Building Tomorrow ~ Preserving Today

Newton County Tomorrow
Executive Board Meeting

May 16, 2025 8:00AM

Executive Committee Members:

- ☑ Debbie Harper (Chairman)
- ☑ Fleeta Baggett (Vice Chairman)
- ☐ Nancy Schulz (Secretary/Treasurer)
- ☐ David Eady
- ☑ Michael Patterson
- ☑ Gregg Ellwanger
- ☐ Blair Northen
- ☑ Linda Hays
- ☑ Mike Hopkins
- ☑ Dr. Duke Bradley, III
- ☑ Shamica Tucker

At-Large Seat Members:

- ☐ Lindsey Petrini
- ☐ Avis E. Williams
- ☐ Duane Ford
- ☐ Laura Gafnea
- ☐ Michael Barr
- ☐ Serra Hall
- ☐ Stephanie R. Lindsey
- ☐ Dr. Tavarez Holston

- ☐ Hillary Edgar - Legal

Welcome & Call-to-Order : Debbie Harper, Chair

- ➢ Approve Agenda- A motion made to approve the May agenda by Michael Patterson followed by a second from Linda Hays. There was no discussion and the motion was approved.

Old Business:

- ➢ Approve March 2025 Board Meeting Minutes- A motion made to approve the March Ex. Board minutes by Michael Patterson followed by a second from Gregg Ellwanger. There was no discussion and the motion was approved.
- ➢ Approve March/April 2025 Financial Report- A motion made to approve the March & April financials by Michael Patterson followed by a second from Gregg Ellwanger. There was no discussion and the motion was approved.

New Business/Action Items:

- ➢ 2026 Officer Discussion- A motion was made to accept the attached FY 2026 Slate of Officers to go to the full board at the June 20 meeting by Mike Hopkins followed by a second from Debbie Harper. There was no discussion and the motion was approved.

- ➢ 2026 Budget Discussion- There was a consensus from the executive board to send the attached proposed FY 2026 budget to the full board at the June 20 meeting.
- ➢ FY 2026 Archway Agreement–The FY Archway MOU Agreement was presented and by consensus will be sent to the full board at the June 20 meeting for approval.
- ➢ Landscaping– Debbie Harper informed the board of the need to trim the cedar trees on the western side of the building. She will have Great Estates do the trimming on their next visit.

Matters of the Members:

- Mike Hopkins–thanked everyone for their support during the Miracle League All-Star weekend and showed some slides and a video.
- Shemika Tucker- gave the July 26 date for the back to school bash at the Alcovy Rd location. Newton Education Foundation has given some scholarships for summer camps for resident kids. Submitting 9% tax credit application today with letters of support from several board members for the new building project.
- Gregg Ellwanger informed they are still working on getting the trail paved along with an IGA between Newton Trails and the Council. A new 4-way stop has been put in place to replace the caution light in downtown Newborn. It will be much safer.
- Fleeta Baggett stated the City is finishing up its budget. The infrastructure work on Floyd Street is almost complete and a little ahead of schedule. They will begin shortly on Newton Drive. Floyd still needs to be re-paved.
- Dr. Bradley thanked everyone for their support this past year and despite all of the interruptions during the school year. NCSS is going in big on work force development and will roll out their new framework in the fall. He also stated they will be starting their strategic planning process in the fall and Newton County Tomorrow needs to be at the table.
- Michael Patterson said Porterdale has partnered with Georgia Piedmont Technical College to begin in person GED courses for its residents.
- Linda Hays said the county is working on budgets and a plan for Gaithers at Myrtle Creek.

Adjourn to Archway & Governance Unity Update– Gregg Ellwanger made a motion to adjourn the meeting followed by a second from Linda Hays. The meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting: Executive Committee: June 20, 2025 8:00am
Full Board: June 20, 2025 8:30am

Respectfully submitted by: Debbie Harper, Chairman