

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

Madam Chair called the meeting to order. Commissioner Edwards led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The floor was yielded to James Brown, who introduced Attorney Stephanie Johnson for the presentation.

Presentation

DRAFT - Newton County Unified Development Ordinance for Convenience Stores and Data Centers Revisions.

Current Ordinance

- Section 510-200 (Convenience Stores)
- Section 510-205 (Data Centers)
- Other provisions

Discussions

- Lighting restrictions/will there be any
- Water
- Distance and setback requirements
- How to enforce buffers
- maintaining buffers
- square footage requirements
- existing buildings
- parcel availability for data centers/undeveloped land that could be used for development of data centers
- deadline/expiration for permits
- Regulations put in place
- review property @ eighteen months if property is not development
- non-conforming status to be addressed
- Redevelopment

Madam Chair called for this meeting to adjourn at 6:34 p.m.

Approved this 17th Day of March 2026.

Linda D. Hays Interim Chair

ATTEST:

Susan G. Nolley County Clerk