

The Newton County Board of Commissioners held a special called meeting on Tuesday, January 6, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. in the Commissioners meeting room on the 3rd 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/Newton County Government](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 Andre Cooper was not present for the start of the open session.

The meeting was called to order, Commissioner Edwards gave the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Long.

Madam Chair entertained a motion for adoption of the agenda. Commissioner Edwards moved the motion, seconded by Commissioner Henderson. The motion passed. Vote 5-0.

Madam Chair entertained a motion to enter into executive session for the purpose to discuss litigation. Commissioner Mason moved the motion, seconded by Commissioner Edwards. The motion passed. Vote 5-0.

6:34 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 adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Henderson. The motion passed. Vote 5-0.

Approved this 20th Day of January 2026.

Linda D. Hays, Interim Chair

ATTEST:

Susan G. Nolley Clerk