the board.

- Old stuff in news again!
- Board went into executive session – viewed a slide presentation came out and voted to send to law enforcement.
- Feels if a person is accused that person should at least be interviewed and doesn't think this happened during the audit investigation.
- Any money I have received there was a check request which was approved.
- Feels this is a witch hunt that targets individuals for race and politics
- Audit did not go far enough and now board wants to shut it down.
- Corruption within and I have asked Sheriff Brown to investigate this.
- Made comments about Commissioner Maddox and hauling and Commissioner Schulz and Crowell Road project.
- Read letter to Sheriff Brown (attached and made part of these minutes).
- Commissioner Schulz responded regarding the Crowell Road project that she is just following the Newton County's Comprehensive Transportation Plan that was created

before she took office. She commented that she wants the public to know that she is looking out for their interest.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Covington Governing use of Town Square Park

Approval of County Attorney's request to meet and advise incoming Chairman and Commissioners regarding Newton County's current legal matters.

Consideration/Approval of Resolution R111516 – To Revise the Rules for the Conduct of Business and Set the 2017 Work Session and Regular Meeting schedule of the BOC

County Clerk: Approval of BOC WS Minutes dated May 10, 2016

County Clerk: Approval of BOC SCM Minutes dated May 11, 2016

County Clerk: Approval of BOC Minutes dated November 1, 2016

County Clerk: Approval of BOC SCM Minutes dated November 7, 2016

County Clerk: Approval of BOC ES Minutes dated November 10, 2016

Motion by Commissioner Henderson, second by Commissioner Maddox, to approve the Consent Agenda for November 15, 2016.

Motion carried unanimously (5/0)

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES: MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Presented by Finance Director Nicole Cross

- Information is attached and made part of these minutes

Motion by Commissioner Sims, second by Commissioner Douglas, to approve the financial report as presented.

Motion carried (4/1) with Commissioner Maddox voting in opposition

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES: APPROVAL OF CHECK REGISTER

Presented by Finance Director Nicole Cross

- Information is attached and made part of these minutes

Motion by Commissioner Douglas, second by Commissioner Maddox, to deny approving the check register report as presented.

Motion carried (3/2) with Commissioner Sims & Henderson voting in opposition to the motion.

PUBLIC WORKS: CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF 2017 GDOT LMIG RESURFACING PROJECT LIST AND 30% MATCH OF \$359,963.

Presented by County Manager Lloyd Kerr.

- LMIG list
- 11 miles
- County match: 30%
- Roads can be adjusted
- Time sensitive: December 31st
- Commissioner Schulz noted she had made a change in District 3, substituted Windscape Subdivision for Stone Lea.

- Commissioner Douglas questioned who created the list? Chester Clegg & Tom Cheatham
- Commissioner Douglas would like to add another road for the first district and Mr. Kerr said he would contact Chester Clegg and he will contact Commissioner Douglas.

Motion by Commissioner Maddox, second by Commissioner Henderson to approve the 2017 LMIG resurfacing project list.

Motion carried unanimously (5/0)

CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL TO CREATE A NEW POSITION

Presented by County Manager Lloyd Kerr

- Requesting to create a new position
- Read memo (attached and made part of these minutes)
- Commissioner Sims commented that with all the strains we have right now within the county that there are several departments that need more employees and doesn't feel it is wise to move forward with this request. He noted that if there is an opportunity in the 2018 budget the board could look at it then.
- Commissioner Henderson echoed Commissioner Sims comments and said he wasn't in favor of creating a new position and that the County Manager has told us we do not have the money.

Motion by Commissioner Douglas, second by Commissioner Maddox, to table indefinitely.

Motion carried unanimously (5/0)

RESOLUTION R111516 – A RESOLUTION OF THE NEWTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGARDING APPROVAL OF CHANGES TO SECTION 32-204 OF THE NEWTON COUNTY CODE REGARDING MOTION PICTURE, TELEVISION, AND PHOTOGRAPHIC PRODUCTIONS.

Presented by Attorney Larry Ramsey.

- Procedure allows for quicker turn around in application.
- Change to fee schedule for rush applications
- Resolution R111516 – A Resolution of the Newton County Board of Commissioners regarding approval of changes to Section 32-204 of the Newton County Code Regarding Motion Picture, Television, and Photographic Productions.

Motion by Commissioner Douglas, second by Commissioner Maddox, to approve Resolution R111516 – A Resolution of the Newton County Board of Commissioners regarding approval of changes to Section 32-204 of the Newton County Code Regarding Motion Picture, Television, and Photographic Productions.

Motion carried unanimously (5/0)

RESOLUTION R111516 – A RESOLUTION OF THE NEWTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO AUTHORIZE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A LEVEL 2 DROUGHT RESPONSE.

Water Resource Director James Brown appeared before the board with this request.

- Requesting permission to apply for a Level II Water Drought Variance.
- Information is made part of these minutes.
- Resolution R111516 – A Resolution of the Newton County Board of Commissioners to authorize the implementation of a Level 2 Drought Response is attached and made part of these minutes.

Motion by Commissioner Sims, second by Commissioner Maddox, to approve Resolution R111515 to apply for a Level II Water Drought Variance from the EPD.

Motion carried unanimously (5/0)

SWA: DISCUSSION/CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE NEWTON COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

Presented by County Manager Lloyd Kerr.

- Allows county to provide certain services to the Solid Waste Authority until they become self-sufficient.
- Information is attached and made part of these minutes.

Motion by Commissioner Sims, second by Commissioner Maddox, to approve the amendments to the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Newton County Solid Waste Management Authority.

Motion carried unanimously (5/0)

SWA: DISCUSSION/CONSIDERATION OF NEWTON COUNTY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY'S REQUEST FOR ANNUAL AUTHORITY BUDGET FOR START-UP PERIOD

Presented by County Manager Lloyd Kerr.

- Solid Waste Authority previously approved.
- Commissioner Maddox asked legal counsel if he should recuse himself from this issue and Mr. Ramsey said no.
- Commissioner Henderson questioned total budget? \$2.29 million for FY2017
- Information is attached and made part of these minutes.

Motion by Commissioner Sims, second by Commissioner Maddox, to approve the request for annual budget for start-up period.

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

DISCUSSION/CONSIDERATION OF SERVICE COMMENCEMENT DATE FOR NEWTON COUNTY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY

Presented by County Manager Lloyd Kerr.

- Commencement date: November 16, 2016

- Authority will begin administering the contracts of the solid waste program under the intergovernmental agreement.
- Attorney Ramsey noted that the agreement says once startup date is approved the SWA will manage the landfill.

Motion by Commissioner Sims, second by Commissioner Maddox, to approve the commencement date for NCSWA for November 16, 2016.

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

R111516 – A RESOLUTION OF THE NEWTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO TERMINATE THE COUNTY’S CONTRACT FOR RECYCLING AND WASTE COLLECTION CENTERS

Presented by County Manager Lloyd Kerr.

- Following the terms of the contract Mr. Kerr will notify Mr. Hilliard in writing that the county will not renew his contract. The letter has to be delivered to Mr. Hilliard no later than December 20, 2016.
- SWA has approved the termination of the contract.
- Contract expires on February 5, 2017.
- Commissioner Douglas questioned what would take place after February 5th?
- Mr. Kerr responded that will be the decision of the SWA.
- Commissioner Douglas reminded the board that the centers are very popular with the people throughout the county.
- Commissioner Henderson voiced his concern that Mr. Hilliard still has years left on his contract.

Motion by Commissioner Sims, second by Commissioner Maddox, to approve R111516 – a resolution of the Newton County Board of Commissioners to terminate the county’s contract for recycling and waste collection centers with Hilliard General Services.

Motion carried (3/2) with Commissioner Douglas & Henderson voting in opposition to the motion.

CONSIDERATION/DISCUSSION OF 2017 SPLOST LIST FOR NEWTON COUNTY

Presented by County Manager Lloyd Kerr

- 3 items to be acted on.
- Approval of SPLOST projects
- Consideration to bond some of the projects
- Spread sheet lays out the projects and dollar amounts
- List compiled by SPLOST Committee
- Board expressed appreciation to Chairman Baxter Bouchillon and the entire committee for their hard and expedient work. Vice Chair Schulz recognized the members in the audience.
- Board charged them with an almost impossible feat of narrowing down \$91,686,228 in projects and the committee submitted a list of projects for a total SPLOST of \$64,800,000.
- BOC will receive \$51,010,560 for projects.

- Estimated monthly revenue: \$900,000
- Timeline: 72 months
- Total SPLOST: \$64,800,000
- County will receive 78.72% = \$51,010,560
- Referendum date: March 14, 2017
- Resolution will be presented for approval at the December 6th meeting
- Board will approve include bonding so that future board has the ability to bond SPLOST projects if needed.
- Bonding will enable projects to begin be roe all funds have come in from tax collection.
- Discussed and decided bonding amount to be \$15,000,000
- 2017 SPLOST list is attached and made part of these minutes
- New board will decide if the county should issue bonds, but the question has to be settled in December.

Motion by Commissioner Maddox, second by Commissioner Sims to approve the 2017 SPLOST list with a total amount of \$51,010,560.

Motion carried (4/1) with Commisisoner4 Henderson voting in opposition to the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Maddox, second by Commissioner Douglas, to include in the SPLOST ballot language authorization to bond with a not to exceed amount of \$15,000,000.

Asked to reword the motion.....

Motion by Commissioner Maddox, second by Commissioner Douglas, to seek voter approval authorization to issue not more than \$15,000,000 in bonds for County projects.

Motion carried unanimously (5/0)

Mr. Ramsey noted that he will bring a resolution for action at the December 6th meeting.

Question: How does county want to spend excess proceeds after projects are fully funded?

Suggest mirroring language from 2011 SPLOST.

Motion by Commissioner Maddox, second by Commissioner Sims, to mirror language in the 2011 SPLOST regarding spending excess proceeds after projects are fully funded.

Commissioner Henderson said it was supposed to go to pay off debt and this wasn't done with the 2011 excess funds.

Mr. Ramsey told the board that the way SPLOST law is structured you don't really have access funds if projects are not completed. You only have access funds if all projects have been completed.

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

CONSIDERATION OF ANNEXATION OF BLACKWELL'S GROCERY PROPERTY ON HWY 213

Attorney Larry Ramsey addressed the board and told them if there were no objections, no action would be necessary and the annexation would move forward without an issue.

Commissioner Douglas noted that he has met with Mayor Riley and the Mansfield Council and all support the annexation. He said this will be a very nice addition to the community. There were no objections and no action was taken.

RESOLUTION R111516 – A RESOLUTION OF THE NEWTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGARDING REACQUISITION RIGHTS FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 14187 INDUSTRIAL PARK BOULEVARD IN THE COVINGTON/NEWTON COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK

Attorney Larry Ramsey presented.

- Previously board voted not to exercise their First Right of Refusal.
- Right of First Refusal applies to unimproved tracts.
- This resolution clarifies all tracts.

7:30 PM ZONING/PUBLIC HEARING

Vice Chair Schulz read the following into the record: 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 to any questions raised by the commission members.

HIGHWAY 11 SCENIC BYWAY PROPOSAL UPDATE

Newton County Planner Shanna Applewhaite appeared before the board to make this request.

- Requesting to submit application to GDOT to have a portion of Hwy.11 designated for Scenic Byway status.
- From near Social Circle to Charlie Elliott Wildlife Center
- Hwy. 11 in Jasper County has already received Scenic Byway status
- Information is attached and made part of these minutes.
- Cost associated with project: Primarily staff and signage (shared cost)

Motion by Commissioner Henderson, second by Commissioner Maddox, to authorize county staff to move forward and submit the request to GDOT for a portion of Hwy. 11 to be designated for Scenic Byway status.

Motion carried unanimously (5/0)

RESOLUTION R111516, A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AS SET BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF NEWTON COUNTY.

County Manager Lloyd Kerr addressed the board regarding the new fee schedule.

- Resolution R111516 is attached and made part of these minutes

Motion by Commissioner Douglas, second by Commissioner Sims, to approve Resolution

R111516, a resolution to amend the fee schedule for the department of development services as set by the board of commissioners of Newton County.

Motion carried unanimously (5/0)

O-111516, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE NEWTON COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING PROVISIONS; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR FURTHER PURPOSES (ALMON & SALEM OVERLAY)

County Manager Lloyd Kerr addressed the board regarding the new fee schedule.

- Information is attached and made part of these minutes
- Ordinance O-111516 is attached and made part of these minutes (Almon & Salem Overlay)

Vice Chair Schulz opened the public hearing @ 7:44 p.m.

Favor:

Gladstone Nicholson

Fairview Road

- Glad to see subdivisions coming back after the economic decline.
- Asked board to approve the ordinance

Opposition:

None

Vice Chair Schulz closed the public hearing @ 7:47 p.m.

Motion by Commissioner Sims, second by Commissioner Douglas, to approve Ordinance O-111516, An Ordinance to amend the Newton County Zoning Ordinance; to repeal conflicting provisions; to provide for an effective date; and for further purposes

Motion carried unanimously (5/0)

O-111516, AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT AMENDMENTS TO THE 2009 ZONING ORDINANCE, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING PROVISIONS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES (DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY IMPACT (DCI), CEMETERIES)

County Manager Lloyd Kerr addressed the board regarding the new fee schedule.

- Planning Commissioner unanimously recommended denial of the ordinance.
- Creates a burden on developers
- Information is attached and made part of these minutes
- Ordinance O-111516 is attached and made part of these minutes (Development Community Impact (DCI))

Vice Chair Schulz opened the public hearing @ 8:00 p.m.

Favor:

Karen Brooks

Social Circle

- Wants to make sure the public is notified of large projects

Sandi Spears
Dearing Street

- In favor of clarification of zoning ordinance – ordinance needs to be clear.
- Wants to know what goes on that would impact her property.
- Zoning Ordinance needs to be cleaned up and clarified

Dennis Taylor
North Newton

- Supports citizens knowing about all big projects that come into our community.

Nancy Mills
Parker Road

- Supports changes/large density
- Supports notifying the public

Opposition
Nancy Mills
Parker Road

- Opposes green burials.

Thomas Buckner
65 Fleeta Drive

- State law allows green burials

Zack Ames
Covington

- A church, a mosque, or a synagogue, are protected under law.
- Asked the board to vote no on the ordinance.

Sarah Dauby
Covington

- Against the entire ordinance
- Wants citizens to be notified about big projects before it happens.

Vice Chair Schulz closed the public hearing @ 8:16 p.m.

Commissioner Douglas asked that ordinance be approved with the changes:

1. Large Scale Development, Commercial: 10 acres
2. Strike all reference to Green Burials

Attorney Ramsey

- Section 1 – Remove definition of cemeteries
- Section 5 & 6 – Delete

Commissioner Douglas noted that the changes made significantly cleans up the ordinance by enhancing transparency and doesn't step on anyone's religious beliefs.

Motion by Commissioner Douglas, second by Commissioner Maddox, to approve Ordinance O-111516, An Ordinance to amend the Newton County Zoning Ordinance; to repeal conflicting provisions; to provide for an effective date; and for further purposes with the changes duly noted. Motion carried (3/2) with Commissioner Schulz & Henderson voting in opposition to the motion.

CASE NUMBER: FLU 16-000091 & REZ16-000092

Existing Land Use Map: RES (Residential)

Proposed Land Use Map: COM (Commercial)

Proposed Zoning: CN (Neighborhood Commercial)

Existing Zoning: AR (Agricultural Residential)

Watershed: Yellow River

Location: Crowell Road (East Side)

386.29 Feet of Frontage

Brown Bridge Road (South Side)

143.43 Feet of Frontage

Parcel Size: 1.8711 acres

Tax Parcels: 44-89 & 90

Owner: Lloyd Walker Driggers, Jr.

Petitioner: Passarella Construction, LLC

Petitioner Representative: Lou Passarella, Jr.

Applicant's Intent: To rezone 1.8711 acres in order to construct a convenience store with gas pumps and retail development

Planning Commission Recommendation: Approval w/conditions

District Four

Vice Chair Schulz opened the public hearing @ 7:25 p.m.

Favor:

Petitioner Representative: Lou Passarella

- Original member of committee that put together the Almon Overlay
- Location is South of Almon Overlay
- Crowell Road is a major arterial road/same as Brown Bridge Road
- Area is appropriate for neighborhood retail development
- Combination convenience store/retail space
- Raises the bar for things in the neighborhood
- Well landscaped
- Storm water management

Opposition:

Dennis Taylor

North Newton

- Against taking residential property and changing it to commercial.
- Vote it down!

Vice Chair Schulz closed the public hearing @ 8:31 p.m.

Commissioner Henderson

- Property is located at the corner of Brown Bridge & Crowell Road.
- At some point will go commercial
- Will be good for the community.

Commissioner Douglas

- Questioned when was the last time the FLUM was addressed and Mr. Kerr said it was in 2007. He said it is revisited every 10 years.
- Information is attached and made part of these minutes

FLU 16-000091

Motion by Commissioner Henderson, second by Commissioner Maddox, to approve the Future Land Use Map changed, FLU 16-000091 as requested.

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

REZ16-000092

Motion by Commissioner Henderson, second by Commissioner Maddox, to approve REZ16-000092 with the changes read by Mr. Kerr.

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

CASE NUMBER: FLU 16-000093 & REZ16-000094

Existing Land Use Map: None

Proposed Land Use Map: IND (Industrial)

Proposed Zoning: M2 (Heavy Industrial)

Existing Zoning: None

Watershed: Yellow River

Location: 50 & 60 Cook Road, 785, 795, 805, 815, & 825 Moore Street, and 91115, 91120, 91125, 91130, 92235 and 0 East Metro Parkway

Piper Road (North Side)

Parcel Size: 22.54 acres

Tax Parcels: CO42-34D, 34C, 34M, 34L, 34N, 34F, 34B, 34K, 34G, 34J, 34H 34I, & 34O

Owner: East Metro Development LLC, the Oxford Group LLC, and Maresol LLC

Petitioner: Newton County Board of Commissioners

Intent: To establish a Future Land Use designation and a Zoning on property brought back into the unincorporated area of Newton County on October 6, 2016 (Resolution R080216b)

Planning Commission Recommendation: Approval w/conditions

District Four

Motion by Commissioner Henderson, second by Commissioner Maddox, to table and bring back to the December 6th meeting to allow Commissioner time to meet with people in the neighborhood.

Motion carried (3/2) with Commissioner Douglas & Sims voting in opposition to the motion.

ALCOHOL LICENSE

Final Reading

Public Supermarket #0744

13015 Brown Bridge Road

Covington, GA 30016

Public Supermarkets, Inc.

District Two

Motion by Commissioner Sims, second by Commissioner Maddox, to approve the alcohol license request for Public Supermarket #0744, 13015 Brown Bridge Road, Covington, GA 30016 as requested.

Motion carried 4 to 1 with Commissioner Douglas abstaining.

First Reading (Read into the record by Vice Chair Schulz)

Walgreens #12621
12955 Brown Bridge Road
Covington, GA 30016
Waltrust Properties, Inc.
Katherine A. Hill
District Two

First Reading (Read into the record by Vice Chair Schulz)

CVS #8419
4192 Salem Road
Covington, GA 30016
Georgia CVS Pharmacy, LLC
District Three

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Sarah Dauby
Covington

- Speaking on behalf of the library board very concerned about their budget funding being cut \$27,000.
- This could jeopardize their state funding of \$900,000
- Appropriations were cut 20%.
- Library owns its own self and has 3 funding sources (State, County & City of Covington)
- County is bound by state law not to go below the previous year's support.

Scott Jay
Covington

- Supports SWA
- Hope this board and future board will consider how we got here with convenience centers.
- You created an entitlement and people got hooked on it.
- Don't let a \$2,000,000 entitlement happen again.

Dennis Taylor
North Newton

- Expressed thanks to Mr. Hilliard for the job he has done for the citizens.
- My open records request showed that \$78,000 went to N. Newton and \$70,000 went to one subdivision.
- Opposes creating a new position.
- North Newton Fire Station: SPLOST laws were broken by sending \$5.2 million dollars to the Judicial Center. You broke the law!
- Cap the debt on SPLSOT
- I will contact the Attorney General.

Steve Bray
Lakeview Drive

- Expressed appreciation to the board for the job they are doing regarding the forensic audit. Encourage you to continue from A to Z.

- The citizens do not want an incomplete record.
- Continue with transparency

Thomas Buckner
65 Fleeta Drive

- Suggest that board change the practice of not responding to citizens during citizen comments.
- Road list for Fleeta Drive? Next year.
- Against new position. Money collect from Gaither's should go in general fund.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Henderson

- Don't think citizens should have to pay a landfill fee.
- County budget has not been balanced in last two years.

Commissioner Douglas

- Expressed deepest sympathy from him and Susan on the loss of Deputy Justin White.
- Praying for family and friends.
- Law enforcement officers are self-sacrificing and it is very tough to be in law enforcement today.
- Reminded how important it is to have a PSA test. When first came on board began treatment for prostate cancer and has done well. Looking forward to being a part of Relay for Life.

Commissioner Sims

- Would like to echo what Commissioner Douglas said about the deputy and loss of life in law enforcement.
- He and his family extend their sincerest sympathy and will help to put together a fund raiser in community to help Deputy White's family.
- So thankful for what we have and wish everyone here a Happy Thanksgiving.

Vice Chair Schulz

- Reminder of Lighting of Courthouse on Thursday @ 5:30 p.m.
- Wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.
- Commented that in light of the tragedy we have spoken about tonight urged everyone to cherish our family and friends.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

With no further business, a motion by Commissioner Douglas, seconded by Commissioner Henderson, the meeting adjourned at 10:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie B. Smith, County Clerk

William K. Ellis, Chairman