

**NEWTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**January 21, 2014**  
**EXECUTIVE SESSION**  
**MINUTES**

**Present:** Chairman Keith Ellis, Commissioners John Douglas, Lanier Sims, Nancy Schulz, J.C. Henderson, Levie Maddox, Attorneys Tommy Craig and Jenny Carter, & Clerk Jackie Smith

Note: County Manager John Middleton entered the session late at the request of the board.

The Board of Commissioners entered into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing potential litigation and personnel at 9:20 p.m.

Potential Litigation

- Discussed the approved variance within district one.

Personnel

- Discussed the position of Assistant County Manager and offering the position to Tom Garrett with the understanding that he is being trained to take over as county manager upon Mr. Middleton's retirement.
- Commissioner Schulz voiced her concern that the discussion was going further than what the open meetings act allows.
- Attorney Craig advised the Board that discussions related to personnel policy matters should be held in open session while the discussion of individual employees or candidates for employment could be held in executive session.

Motion by Commissioner Douglas, second by Commissioner Maddox, the board entered regular session at 10:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jackie Smith, County Clerk