

The McDuffie County Board of Commissioners held a Regular Commission Meeting Tuesday Evening, February 20, 2018, 6:30 pm, County Government Center

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Charles Newton, IV, Chairman Sammie Wilson, Sr., Vice Chairman Gloria Thompson, Commissioner Fredrick Favors, Commissioner Wm. "Bill" Jopling, Commissioner COUNTY REPRESENTATION:

David Crawley, County Manager Nikki Milburn, County Clerk Pam Workman, Finance Director Stephen Sewell, Fire/EMS

MEDIA: Linda Green, McDuffie Progress

Others:

COMMISSION MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Newton called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm, acknowledged a quorum of commissioners present and welcomed everyone in attendance.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Favors offered the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC INPUT

APPROVALS

Agenda (Current)

Chairman Newton stated that there will be an addition to the New Business for an action regarding the acceptance of University Drive.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Wilson to approve the current agenda and was seconded by Commissioner Jopling and passed unanimously.

Minutes

Work Session- February 5, 2018 Regular Meeting- February 7, 2018 Chairman Newton asked if there were any corrections to the minutes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jopling to approve the minutes and was seconded by Commissioner Thompson and passed unanimously.

INFORMATION & ANNOUCEMENTS

- 1. County/City Retreat, March 9th.
- 2. County Days at the Capitol, March 7th.
- 3. Trash Amnesty Day, March 17th.
- 4. ACCG Spring Conference, April 27th-30th in Savannah.
- 5. Spring Training, March 15th-16th in Tifton.

APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration to Approve Work Authorization with Moreland Altobelli Associates, Inc. for Thomson West Bypass/Airport Road Reconstruction.

David Crawley, County Manager presented that Moreland Altobelli was ready to move forward with the construction inspection for the West Bypass Construction.

Vice Chairman Wilson made a motion to approve the work authorization for the West Bypass by Moreland Atlobelli. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jopling and passed unanimously.

2. Consideration to Approve Providing Contingency Funding for Personal Property Audits.

David Crawley, County Manager presented the Tax Assessors office is requesting funding for Personal Property Audits. There are 88 properties that they are requesting to be audited by the Tax Assessor. In the past funding has been provided in their budget for audits but has been moved around for uses in training and other needs within the budget. In this year's budget, funding was not provided in the normal budget but has been placed in another account, where is will have to be requested and there will be more accountability as to where the funding goes and how it is used. The Board of Assessors have been addressed with this issue and as a Board agreed that they would like the funding be placed in a separate account for more accountability.

Vice Chairman Wilson made a motion to approve funding for Personal Property Audits with increased monitoring of the funds. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jopling and passed unanimously.

3. Consideration to Approve Providing Funding for the NextSite Program.

Chairman Newton stated that the NextSite Program would track cellphone users in the area. It does not track who the user is but rather where they travel to and from in the community. This program is used by companies such as restaurants, grocery stores and other businesses to determine if a community has the volume and demand for their services. McDuffie County alone doesn't have the Median Household Income and Population Density alone to bring in certain businesses but we have people from other counties that do come in to shop and spend money in our community. This could potentially help us grow and get more businesses and companies

to come into McDuffie County. This program will be funded partially by the City and also private citizens within the community.

Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve funding for NextSite Program. The motion seconded by Commissioner Jopling and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Favors left the meeting at 7:03 pm and did not return

4. Consideration to Approve ACO Report for January 2018.

David Crawley, County Manager presented the ACO Report for January 2018. There was a decrease of \$1,038.58 to the Property Tax Digest, this was due to Stephens Jewelry and Gifts going out of business.

Commissioner Jopling made a motion to approve the ACO Report for January 2018. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Wilson and passed unanimously.

5. Consideration to Approve Accepting University Drive as an Official County Road.

David Crawley, County Manager presented that the county has been asked to adopt University Drive as an official county road. This will help with 911 services and postal services.

Commissioner Jopling made a motion to adopt University Drive as a County Road. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson and passed unanimously.

6. Monthly Budget Report.

David Crawley, County Manager presented Monthly Budget for January 2018.

7. Monthly Financial Report.

Pam Workman, Finance Director presented Financial Report for January 2018.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Wilson to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:15 pm, seconded by Commissioner Jopling and passed unanimously.

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Charles G. Newton, IV, Chairman

Nikki Milburn County Clark