



The McDuffie County Board of Commissioners held a Regular Commission Meeting  
Wednesday Morning, January 5, 2022, 10:00 am  
Government Center Meeting Room

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

Charles Newton, IV, Chairman  
Gloria Thompson, Commissioner  
Fred Favors, Commissioner  
Bill Jopling, Commissioner  
Sammie Wilson, Vice Chairman

**COUNTY REPRESENTATION:**

David Crawley, County Manager  
Pam Workman, Finance Director  
Nikki Milburn, County Clerk  
Stacey Thomas, Tax Commissioner  
Stephen Sewell, Fire/EMS Chief  
Chase Beggs, Planning & Zoning  
Robert Spurlin, IT Director

**MEDIA:** Erin Burditt, McDuffie Progress

**Others:** 2

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Newton called the meeting to order at 10:01 am, acknowledged a quorum of commissioners present and welcomed everyone in attendance.

**INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Vice Chairman Wilson offered the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVALS**

**Agenda (Current)**

Chairman Newton asked if there were any corrections to the current agenda or minutes.

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

**Minutes**

**Regular Meeting-***December 1, 2021*

**Work Session-***December 7, 2021*

Commissioner Jopling made a motion to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Wilson and passed unanimously.

**INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS**

1. **Consideration to Appoint Member to Planning Board.**

Chairman Newton advised the board that Bill Hopkins has expressed interest in serving on the Planning Board. He asked if there were any other nominations for this appointment.

Commissioner Jopling made the motion to appoint Bill Hopkins to the Planning Board. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Wilson and passed unanimously.

**2. Consideration to Reappoint Nikki Milburn to County Clerk.**

Chairman Newton advised that this is the annual reappointment for the county clerk position.

Commissioner Favors made the motion to reappoint Nikki Milburn as county clerk. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jopling and passed unanimously.

**3. Consideration to Reappoint Davis Dunaway to County Attorney.**

Chairman Newton advised that this is the annual reappointment for the county attorney position.

Vice Chairman Wilson made the motion to reappoint Dave Dunaway as county attorney. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jopling and passed unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Consideration to Approve Resolution 22-02; 2022 Qualifying Fees.**

David advised that Phyllis has requested that 2022 qualifying fees be approved so that she is able to advertise before the February 1<sup>st</sup> deadline. This resolution will set those fees which are the same as previous years.

Commissioner Jopling made the motion to approve Resolution 22-02. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Wilson and passed unanimously.

**2. Consideration to Approve Surplus of IT Equipment.**

David advised that Robert is requesting that old IT equipment be surplus in order for it to be cleaned and recycled. This equipment is past its useful life and no longer needed.

Vice Chairman Wilson made the motion to surplus IT equipment. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jopling and passed unanimously.

**3. Consideration to Approve Work Authorization for Court Clerk's Office.**

David advised that he was not able to get the exact amount that the clerk's office has to contribute towards the balance of agreement, he is aware that the clerk's authority is contributing \$19,250.39 of unused funds from 2019 and 2020.

Commissioner Jopling made the motion to approve work authorization for court clerk's office to digitize deed books. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Wilson and passed unanimously.

\*Commissioner Thompson entered the meeting at 10:08am.

**4. Consideration to Approve Resolution 22-03; GEFA Loan Extension.**

David advised that as part of the GEFA loan extension request the presented resolution has to be approved.

Commissioner Favors made the motion to approve Resolution 22-03. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Wilson and passed unanimously.

**5. Consideration to Approve GEFA Loan Extension Agreement.**

David advised that as discussed in the previous work session, this is the GEFA loan extension request for the Wrightsboro Road sewer expansion project. This gives the county until April to get the project started and start using funds. The county is currently working with the attorneys to finalize the remaining easements in order to being bid process for work.

Commissioner Favors made the motion to approve the GEFA Loan Extension. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Wilson and passed unanimously.

**6. Consideration to Approve Resolution 22-01; Changes to Georgia's Annexation Laws.**

David advised that as discussed in the previous work session, this resolution was presented by ACCG showing support for the presented changes to the annexation laws. The proposed changes will set procedures and standards for annexation of municipalities.

Commissioner Jopling made the motion to approve Resolution 22-01. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson and passed unanimously.

**7. Consideration to Approve ACCG Family Album Ad.**

David advised that as discussed in the previous work session, this advertisement is for the spring family album. The ad image will need to be changed this year due to the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary being over. The image can be approved at a later date. The cost of the ad is \$969.50.

Vice Chairman Wilson made the motion to approve advertisement for ACCG. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson and passed unanimously.

**8. Consideration to Approve Lowest and Most Responsive Bidder for Solid Waste Hauling.**

David advised that as discussed in the previous work session, Waste Management was the only bid received for the solid waste hauling. The bid was \$51.52 per ton.

Vice Chairman Wilson made the motion to approve Waste Management for solid waste hauling. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson and passed unanimously.

**9. Consideration to Approve Property Transfer from Board of Education.**

David advised that as discussed in the previous work session, the BOE is ready to transfer the building previously known as the exploratory wing at the old middle school to the county for use as the election's office. Once renovations are done in compliance with new state guidelines for elections, they will be able to have polling location and administrative offices in the same locations.

Commissioner Jopling made the motion to approve property transfer from Board of Education. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Wilson and passed unanimously.

**10. Consideration to Approve ACO Report for December 2021.**

Stacey presented the December 2021 ACO Report. There was a decrease of \$48,344.21 to the property tax digest from settled tax appeals with the Tax Assessor's office. There was no change to the mobile home digest.

Vice Chairman Wilson made the motion to approve December 2021 ACO Report. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Favors and passed unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Wilson to adjourn the regular meeting at 10:17 am, seconded by Commissioner Jopling and passed unanimously.

MCDUFFIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Charles G. Newton, IV, Chairman

ATTEST:



Nikki Milburn, County Clerk