

NEWTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING AGENDA
HISTORIC COURTHOUSE – 1124 CLARK STREET
COVINGTON, GEORGIA 30014
February 17, 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**

Fire Services Employee Commendations
OIC, Jaared Pettit
FAO, John McCartney
Tomas Ramirez

6. **REPORTS FROM THE COUNTY MANAGER** – Commissioner Visits

7. **CONSENT AGENDA**

- 7a. BOC Meeting Minutes February 3, 2026

- 1) Special Called Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
- 2) Executive Session
- 3) Regular Session – 7:00 p.m.

- 7b. Newton County Fire Services to accept the Publix Community

Grant in the amount of \$750.00 to purchase Fire Safety Education materials. There is no match required. Presenter: Chief Royce Turner

- 7c. Consideration of an Intergovernmental Agreement between Newton County and the City of Covington for the operation of a Winter Warming Shelter 2025-2026 winter season.

Time Sensitive. Cost: Up to \$15,000.00/Funding Source: General Fund/Budgeted: No

There is no match required. **Unanimously agreed by the Board December 2, 2025 Vote 5-0.**

This is the end of the consent agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

8. Consideration of Hosting Agreement/Internship Contract to authorize the Newton County Public Defender's Office to receive funding from Gillis Long Poverty Law Center – LOYLA University for law student intern. There is no funding or match required. Presenter: Anthony Carter

9. January 2026 Financial Presentation – Presenter: Brittany White, Finance Director

10. Consideration of Budget Transfer – Contingency for New Positions

New positions for Facilities Management, Recreation, Finance and Human Resources funded by the Contingency for new positions line item in the FY26 budget.

Funding Source: General Fund Contingency for new position. Presenter: Brittany White

11. Consideration of a Resolution enacting a moratorium on the acceptance of applications, requests, or submissions proposing the development of data centers within Newton County Time Sensitive. Presenter: Shena Applewhaite, Director of Development Services
12. Consideration of a Resolution enacting a moratorium on convenience stores on acceptance of applications, requests or submissions that propose the development of convenience stores. Presenter: Shena Applewhaite, Director of Development Services
13. Consideration of Stantec Consulting Professional Services Agreement 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 the final of two of the required requests. Presenter: James Brown
14. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** This time is to allow the public to comment on open topics.
Each speaker is allowed three minutes.
15. **BOARD COMMENTS**
16. **EXECUTIVE SESSION (If needed)**
17. **ADJOURN**