

**NEWTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING AGENDA
HISTORIC COURTHOUSE – 1124 CLARK STREET
COVINGTON, GEORGIA 30014
MARCH 17, 2026
7:00 P.M.**



1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**
4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** – This time is to allow the public to comment, voice concerns or opinions regarding agenda topics only. Each speaker is allowed three minutes.
5. **REPORTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN** None to report.

6. **REPORTS FROM THE COUNTY MANAGER**
Mauldin & Jenkins – Audit update
District One Commissioner Stan Edwards – Joint Development Authority (JDA) Update
7. **CONSENT AGENDA**
- 7a. BOC Minutes March 3, 2026
 1. Work Session – 6:00 p.m.
 2. Regular Session – 7:00 p.m.
8. **NEW BUSINESS**
8. Consideration of Newton County Sheriff's Office acceptance of Opioid Settlement Funds. The funds will be used toward the Co-Responder position for Fiscal Year 26. Amount: \$48,000.00/Funding Source: Opioid Settlement Funds/Budgeted: Yes/Match: NO
Presenter: Sheriff Ezell Brown
9. Consideration of the 2026 Estimated Millage Rate for the FY27 budget.
Presenter: Brittany White, Finance Director
10. Consideration of Agreement between Newton County Fire Service and Stericycle Inc. for monthly service disposal pickup of sharps waste. Animal Service will also use this service. Cost: \$45.72 monthly/Funding Source: Fire General Fund/ Budgeted: Yes/Match: NO
Presenter: Chief Royce Turner
11. Consideration of Keep it Clean Softball Umpire Services Contract for Newton County Parks and Recreation Department. Umpires for girls fastpitch and adult slow-pitch softball. Cost: \$28,805.00/Funding Source: General Fund/Budgeted: Yes/Match: NO
Presenter(s): Dwayne Mask, Parks & Recreation Director, Kale Curtis, Deputy Director
12. Consideration of Playworkx Contract for Trailblazer Park playground equipment and installation. Cost: \$164,429.75/Funding Source: Capital Fund/Budgeted: Yes/Match: NO
Presenter(s): Dwayne Mask, Parks & Recreation Director, Kale Curtis, Deputy Director
13. Consideration of Project Framework Agreement (PFA) by and between the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) and Newton County for Transportation Facility Improvements Brown Bridge Road Widening PI# 0021217. Cost: \$2,000,000.00. Funding Source: 80% Federal Highway/20% SPLOST 2023
Budgeted: Yes/Match/NO Presenter: Chester Clegg, Transportation Director

14. Consideration of authorization for Public Works to purchase culvert pipe from Cherokee Culvert Company. Cost: \$150,249.50/Funding Source: General Fund
Budgeted: Yes/Match: NO Presenter: Chester Clegg
15. Consideration of **Resolution R031726 - A RESOLUTION OF THE NEWTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO APPLY FOR FEDERAL FUNDING FOR AND TO COMMIT LOCAL MATCHING FUNDS TO THE FAIRVIEW ROAD MUTI-USE TRAIL.** Presenter: Chester Clegg
16. Consideration of **Resolution R031726a - A RESOLUTION OF THE NEWTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO APPLY FOR FEDERAL FUNDING FOR AND TO COMMIT LOCAL MATCHING FUNDS TO THE WIDENING OF BROWN BRIDGE ROAD FROM SALEM ROAD TO JACK NEELY ROAD.** Presenter: Chester Clegg
17. Consideration of Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between Northeast Georgia Regional Commission and Newton County for the Newton County Comprehensive Plan Update
Cost: \$20,000.00/Funding Source: General Fund/Budgeted: Yes/ Match: N/A
Presenter: James Brown
18. Consideration of Grant Agreement between Newton County and ViewPoint Health.
Cost: \$50,000.00/Funding Source: Newton County Opioid Settlement Proceeds
Budgeted: Yes/Match: NO Presenter: James Brown
19. Consideration of Reeves and Young Professional Services Agreement – Engineering services associated with the construction of the new pretreatment basin, membrane, and chemical storage and dosing facilities as part of the Cornish Creek Water Treatment Plant Updates.
Due to cost, this is the FINAL of two required requests. Cost: \$172,655,099.00
Funding Source: ARPA Grant and other funding sources. Presenter: James Brown
20. Alcohol License – 1st Reading
Covington Market LLC. 5485 Highway 81 South Covington, Georgia 30014
Note: Development Services confirmed that Covington Market LLC currently holds a valid business license. At this time, there are no active code enforcement violations or issues associated with this business. In addition, the location has received approval from the Fire Department.
21. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
22. **BOARD COMMENTS**
23. **EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF NEEDED)**
24. **ADJOURN**

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