Newton County

Adopted Budget

Fiscal Year 2020

VISION STATEMENT

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NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA
LIST OF PRINCIPAL OFFICIALS

ELECTED OFFICIALS

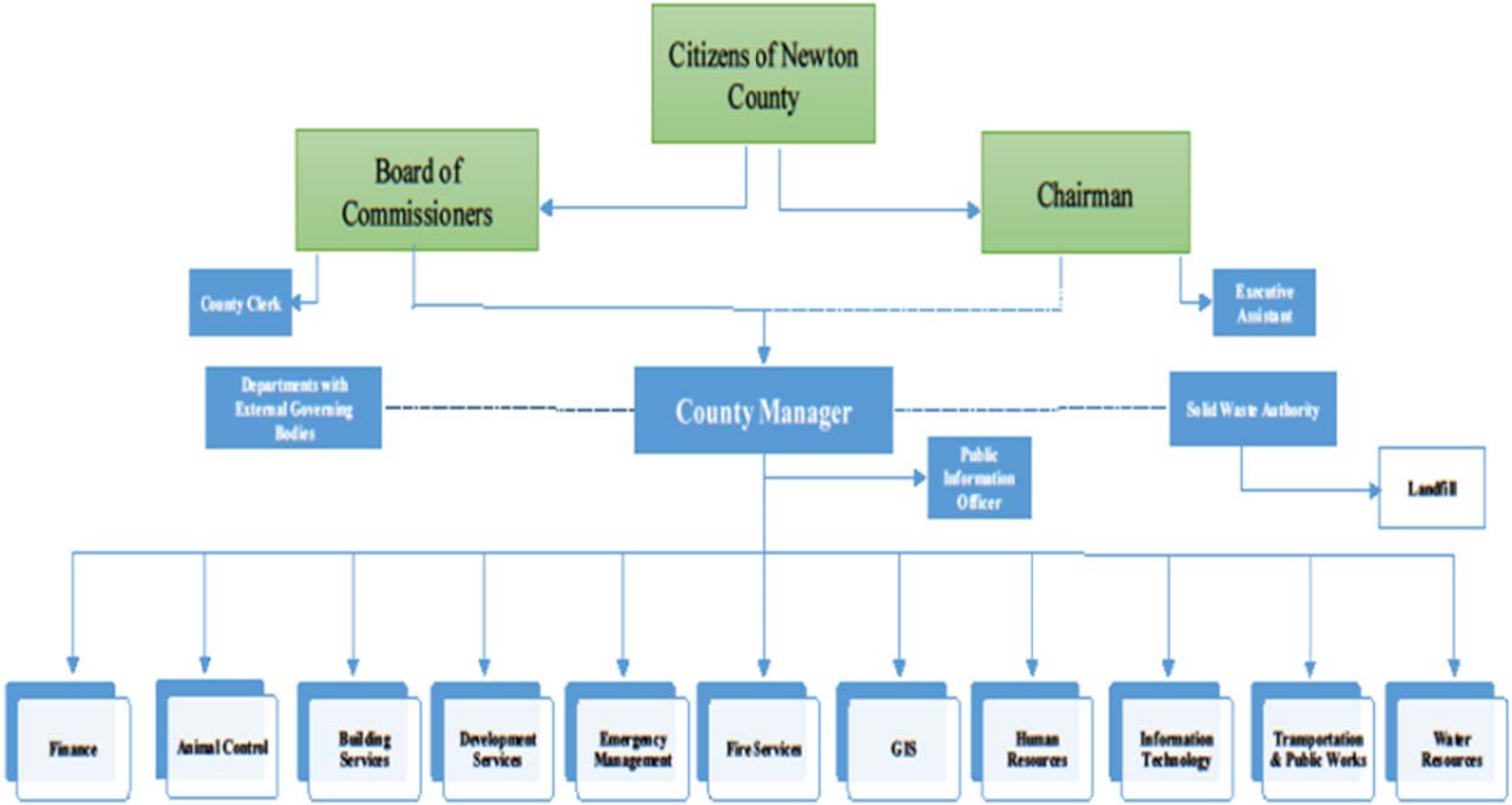
Marcello Banes	Chairman
Stan Edwards	Commissioner District 1
Demond Mason	Commissioner District 2
Nancy Schulz	Commissioner District 3
J.C. Henderson	Commissioner District 4
Ronnie Cowan	Commissioner District 5

Tax Commissioner	Barbara Dingler
Sheriff	Ezell Brown
Clerk of Superior Court	Linda Hays
Superior Court Judge	John M. Ott
Superior Court Judge	Horace J. Johnson, Jr.
Superior Court Judge	Samuel D. Ozburn
Superior Court Judge	Eugene M. Benton
Superior Court Judge	W. Kendall Wynne, Jr.
Probate Court Judge	Melanie Bell
Magistrate Court Judge	Melanie Bell
Coroner	Tommy Davis
District Attorney	Layla Zon

PRINCIPAL OFFICIALS

County Manager	Lloyd Kerr
County Clerk	Jackie Smith
County Attorney	Jarrard & Davis, LLP

Newton County Operations



NEWTON COUNTY STRATEGIC PLAN

In 2019, the Newton County Board of Commissioners adopted a Strategic Plan with five goals. The Strategic Plan has directed budget requests by the departments for the proposed FY20 budget.

VISION STATEMENT

Newton County is a thriving community united through strong relationships and partnerships.

MISSION STATEMENT

Newton County is a safe, well-planned community that respects and values an informed citizenry, embraces diversity, preserves natural resources, and cultivates economic and social opportunities.

STRATEGIES

A. CULTIVATE A CULTURE OF TRUST

Promote transparency, demonstrate integrity, and encourage communication in the community.

B. ENHANCE QUALITY OF LIFE

Support initiatives that provide a sense of belonging, security and well-being.

C. CREATE A FRAMEWORK FOR STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT

Create opportunities for economic development throughout Newton County for existing and future business.

D. STRENGTHEN AND EXPAND FACILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE PUBLIC

Ensure the physical components of the County's infrastructure systems (which include buildings, transportation, solid waste, storm water and the water supply) continue to sustain the services essential to living and doing business in Newton County.

E. PROVIDE A SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITY

Help ensure the protection of citizens, visitors, property, organizations, and institutions against threats to their well-being, their quality of life, and their perception of safety.

SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

Special Revenue Funds are used to account for all financial resources that are legally and administratively restricted for special purposes. The county has thirteen Special Revenue Funds as listed below.

Juvenile Trust Fund (202)

This fund, authorized by O.C.G.A. 15-11-71, is used to account for supervision fees collected by the county's Juvenile Court to care for juveniles that are in the court's care. These funds are legally restricted for housing, educational, counseling, mediation, transportation, truancy intervention, restitution, and work experience expenses.

Forfeited Funds Fund (203)

This fund is used to account for the government's share of monies that have been forfeited through the court system that are legally restricted for law enforcement purposes.

Law Library Fund (205)

This fund, authorized by O.C.G.A. 36-15-1 to 36-15-9, is used to account for an additional sum not to exceed $5.00 placed on civil and criminal cases filed in Superior Court, Probate Court, and any other courts of record. These funds are legally restricted to be used for the purchase of law books. Reports, texts, periodicals, supplies, desks, and equipment for the operations of the Law Library among other items.

Sheriff Special Revenue Fund (207)

This fund is used to account for contributions, donations, and other revenue sources given by citizens or companies to be used for various law enforcement needs.

Jail Fund (209)

This fund, authorized by O.C.G.A 15-21-90 to 15-21-95, is used to account for an additional 10% penalty placed on all criminal and traffic cases and cases involving violations of county ordinances collected in the county courts. These funds are legally restricted to be used for the purpose of constructing, operating, and staffing county jails, correctional institutions, and detention facilities.

Seized Funds Fund (210)

This fund, authorized by O.C.G.A. 16-13-49 and under the direction of the elected Sheriff, is used to account for revenues generated from confiscated items. These funds are legally restricted to be used for any official law enforcement purpose except for the payment of salaries or rewards to law enforcement personnel.

Drug Rehab/Education Fund (212)

This fund, authorized by O.C.G.A. 15-21-100 to 15-21-101, is used to account for the collection for an additional 50% penalty placed on certain drug related fines collected in Superior Court, Magistrate Court, Probate Court, and Municipal Court. These funds are legally restricted to be used for drug abuse treatment and education programs relating to controlled substances, alcohol, marijuana, and purposes of the county's drug court.

Real Estate Grant Fund (213)

This fund accounts for grants received from the Clerk's Authority of Georgia for the advancement of reporting within the Clerk of Superior Court.

District Attorney Fund (214)

The fund accounts for funds received from certain fines and grants for the operation of the victim assistance program.

E-911 Fund (215)

This fund, authorized by O.C.G.A. 46-5-133 to 46-3-134, is used to account for the revenues, collected from a monthly $1.50 surcharge placed on all landline telephones, a monthly $1.50 surcharge placed on all wireless telephones (Phase I and II), a monthly $1.50 surcharge place on all VOIP telephones, and a $1.75 surcharge on prepaid wireless service. These funds are legally restricted to be used to operate the county-wide 911 emergency telephone system. This department's certified communication officers receive and process and emergency and non-emergency telephone calls on a county-wide basis and dispatches emergency personnel.

NSP Grant Fund (224 and 225)

This fund is used to account for the grant funds received and expended on the Neighborhood Stabilization Program.

Multiple Grant Fund (250)

This fund is used to account for various grant awards received by the county for a variety of uses. These funds are restricted to be used for the intended grant purposes.

Fire Districts Fund (271)

This fund accounts for the county's fire tax district. The tax revenues are approved to help fund the fire protection program of the county.

CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND

Capital Project Funds are used to account for financial resources that are used for the acquisition or construction of major capital facilites other than those financed by other funds. The county has five Capital Project Funds as listed below.

Capital Improvement Fund (301)
This fund is used to account for various specific capital projects of the County. This fund is funded by transfers from the General Fund.

FEMA Grant Fund (302)
This fund is used to account for federal grant monies received form the Federal Emergency Management Association.

SPLOST – 2005 Fund (325)
This is a capital project fund established to account for all special local option sales tax revenues as well as the specficially identified porjects for which the SPLOST tax was established. The SPLOST tax was in effect from July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2011.

SPLOST – 2011 Fund (328)
This is a capital project fund established to account for all special local option sales tax revenues as well as the specficially identified porjects for which the SPLOST tax was established. The SPLOST tax is in effect from July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2017.

SPLOST – 2017 Fund (327)
This is a capital project fund established to account for all special local option sales tax revenues as well as the specficially identified porjects for which the SPLOST tax was established. The SPLOST tax is in effect from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2023.

Impact Fee Fund (350)
This is a capital project fund established to account for all Impact Fee funds collected by the County that are used for certain approved projects under the Impact Fee Plan.

ENTERPRISE FUNDS

Enterprise Funds are used to account for all county operations that are financed and operated in the same manner as private enterprisees, on a self-supporting basis. The county has there Enterprise Funds.

Water Fund (505)

This fund is used to account for the revenues and expenses relating to the operation and maintenance of the Cornish Creek reservoir water system.

Solid Waste Fund (540)

This fund is used to account for the revenues and expenses relating to the operation and maintenance of the County's landfill, disposal sites, and recycling center.

Gaither's and Factory Shoals Fund (556)

This fund is used to account for the revenues and expenses relating to the operation and maintenance of Gaither's at Myrtle Creek Farm and Factory Shoals.