

McDuffie County Board of Commissioners held a Work Session Monday, January 31, 2022, 6:30 PM Government Center Training Room

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:
Charlie Newton, Chairman
Sammie Wilson, Vice Chairman
Gloria Thompson, Commissioner
Wm. "Bill" M. Jopling, Commissioner
Frederick Favors, Commissioner

COUNTY REPRESENTATION: David Crawley, County Manager Pam Workman, Finance Director Nikki Milburn, County Clerk

Media: Erin Burditt, McDuffie Progress

Other: 1

COMMISSIONERS' WORK SESSION

All agenda items are for discussion only. No action was taken during the meeting.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Discussion Concerning Update on Transportation Projects.

David presented to the board an update to the current and upcoming transportation projects. He gave updates on the West Bypass project, annual road resurfacing and TIA projects. He advised that Reeves Construction has submitted a change order for the bypass project that includes the addition of a storm drain and conduit which will allow fiber to be run from Augusta Tech to the aviation school and provide the ability for future development at the airport. He advised that there will be a bid in the next several months for restriping work and he is working on a list of areas for this project. The Board also discussed the potential for replacement of fencing and additional lighting to the entrance ramp at I-20 and Cobbham Road. Since GDOT removed the trees there is a need for some additional safety measures. TIA project discussion included the Main street widening project update and paving of several dirt roads.

The Change Order for West Bypass Project will be added to the next meeting agenda.

2. Discussion Concerning Update on Capital Improvement Projects.

David presented updates for ongoing Capital Improvement projects. He updated the Board on the improvements to Sweetwater recreation facilities that includes upcoming engineering and architecture projects beginning at the softball complex. Updates were also given for expansion plans at the Pitt Street park and improvements at Vonteego Cummings park, this will allow for additional programs and events for the recreation department. Updates were given for plans for landscaping improvements at the government center and updates for the Wrightsboro Road Sewer project. There were discussions regarding the new elections building, campground improvements and other county buildings.

This item was for information only.

3. Discussion Concerning Vehicles.

David advised the Board that there is a need for some additional vehicles. Specifically, at this time an additional bus is needed for the inmate crew that is budgeted to be added. And a vehicle will need to be purchased for an additional code enforcement/building inspector position that will be advertised.

This item was for information only.

4. Discussion Concerning Job Description.

David advised the Board that everyone is ready to move forward with advertising the public relations position. The position would be shared with city, county, Dearing and development authority. With the increase in development within the community, it would be efficient to have a person putting out information to everyone that is relevant and timely. David shared with the members the job description that has been created.

This item will be added to the next meeting agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

MCDUFFIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Charles G. Newton, IV, Chairman

Nikki Milburn, County Clerk