

NEWTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING AGENDA
HISTORIC COURTHOUSE – 1124 CLARK STREET
COVINGTON, GEORGIA 30014
JANUARY 20, 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 6, 2026
 - 1) Special Called Meeting – 6:30 p.m.
 - 2) Executive Session
 - 3) Regular Session – 7:00 p.m.
 - 7b. Ordinance Update
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 16, ARTICLE II OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA TO REVISE SECTION 16-20 CONCERNING A RETIREMENT SUPPLEMENT FOR SUPERIOR COURT JUDGES; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES
End of consent agenda
8. **NEW BUSINESS**
8. Consideration of Georgia Fund 1 Resolution to Authorize Investment for the 2023 SPLOST bond. Presenter: Brittany White, Finance Director
9. December 2025 Financial Presentation Presenter: Brittany White, Finance Director
10. Consideration of Annual Renewal for CivicPlus Recurring Services
Recreation Management/External Processor (Maintenance and support) for Parks and Recreation Department. Time sensitive. Cost: \$10,356.69/Funding Source: Program Fees/Budgeted: Yes/Match: No Presenter: Dwayne Mask, Parks & Recreation Director
11. Consideration of Resolution – R012026 A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF NEWTON COUNTY SETTING QUALIFYING FEES FOR THE 2026 ELECTION AND AUTHORIZING PUBLICATION OF SAME.
12. Consideration of Newton County Family Treatment Court to apply for Council of Accountability Court Judges & Criminal Justice Coordinating Council FY26 Emergency Grant for \$6,600.00 to cover Surveillance Officers funding for the remaining grant period.
Time sensitive. Cost: \$6,600.00/Funding Source: CACJ/CJCC
Budgeted: No/Match: No/ Grant funds to be released April 1, 2026 if awarded.
Presenter: Katie Rider

13. Consideration of Juvenile Court – Newton County Juvenile Behavioral Health Court to apply for Council of Accountability Court Judges & Criminal Justice Coordinating Council FY27 Court Operating grant funding. The funding is a reimbursement grant. Presenter: Kati Rider
14. Consideration of Juvenile Court-Newton County Family Treatment Court to apply for Council of Accountability Court Judges & Criminal Justice Coordinating Council FY27 Court Operating Grant funding. The funding is a reimbursement grant. Presenter: Katie Rider
15. Consideration of Clinical Agreement – Newton County Fire Services with Greene County for Training Division. EMT/AEMT Recruits to participate for training purposes to fulfill the requirements of the State Office of EMS to obtain a license. Presenter(s): Chief Royce Turner
16. Consideration of Fire Services to apply for Georgia Fireworks Tax Grant.
Grant amount: \$25,000.00. There is a 10% match required (\$2,500.00) that has been budgeted.
Presenter: Chief Royce Turner
17. 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: No
Due to cost this serves as one of the two required requests.
18. Consideration to authorize Public Works to submit the 2026 Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant (LMIG) Road Surfacing Project List and application to the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT).
Time sensitive. Cost: \$2,314,330.36/Funding Source: 70% from GDOT 30% from 2023 SPLOST funds/Budgeted: Yes/Match: No
Presenter: Chester Clegg, Transportation Director
19. Consideration of Ascension Program Management, LLC Project Management Services Task Order #C.22 Amendment #1 – Historic Jail Rehabilitation.
Total Cost amount: \$109,000.00. Funding Source: SPLOST Budgeted: Yes Match: No
Completion date extended to May 2026. Presenter(s) James Brown/Jeff Prine
20. Consideration of Ascension Program Management, LLC Project Management Services Task Order #C.19 Amendment #1 – Newton County Southside Community Park.
Completion date to be extended to December 2026. NO ADDITIONAL COST
Funding Source: SPLOST/Budgeted: Yes/Match: No Presenter(s) James Brown/Jeff Prine
21. Discussion: Policy Improvements for Transparency and Public Access
District 5 Commissioner LeAnne Long

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**