



**The McDuffie County Board of Commissioners held a Regular Commission Meeting
Wednesday Morning, February 2, 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**

MEDIA: Erin Burditt, McDuffie Progress

**Others: 3 and 20 Youth Leadership
Participants**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Newton called the meeting to order at 10:00 am, 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.

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-*January 18, 2022*

Executive Session- *January 18, 2022*

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

INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1. Tourism Spotlight Luncheon: Wednesday, February 9th, 11:30-1:30 at Highrail**
- 2. Chamber Gala: Friday, March 4th, 5:30-10 at Bordeaux.**
- 3. McDuffie Mixer: Thursday, March 24th, 5:30-7:30 at McDuffie Museum.**

APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration to Approve Change Order for West Bypass Project.

David advised that as discussed in the previous work session, Reeves Construction is requesting a change order to include a storm drain and conduit that would allow fiber to be run from Augusta Tech to the aviation school in the future. They are wanting to move forward with this in order to keep the project moving forward. This would also allow for future growth and development at the airport. Commissioner Jopling stated that he would like to wait on the pull box and conduit until a later meeting and just move forward with the necessary storm drain for now. He would like to see if Augusta Tech would be willing to contribute to the cost of \$17,750 for the conduit addition since it will benefit them the most. David said he would reach out to the school and see what kind of response he gets.

Commissioner Jopling made the motion to approve the storm drain portion of the change order. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson and passed unanimously.

2. Consideration to Approve Job Description and Authorization of Public Relations Position.

David advised that as discussed in the previous work session, Forward McDuffie, City of Dearing, City of Thomson are ready to move forward with the advertisement of the public relations position. This would be a shared position among the organizations. With the continued growth and development within the community, its going to be critical to have a PR representative moving forward.

Commissioner Thompson made the motion to approve the job description and advertisement of the Public Relations position. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Wilson and passed unanimously.

3. Consideration to Approve ACO Report for January 2022.

Stacey presented the January 2022 ACO Report. There was a decrease of \$12,675.05 in the property tax digest due to settled appeals in the tax assessor's office. There was also a decrease of \$349.77 to the mobile home digest from change orders from the tax assessor's office.

Commissioner Jopling made the motion to approve January 2022 ACO Report. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson and passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION-Personnel

Entered: Vice Chairman Wilson made the motion to enter executive session at 10:22am. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jopling and passed unanimously.

Exited: Vice Chairman Wilson made the motion to exit executive session at 10:52am and return to regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jopling and passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Wilson to adjourn the regular meeting at 10:52 am, seconded by Commissioner Jopling and passed unanimously.

MCDUFFIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Charles G. Newton, IV, Chairman

ATTEST:



Nikki Milburn, County Clerk