

**NEWTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MEETING AGENDA  
HISTORIC COURTHOUSE – 1124 CLARK STREET  
COVINGTON, GEORGIA 30014**

**February 3, 2026**

**7:00 PM**



**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 – None to report**

**7. CONSENT AGENDA**

**7a. BOC Meeting Minutes January 20, 2026**

1) Special Called Meeting – 6:30 p.m.

2) Executive Session

3) Regular Session – 7:00 p.m.

This is the end of the consent agenda.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**8.** Consideration of Newton County Adult Felony Drug Court to apply for FY27 Accountability Grant through the Council of Accountability Court Judges (CACJ). Time Sensitive. Cost: Reimbursement Grant. Funds to be released July 1, 2026 if awarded. There is a 15% match required. Presenter: Chief Judge Ken Wynne

**9.** Consideration of Fire Services to purchase a Heavy Rescue Apparatus and required equipment from Sutphen Corporation. Cost: \$1,341,538 (Apparatus) \$500,000.00 (Equipment) Total Cost: \$1,841,538.00/Funding Source: Capital Fund/Match: There is no match required. **Due to cost this is the final of the two required requests.** Presenter: Chief Royce Turner

**10.** Consideration of Fire Services to apply for Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition Grant  
Cost: N/A/Budgeted: N/A/Match: N/A      Presenter: Chief Royce Turner

**11.** Consideration of Fire Services to apply for Congressionally Directed Spending Program Grant to purchase medical equipment to advance the level of care fire services can provide. The amount of funds to be appropriated via directed spending is limited and the process is competitive. If awarded, grant amount is to be determined. Presenter: Chief Royce Turner

**12.** Consideration for Fire Services to apply for Assistance to FireFighters Grant to purchase Lucas CPR Devices for every unit in addition with other medical equipment. Proposed Grant amount: \$500,000.00. Funding Source: would need to be included in FY27 budget. There is a 10% match required if grant is awarded. Presenter: Chief Royce Turner

13. Consideration for Fire Services to apply for Firehouse Subs Grant to purchase two Lucas CPR devices. Grant amount: \$40,000.00/Budgeted: N/A/There is no match required  
Presenter: Chief Royce Turner
14. Consideration of Fire Services to apply for Walmart Community Grant to purchase materials to build a third Life Jacket Loaner Station. Grant amount: \$5,000.00/Budgeted: N/A  
There is no match required. Presenter: Chief Royce Turner
15. Consideration of Fire Services to apply for the FEMA Fire Prevention and Safety Grant to purchase a fire safety trailer for fire safety education. Grant amount: \$180,000.00  
Budgeted: FY26 General Fund/There is a 5% match required. Cost: \$9,000.00  
Presenter: Chief Royce Turner
16. Consideration of Newton County Resource Court to apply for FY27 State Accountability Court Operating Grant funded through the Council of Accountability Court Judges (CACJ) & Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC). Time Sensitive. Cost: Reimbursement Grant. Funds to be released July 1, 2026 if awarded. There is a 15% match required.  
Presenter: Kristy Hardin
17. Consideration of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the University of Georgia Cooperative Extension and Newton County Board of Commissioners to support all Newton County Extension personnel operationally. Time Sensitive.  
Presenter: Ashley Best
18. Consideration to authorize the Chairman to execute a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) and Newton County Board of Commissioners for the contribution of \$75,000.00 to the Henderson Mill Road Bridge Replacement Project. PI #0020146 – Henderson Mill Road @ Bear Creek, 1 Mile North of Jasper County Line. Cost: \$75,000.00/Funding Source: General Fund/Budgeted: Yes.  
There is no match required. Presenter: Chester Clegg, Transportation Director
19. Consideration to authorize the Chairman to execute an agreement with Comanche Construction of Georgia, LLC. to complete the 2025 Bridge Maintenance and Repair Project, Phase I. Cost: \$1,727,806.85. Funding Source: General Fund (\$1,000,000.00)  
SPLOST 2023 (\$727,806.85) Budgeted: Yes/There is no match required.  
Presenter: Chester Clegg, Transportation Director
20. Consideration of Stantec Consulting Professional Services Contract – Engineering Services for Water Infrastructure Improvements @ Williams Street Water Treatment Plant  
Cost: Pre-Construction Services(\$1,962,653.99) Post-Construction Services (\$1,767,192.09)  
Funding Source: GEFA (Georgia Environmental Finance Authority) Budgeted: Yes  
**Due to cost this is one of two of the required requests.**  
Presenter: James Brown
21. Consideration of Reeves & Young Contract for Construction Manager at Risk Services (CMaR) – Williams Street Water Treatment Plant Demolition Project.  
Cost: Pre-Construction Phase \$75,000.00. Funding Source: GEFA  
(Georgia Environmental Finance Authority) Budgeted: Yes Presenter: James Brown

**7:30 PM ZONING AGENDA - PUBLIC HEARING**

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. OTC25-0002

DISTRICT 4

Applicant: Jason Jones

620 Riverfield Lane

Covington, GA 30014

Location: 620 River Field Lane

Map & Parcel Number: 0043 038

FLUM: PRC (Park/Recreation/Conservation) & DN (Development Node)

Zoning: R-2 (Single-Family Residential)

Existing Tier: Almon Tier 1 Residential

Proposed Tier: Almon Tier 2 Non-Residential/Mixed Use

Acreage: 109.58 acres

Request: Overlay tier change from Almon Tier 1 to Almon Tier 2. The applicant intends to obtain a conditional use permit for an agritourism special events facility.

2. REZ25-000010

DISTRICT 1

Companion Case: FLU25-000004

Applicant: Raghupal Damidi

225 Colton Crest Dr

Johns Creek, GA 30005

Location: 3400 & 3396 Hwy 212

Map & Parcel Number: 0032 037C & 0032 037E

FLUM: COM (Commercial)

Zoning: CN (Neighborhood Commercial) & A-R (Agricultural Residential)

Proposed Zoning: CH (Highway Commercial)

Acreage: 2.689 acres

Request: Rezone both properties to CH in order to develop a convenience store with gas pumps and restaurant.

3. CUP25-000014

DISTRICT 2

Applicant: Shondell Allison

3707 Northsails Ct

Conyers, GA 30013

Location: 3281 Salem Rd

Map & Parcel Number: 0012A 142

FLUM: DN (Development Node)

Zoning: CH (Highway Commercial), Salem Tier 2 Overlay

Acreage: 6.83 acres total (for entire plaza)

Request: Conditional use permit for a special events facility and to sell alcohol for consumption on premises.

4. FLU25-000009  
DISTRICT 1  
Applicant: Clint Harris  
498 Rocky Plains Rd  
Covington, GA 30016  
Location: 498 Rocky Plains Rd  
Map & Parcel Number: 0049 015D  
FLUM: AF (Agriculture/Forestry)  
Proposed FLUM: RR (Rural Residential)  
Zoning: A (Agricultural)  
Proposed Zoning: AR (Agricultural Residential)  
Acreage: 11.03 acres  
Request: Amend FLUM from AF to RR to allow for a rezoning to AR. The purpose is to subdivide for a family conveyance.
  
5. REZ25-000011  
DISTRICT 4  
Companion  
Case: FLU25-000008  
Applicant: Newton County Development Services  
1113 Usher St, Ste 201  
Covington, GA 30014  
Location: 91 & 100 Edgefield Ln  
Map & Parcel Number: 0043 048A & 043 057  
FLUM: HDR (High Density Residential)  
Zoning: None  
Proposed Zoning: RMF (Multi-Family Residential District)  
Acreage: 0.55 & 0.51 acres respectively  
Request: Assign the RMF zoning district to properties that were deannexed from the City of Covington.

This is the end of the Zoning Agenda

22. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**  
This time is to allow the public to comment on open topics. Each speaker is allowed three minutes.
23. **BOARD COMMENTS**
24. **EXECUTIVE SESSION (If needed)**
25. **ADJOURN**