

**NEWTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
April 18, 2006
MINUTES**

**Newton County Historic Courthouse
1124 Clark Street
Covington, Georgia
Chairman Aaron Varner, Presiding**

Present: Chairman Aaron Varner, Commissioners Mort Ewing, Ronnie Dimsdale, Ester Fleming, Jr., J.C. Henderson, and Monty Laster, Administrative Officer John Middleton, County Attorney Tommy Craig, Attorney Jenny Carter, Attorney Scott Cole, Attorney James Griffin, and Acting County Clerk Kellie Lundy.

Newspapers: Caroline Huenke, Covington News; Crystal Tatum, Newton Citizen
Small group of citizens.

Chairman Aaron Varner called the meeting together, extended a welcome and read the thought for the day. Commissioner J.C. Henderson gave the invocation and the Chairman led the Pledge of Allegiance to our great flag.

APPROVAL OF BOC MINUTES DATED APRIL 4, 2006

Motion: To approve the minutes as last printed with noted corrections.

Proposed by: Commissioner Monty Laster, District Five

Second by: Commissioner Mort Ewing, District One

Motion carried unanimously.

RFP#06-17 DRAINAGE FOR WELLS MOBILE HOME PARK

- Carried over from April 4, 2006 meeting.
- County Attorney Tommy Craig asked the Board to approve the RFP with two contingencies:
 - Approval by the parties to the Consent Order entered in this matter, and
 - Subject to receipt of a construction easement from Mr. Robbie Lanier.
- The County Attorney will notify the Purchasing Department when these two contingencies are satisfied.

Motion: To approve contract with Baker Woods for \$32,567.33 with the understanding the County is only responsible for \$5000 due to litigation and with the two contingencies stated by the County Attorney.

Proposed by: Commissioner Ronnie Dimsdale, District Two

Second by: Commissioner Monty Laster, District Five

Motion carried unanimously

R041806 – IMPACT FEE TRANSMITTAL RESOLUTION

- Chairman Varner called a Public Hearing on this matter.
- No one came forward to speak on this matter.

- Commissioner Fleming asked if this transmittal changed any allocations or multipliers and Mr. Middleton replied that it did not. This was just the annual report for Impact Fees.

Motion: To approve R041806 – Impact Fee Transmittal Resolution.

Proposed by: Commissioner Mort Ewing, District One

Second by: Commissioner Monty Laster, District Five

Motion carried unanimously.

AGREEMENT – NEWTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICES USDA

- Administrative Officer John Middleton presented this to the Board.
- Commissioner Ewing asked about the date in the agreement and if the position was currently filled, and if so who is it. Mr. Middleton replied that the date was correct and the position was currently unfilled.

Motion: To approve agreement no: 65-4310-6-V109 between the Newton County Board of Commissioners and Natural Resources Conservation Service United States Department of Agriculture.

Proposed by: Commissioner Mort Ewing, District One

Second by: Commissioner Monty Laster, District Five

Motion carried unanimously.

DECLARATON OF SURPLUS TO BE SOLD AT COUNTY AUCTION

- Chairman Varner presented information and added items in memo seized from Quick Spot on Hwy 36.

Motion: To approve sale of surplus items listed as well as those listed in memo seized from Quick Spot for non-payment of taxes at County Auction.

Proposed by: Commissioner Ronnie Dimsdale, District Two

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

Motion carried unanimously

PURCHASE OF A SKID STEER LOADER FOR PUBLIC WORKS

- Chairman Varner presented this information to the Board
- A skid steer loader was stolen from the County last year.
- County currently spends \$8,000 - \$10,000 to rent one.
- Purchase complete unit for \$25,161.80.
- Money is in the budget.

Motion: To approve the purchase of a new skid loader for public works from Perimeter Bobcat of Atlanta for no more than \$25,161.80.

Proposed by: Commissioner Ronnie Dimsdale, District Two

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

Motion carried unanimously

STORMWATER TASK ORDER – FOR OUR CONSULTANT INTEGRATED SCIENCE & ENGINEERING

- County Engineer Kevin Walter presented this to the Board.
- Required for Newton County’s Stormwater Permit Compliance.
- Commissioner Ewing asked some questions regarding the screening and training, inspection procedures and Adopt-a-Stream coordination
- Mr. Walter responded to Commissioner Ewing’s questions adequately.

Motion: To approve the Stormwater Task Order #8 Newton County NPDES Phase II Stormwater Permit Compliance for no more than \$31,500.

Proposed by: Commissioner Monty Laster, District Five

Second by: Commissioner Mort Ewing, District One

Motion carried unanimously

REAL ESTATE RECORD OF 450 ADAMS RD

- County Attorney Tommy Craig presented this to the Board.
- Easement to landfill property on Adams Rd
- Current property owners and Title Company request stipulation from Board that they have no claim present or future rights.

Motion: To approve the stipulation on 450 Adams Rd

Proposed by: Commissioner Mort Ewing, District One

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

Motion carried unanimously

PROPOSAL FOR CLEAN UP ON 450 ADAMS RD

- County Attorney Tommy Craig presented this information to the Board.
- He just received the proposal from Denny Dobbs (environmental consultant) today.
- Chairman Varner asked Ben Carter about any hazards loading it up. He said he was unfamiliar with the site.
- In order to review the proposal thoroughly, Commissioner Ewing suggests tabling this issue until the next regular board meeting.

Motion: To table the proposal until the next board meeting.

Proposed by: Commissioner Mort Ewing, District One

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

Motion carried unanimously

APPOINTMENT TO COMMUNITY SERVICE BOARD

- Chairman Varner presented this to the Board.
- Chairman asks to appoint Barbara Rivers.
- Ms. Rivers is retired as the head lead nurse at the Health Department.
- The Board of Health unanimously approved her appointment last week.

Motion: To approve the appointment of Barbara Rivers as a Representative of Newton County on the Community Service Board.

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

Second by: Commissioner Monty Laster, District Five

Motion carried unanimously

PROPOSAL – DEVELOP A DESIGN STANDARD FOR COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE OAK HILL COMMUNITY

- Commissioner Dimsdale asked that this be tabled until the next meeting. Other possibilities have surfaced. He would like time to sort it out.

Motion: To table proposal on Developing a Design Standard for Commercial Development in the Oak Hill Community until next board meeting.

Proposed by: Commissioner Ronnie Dimsdale, District Two

Second by: Commissioner Mort Ewing, District One

Motion carried unanimously

PROPOSAL – POSI-SHELL COVER SYSTEM FOR THE LANDFILL

- County's Landfill Engineer Ben Carter of Moreland Altobelli Associates and Landfill Director Jerry Prosser presented this to the Board.
- County would rent the equipment during the pilot program.
- Contract details will be handled by County Attorney and the contract will come back to the Board for review.

Motion: To approve Posi-Shell for landfill for one year pilot program.

Proposed by: Commissioner Mort Ewing, District One

Second by: Commissioner Monty Laster, District Five

Motion carried unanimously

ZONINGS

Chairman Varner noted that each side would have ten minutes to present their issues and it would not include board discussion.

Planning Director Marian Eisenberg addressed the Board and sounded the following zonings:

REZ06-004

Pierce L. Cline

Existing FLUM: RR (Rural Residential) & PRC (Parks/Recreation/Conservation)

Existing Zoning: A (Agricultural)

Proposed Zoning: AR (Agricultural Residential)

Watershed: Alcovy River

Location: End of River Cove Ridge

Parcel Size: 96.36 Acres

Tax Parcel: 111-18

District Five

Petitioner Representative: Attorney Jimmy Alexander

- Phase V of River Cove Meadows by Pierce Cline.
- There will be no lot remnant. He will submit the information to P&D to show that.

Opposition: None

Motion: To approve REZ06-004 zoning changes from A (Agricultural) to AR (Agricultural Residential) with the following conditions as read by Commissioner Laster.

If this petition is approved by the Board of Commissioners, it should be approved AR (Agricultural Residential) CONDITIONAL subject to the owner's agreement to the following enumerated conditions. Where these conditions conflict with the stipulations and offerings contained in the Letter of Intent, these conditions shall supersede unless specifically stipulated by the Board of Commissioners.

1. To the owner's agreement to restrict the use of the subject property as follows"
 - a. Single family detached dwellings and accessory uses and structures.
 - b. The minimum lot size shall be 2.0 acres.
 - c. No more than 39 total dwelling units, at a maximum density of 0.405 dwelling units per acre, whichever is less based on the total acreage zoned.
 - d. The minimum heated floor area per dwelling unit shall be 2,600 square feet for one-story homes and 3,000 square feet for two-story homes.
2. To the owner's agreement to abide by the following:
 - a. To the site plan and legal description received by the Department of Planning and Development on February 1, 2006. Said site plan is conceptual only and must meet or exceed the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance and these conditions prior to the approval of a Land Disturbance Permit. Unless otherwise noted herein, compliance with all conditions shall be in place prior to the issuance of the first Certificate of Occupancy.
3. To the owner's agreement to abide by the following development standards:
 - a. Stormwater plan to be reviewed and approved by County Engineer. Stormwater plan shall conform to Georgia Stormwater Management Manual.
 - b. Provide a copy of executed Protective Covenants before approval of Final Plat. Protective Covenants shall be as submitted to the Department of

Planning and Development on February 1, 2006. Changes to Covenants (prior to recording) subject to approval of Director.

- c. A Preliminary Plat may not be accepted for review if the proposed subdivision of land would result in a non-conforming lot.

Proposed by: Commissioner Monty Laster, District Five
Second by: Commissioner Mort Ewing, District One
Motion carried unanimously

REZ06-005

Letter to withdraw petition.

Planning Commission recommended allowing petitioner to withdraw.

Motion: To accept withdrawal letter for REZ06-005 as presented.

Proposed by: Commissioner Monty Laster, District Five

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

Motion carried unanimously

FLU06-001

REZ06-006

Letter to withdraw petition 4/18/06

Planning Commission recommended allowing petitioner to withdraw.

Motion: To accept withdrawal letter for FLU06-001 and REZ06-006 as presented.

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

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

Motion carried unanimously

NTL06-001

Sarran Marshall

Existing Zoning: AR (Agricultural Residential)

Proposed Use: New Telecommunications Tower

Watershed: Alcovy River

Location: Highway 278 (South Side)

569.0 Feet of Frontage

Location: Highway 142(Southwest Side)

811.08 Feet of Frontage

Parcel Size: 16.7576 Acres

Tax Parcel: 99-48

District One

Petitioner: Sarran Marshall

- Tower will be located within dense trees.
- Hold up to three users.
- No lights on tower.

- County, if needed and applicable, could lease space on tower for new communications system.
- Monopole (single) tower 150 feet tall
- Company could paint the pole black to blend in.

Opposition: None

Motion: To approve NTL06-001 conditional use permit for a new telecommunications tower with the following conditions as read by Commissioner Ewing.

If this petition is approved by the Board of Commissioners, it should be approved for a Conditional Use Permit for a Telecommunications Tower CONDITIONAL subject to the owner's agreement to the following enumerated conditions. Where these conditions conflict with the stipulations and offerings contained in the Letter on Intent, these conditions supersede unless specifically stipulated by the Board of Commissioners.

1. To the owner's agreement to restrict the use of the leased area of the subject property as follows:
 - a. A telecommunications tower.
 - b. Comply with the standards of Section 510-630 of the Newton County Zoning Ordinance as applicable.
2. To the owner's agreement to abide by the following:
 - a. To the site plan and legal description received by the Department of Planning and Development on January 30, 2006. Said site plan is conceptual only and must meet or exceed the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance and these conditions prior to the approval of a Land Disturbance Permit. Unless otherwise noted herein, compliance with all conditions shall be in place prior to the issuance of the first Certificate of Occupancy.
3. To the owner's agreement to abide by the following development standards:
 - a. Landscaping plan to be approved by County Arborist.
 - b. Telecommunications tower shall be monopole.
 - c. Maximum height of tower to be 150 feet.
 - d. Monopole shall accommodate equipment for potential use by Newton County for E-911 and other emergency services below third antenna.

- e. Monopole shall be painted black

Proposed by: Commissioner Mort Ewing, District One
Second by: Commissioner Monty Laster, District Five
Motion carried unanimously

MOD06-002

Twin Rivers Development
Location: Highway 162 (West Side)
1,357.62 Feet of Frontage
Location: Pickett Bridge Rd (South Side)
3,147.78 Feet of Frontage
Parcel Size: 209.32 Acres
Tax Parcel: 51-31, 32
District One

Petitioner Representative: Engineer Mitch McGee

- Due to soil and lay of land, increase density on west side (modify site plan).
- Increase lots from 154 to 160.
- List of amenities.
- 368 lots and 412 acres
- @125 acres of open space
- Dedicated 10 foot of right away on Pickett Bridge Rd.

Opposition: Harry Galloway

- Presented list of concerns signed by him and 3 other neighbors.
- Among concerns were:
 - The effects on an old cemetery
 - Buffers
 - 13 water spring heads & detention ponds
 - Aesthetics of houses
 - Dumpsters
 - Ground water protection from septic systems
 - Fire protection
 - Number of homes in development

Motion: To deny MOD06-002.

Proposed by: Commissioner Mort Ewing, District One
Second by: Commissioner Ester Fleming, Jr., District Three
Motion carried with Commissioner Henderson abstaining.

MOD06-003

Scott Huff
Location: Richards Chapel Road (South Side)
425 Feet of Frontage

Parcel Size: 19.97 Acres
Tax Parcel: 8-41
District Two

Petitioner: Scott Huff

- Wants to eliminate 50 ft buffers along:
 - Richards Chapel Rd (lots 1 & 18)
 - Rear of lots 16, 17, & 18
 - South side of lot 11
 - West side of lot 10
- Put 150 ft buffers outside of lots
- Landscaped entrance
- Modify site plan

Opposition: None

Motion: To approve MOD06-003 Modification of Condition of Zoning with the following conditions as read by Planning Director Marian Eisenberg.

Should the Board of Commissioners approve this modification, staff recommends the conditions be approved as follows:

- 2.a. To the site plan received by the Department of Planning and Development on March 2, 2006. Said site plan is conceptual only and must meet or exceed the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance and these conditions prior to the approval of a Land Disturbance Permit. Unless otherwise noted herein, compliance with all conditions shall be in place prior to the issuance of the first Certificate of Occupancy.
- 3.e. provide a 50-foot undisturbed buffer around the entire perimeter of the subject site. The buffer may be reduced around the entire perimeter of the subject site. The buffer may be reduced along the east property line in order to maintain the 27,000 square-foot minimum lot sizes, subject to the approval of the Planning Director. This buffer shall not apply to the following: Along Richards Chapel Road (Lots 1 and 18); along the rear of lots 16, 17, and 18; along the south property line of lot 11 and along the west side of lot 10.
- 3.f. 150-foot (riparian) buffers shall be located of lots and shall be dedicated to Newton County or its designee.
- 3.g. provide a landscaped entrance, subject to approval of the County Arborist.

Proposed by: Commissioner Ronnie Dimsdale, District Two

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

Motion carried with Commissioner Fleming and Commissioner Ewing in opposition.

PERSONNEL POLICY

- Attorney Jenny Carter and Administrative Officer John Middleton presented to the Board.
- Added the Public Defender to section 2.112 Hearing Official

Motion: To approve section 2.112 as printed in addendum dated April 17, 2006.

Proposed: Commissioner Mort Ewing, District One

Second: Commissioner Ester Fleming, Jr., District Three

Motion carried unanimously.

- Clarified wording in section 3.201 Holiday Compensation and Observation.

Motion: To approve section 3.201 as printed in addendum dated April 17, 2006.

Proposed: Commissioner Mort Ewing, District One

Second: Commissioner Ester Fleming, Jr., District Three

Motion carried unanimously.

- Outside employment form and approval for.
- Provide evidence of workers' compensation policy coverage at outside employment.

Motion: To approve section 3.302 as printed in addendum dated April 17, 2006.

Proposed: Commissioner Mort Ewing, District One

Second: Commissioner Monty Laster, District Five

Motion carried unanimously.

- Section 3.103 Compensatory - four options presented in addendum.
 - Option 1 - Retain 90 days (current policy)
 - Option 2 - Reduce to one pay period (draft policy)
 - Option 3 - Reduce to another specified time
 - Option 4 - Eliminate compensatory time

Motion: To approve section 3.103 option 1 as printed in addendum dated April 17, 2006.

Proposed: Commissioner Ronnie Dimsdale, District Two

Second: Commissioner J.C. Henderson, District Four

Motion failed 3 to 2 with Commissioners Ewing, Fleming, and Laster voting in opposition to the motion.

Motion: To approve section 3.103 option 3 as printed in addendum with a 60 day time period dated April 17, 2006.

Proposed: Commissioner Monty Laster, District Five

Second: Commissioner Mort Ewing, District One

Motion carried with Commissioner Henderson opposing.

- Section 3.301 Prohibited Activities – three options presented in the addendum.
 - Option 1 – policy as stated in draft version
 - Option 2 – policy as stated in current policy
 - Option 3 – option with four points
- Mr. Middleton read some polices from other jurisdictions that were looked at for guidance.
- Policy will be sent to the Justice Department for preclearance.
- Clarification on qualifications for current year elections
 - Would depend on effective date of change and date on preclearance granted.
- Discussion on requiring leave of absence or requiring resignation during election.

Motion: To approve section 3.301 option 1 as printed in addendum with a statement stating resignation required upon qualifying and subject to preclearance by the Department of Justice dated April 17, 2006.

Proposed: Commissioner Fleming, District Three

Second: Commissioner Ewing, District One

Motion failed 3 to 2 with Commissioners Dimsdale, Henderson, and Laster voting in opposition.

Motion: To approve section 3.301 option 3 as printed in addendum and subject to preclearance by the Department of Justice dated April 17, 2006.

Proposed: Commissioner Laster, District Five

Motion died for lack of a second.

Motion: To leave policy as it is currently stated in the policy.

Proposed: Commissioner Dimsdale, District Two

Second: Commissioner Henderson, District Four

Motion failed 3 to 2 with Commissioners Ewing, Fleming and Laster voting in opposition.

- Chairman states the Board will move on to the other items and come back to this section
- Section 3.303 Gifts & Gratuities
 - Clarified limitations of monetary gifts and gratuities

Motion: To approve section 3.303 as printed in addendum dated April 17, 2006.

Proposed: Commissioner Mort Ewing, District One

Second: Commissioner Monty Laster, District Five

Motion carried unanimously.

- Section 3.304 Employment of Relatives

- This section applies only to the employee policy for current employees not the at-will policy
- Allows exceptions for present situations

Motion: To approve section 3.304 as printed in addendum dated April 17, 2006.

Proposed: Commissioner Mort Ewing, District One

Second: Commissioner Monty Laster, District Five

Motion carried with Commissioner Henderson abstaining.

- Section 3.305 (4)(c)(i) & (14)
 - 4ci – change wording for clarity
 - 14 – correct typo (“company” to “county”)

Motion: To approve section 3.305 (4)(c)(i) and (14) as printed in addendum dated April 17, 2006.

Proposed: Commissioner Monty Laster, District Five

Second: Commissioner Mort Ewing, District One

Motion carried unanimously.

- Section 3.306 C County equipment and no privacy expectation
 - Language inserted to protect Fourth amendment rights and reference to our computer use policy

Motion: To approve section 3.306 C as printed in addendum dated April 17, 2006.

Proposed: Commissioner Mort Ewing, District One

Second: Commissioner Monty Laster, District Five

Motion carried with Commissioner Dimsdale opposing.

- Section 3.306 E Policy banning weapons in the workplace
 - Changes to draft copy and conditions.

Motion: To approve section 3.306 E as printed in addendum dated April 17, 2006.

Proposed: Commissioner Mort Ewing, District One

Second: Commissioner Monty Laster, District Five

Motion carried with Commissioner Dimsdale opposing.

- Section 8.302 Annual Leave Accumulation Rate
 - Correct typo

Motion: To approve section 8.302 as printed in addendum dated April 17, 2006.

Proposed: Commissioner Monty Laster, District Five

Second: Commissioner Mort Ewing, District One

Motion carried unanimously.

- Section 8.406 Physician’s Certificate
 - Change “may” to “shall”

Motion: To approve section 8.406 as printed in addendum dated April 17, 2006.

Proposed: Commissioner Mort Ewing, District One

Second: Commissioner Ester Fleming, Jr. District Three

Motion carried unanimously.

- Section 8.701 F Benefits during leave
 - Change “anniversary date” to “annual review date”

Motion: To approve section 8.701 F as printed in addendum dated April 17, 2006.

Proposed: Commissioner Mort Ewing, District One

Second: Commissioner Monty Laster, District Five

Motion carried unanimously.

- Section 10.800 Employees charged with crimes
 - Change “exonerated” to “cleared or the charge is dismissed”
 - Termination is not required but is an option. Case by case basis.

Motion: To approve section 10.800 as printed in addendum dated April 17, 2006.

Proposed: Commissioner Mort Ewing, District One

Second: Commissioner Monty Laster, District Five

Motion carried unanimously

- Section 13.500 Education Incentives
 - Changed to only two, four, and above four year degrees

Motion: To approve section 13.500 as printed in addendum dated April 17, 2006.

Proposed: Commissioner Mort Ewing, District One

Second: Commissioner Ester Fleming, Jr., District Three

Motion carried with Commissioner Henderson abstaining.

- Return to Section 3.301 Prohibited Activities – three options presented in the addendum.
 - Option 1 – policy as stated in draft version
 - Option 2 – policy as stated in current policy
 - Option 3 – option with four points
- Chairman makes suggestion some compromises. No consensus on compromises.
- Questions and discussion on leaving job open if a leave of absence is taken.
- Vacation (annual leave) time can be used but not sick.

Motion: To approve section 3.301 option 3 as printed in addendum with no guarantee of reemployment and subject to preclearance by the Department of Justice dated April 17, 2006.

Proposed: Commissioner Monty Laster, District Five

Second: Commissioner Mort Ewing, District One

Motion failed 3 to 2 with Commissioners Dimsdale, Fleming, and Henderson voting in opposition to the motion.

- Discussion to approve the policies with the condition of Section 3.301 to be added after consensus is reached.

Motion: To approve the At-Will Policy Manual for New Employees subject to further changes to Section 3.301.

Proposed: Commissioner Ester Fleming, District Three

Second: Commissioner Monty Laster, District Five

Motion passes with Commissioners Dimsdale and Henderson opposing.

Motion: To approve the Policy Manual for Current Employees subject to further changes to Section 3.301.

Proposed: Commissioner Mort Ewing, District One

Second: Commissioner Monty Laster, District Five

Motion passes with Commissioners Dimsdale and Henderson opposing.

- Discussion on compromise on section 3.301.
 - Mr. Middleton and Mrs. Carter discuss more other examples from other jurisdictions, primarily Barrow County and Henry County.
 - Chairman offers more compromises and suggestions

Motion: To approve section 3.301 option 3 (items 1, 3, and 4 – exclude item 2) as printed in addendum and subject to preclearance by the Department of Justice dated April 17, 2006.

Proposed: Commissioner Ronnie Dimsdale, District Two

Second: Commissioner J.C. Henderson, District Four

Motion carried with Commissioner Fleming opposing.

- Commissioner Fleming asked to recall his motion to approve the at-will policy.

Motion: To reconsider motion to approve the At-Will Policy Manual for New Employees subject to further changes to Section 3.301 Effective May 1, 2006.

Proposed: Commissioner Ester Fleming, Jr., District Three

Second: Commissioner Mort Ewing, District One

Motion passes with Commissioner Henderson abstaining.

Motion: To approve the At-Will Policy Manual for New Employees including changes to Section 3.301.

Proposed: Commissioner Mort Ewing, District One

Second: Commissioner Monty Laster, District Five

Motion passes with Commissioners Dimsdale and Henderson opposing.

- Commissioner Fleming notes that he is for the at-will policy and will vote for the policy even though he is against the issue of section 3.301. Without his support he knows it will not pass and he strongly supports the at-will policy.

Motion: The current employee policy will go into effect May 1, 2006, and the at-will employee policy will become effective May 1, 2006.

Proposed: Commissioner Mort Ewing, District One

Second: Commissioner Monty Laster, District Five

Motion carried with Commissioners Dimsdale and Henderson opposing.

STREETLIGHTS

Millstone Subdivision

(Flat Shoals Rd)

District Four

Motion: To approve the streetlights for Millstone Subdivision located in district four.

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

Second by: Commissioner Monty Laster, District Five

Motion carried unanimously

Scouts Ridge Subdivision

(Scout Road)

District One

Motion: To approve the streetlights for Scouts Ridge Subdivision located in district one.

Proposed by: Commissioner Mort Ewing, District One

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

Motion carried unanimously

ALCOHOL LICENSE

FIRST READING

Chevron Food Mart

11230 Hwy 36

Covington, Georgia 30014

Leo A. Alam (100% Owner)

FINAL HEARING

Quick Spot 36

10260 Hwy 36

Covington, Georgia 30014

Sonika Ahluwalia Mondy (100% Owner)

Motion: To approve the alcohol license for Quick Spot 36.

Proposed by: Commissioner Monty Laster, District Five

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

Motion carried unanimously

Almon, Inc.
2080B Crowell Rd
Covington, Georgia 30016
Murad M. Jiwanu (100% Owner)

Motion: To approve the alcohol license for Almon, Inc.
Proposed by: Commissioner Ester Fleming, Jr., District Three
Second by: Commissioner Monty Laster, District Five
Motion carried unanimously

B.P. Magnet
5343 Hwy 20
Covington, Georgia 30016
Ali Hamid (100% Owner)

Motion: To approve the alcohol license for B.P. Magnet.
Proposed by: Commissioner Ronnie Dimsdale, District Two
Second by: Commissioner Monty Laster, District Five
Motion carried unanimously

COUNTY CHECKS

Motion: To approve county checks as printed and read by the chairman.
Proposed by: Commissioner Mort Ewing, District One
Second by: Commissioner J.C. Henderson, District Four
Motion carried unanimously.

- Commissioner Laster requests to make an amendment to the Stormwater Task Order #8.

Motion: To amend the motion on Stormwater Task Order # 8 by adding stipulation that the final expense to Newton County will not exceed \$31,500.
Proposed: Commissioner Monty Laster, District Five
Second: Commissioner Mort Ewing, District One
Motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN COMMENTS/COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

TIME: 9:27 PM

Motion: To approve enter into executive session to discuss land acquisition.
Proposed by: Commissioner J.C. Henderson, District Four
Second by: Commissioner Mort Ewing, District One
Motion carried unanimously

REGULAR SESSION

Motion: To approve enter into regular session.

Proposed by: Commissioner Mort Ewing, District One

Second by: Commissioner Monty Laster, District Five

Motion carried unanimously

AJOURN

Motion: To adjourn.

Proposed by: Commissioner Mort Ewing, District One

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

Motion carried unanimously

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly Lundy for
County Clerk Jackie Smith

Aaron Varner, Chairman