

The Newton County Board of Commissioners held a special called meeting on Tuesday, February 3, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the Commissioners meeting room on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor in the Historic Courthouse. The meeting was open to the public and live streamed on the Newton County Government YouTube Channel. <https://www.youtube.com/NewtonCountyGovernment>.

Present: Linda D. Hays, Interim Madam Chair, Commissioners Stan Edwards, Demond Mason, J.C. Henderson, LeAnne Long, James Brown, Acting County Manager, Attorney Stephanie Johnson and Clerk Susan G. Nolley. The media staff and other administrative personnel were also present.

Commissioner Demond Mason was not present for the start of the open session.

The meeting was called to order, Commissioner Long led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Madam Chair entertained a motion for adoption of the agenda.

Commissioner Edwards moved the motion, seconded by Commissioner Cooper. The motion passed. Vote 4-0.

Madam Chair entertained a motion to enter into executive session for the purpose to discuss litigation. Commissioner Henderson moved the motion, seconded by Commissioner Cooper. The motion passed. Vote 4-0.

6:31 p.m.

6:58 p.m. The board returned to open session with all Commissioners present.

6:59 p.m.

Commissioner Edwards moved the motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Henderson. The motion passed. Vote 5-0.

Approved this 17<sup>th</sup> Day of February 2026.

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Linda D. Hays, Interim Chair

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Susan G. Nolley Clerk