



**The McDuffie County Board of Commissioners held a Regular Commission Meeting  
Wednesday Morning, March 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  
Stephen Sewell, Fire/EMS  
Robert Surplin, IT Director  
Logan Marshall, Sheriff

**MEDIA:** Erin Burditt, McDuffie Progress

**Others:** 1

**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. David asked that Refinancing of Water/Sewer Loans be added as #11.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Wilson to approve the current agenda as written with the addition of #11 and was seconded by Commissioner Jopling and passed unanimously.

**Minutes**

**Regular Meeting-***February 15, 2022*

**Executive Session-** *February 15, 2022*

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

**INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. Chamber Gala: Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-10 at Bordeaux.
2. McDuffie Mixer: Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-7:30 at McDuffie Museum.

**APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS**

None

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Consideration to Approve Spring Trash Amnesty Day.**

David advised that as discussed at the previous work session, the last Saturday in March is the proposed date of spring trash amnesty, March 26<sup>th</sup>.

Vice Chairman Wilson made the motion to approve March 26<sup>th</sup> as trash amnesty. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jopling.

**2. Consideration to Approve 1 Accord Agreement for Camera System.**

David advised that as discussed in the previous work session, IT has been able to get a better connection at the solid waste facility and is able to install a camera system to help monitor the increased traffic to the facility with the addition of recycling services. With the addition of broadband coming this will only help further the capabilities at that facility in the future. The cost of this \$7,659.00 with funding coming from Solid Waste.

Commissioner Jopling made the motion to approve camera system for solid waste. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson and passed unanimously.

**3. Consideration to Approve ARPA Grant Coordinator Service Agreement.**

Chairman Newton advised that the next 2 items are going to be grouped together since they are for the same project. The 1<sup>st</sup> item is for the grant coordinator that is apart of the Judicial Council grant award package. This agreement lays out the terms and conditions of this position for the duration of the grant. The 2<sup>nd</sup> item is the grant packet itself for the Judicial Council grant. This grant covers additional court personnel for the purpose of helping get the backlog of cases processed. The amount of the grant awarded is \$121,700.00.

Commissioner Jopling made the motion to approve the ARPA Grant Coordinator Agreement and Toombs Grant Award Package. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Wilson and passed unanimously.

**4. Consideration to Approve Toombs Circuit Grant Award Package.**

Information provided in above item.

Commissioner Jopling made the motion to approve the ARPA Grant Coordinator Agreement and Toombs Grant Award Package. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Wilson and passed unanimously.

**5. Consideration to Approve Budget Amendments.**

Pam advised the board that as discussed in the previous work session, there are several departments that require budget amendments in order to balance the accounts for audit.

Commissioner Thompson made the motion to approve the budget amendments. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Wilson and passed unanimously.

**6. Consideration to Approve FY22 Road Resurfacing and Restriping Projects.**

David provided the board with an updated list of proposed roads for resurfacing and restriping. The proposed cost of the road resurfacing is \$862,110.60 and the total for proposed restriping is \$113,268.17 for a total project of \$975,378.77 with funding from TIA and LMIG.

Commissioner Jopling made the motion to approve the FY22 road resurfacing and restriping. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson and passed unanimously.

**7. Consideration to Approve Ambulance Purchase.**

David provided the board with an updated quote for the purchase of an ambulance with the addition of the power lift system. Chief Sewell that the power lift has proven to be a good addition to the units and have cut down on back injuries for personnel. The cost of the Ford F450 ambulance is \$225,265.00 and power lift system \$49,688.00. Funding source for this purchase is SPLOST. Chief Sewell add that the production time is proposed 14-16 months.

Commissioner Jopling made the motion to approve the purchase of the ambulance and power lift system. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson and passed unanimously.

**8. Consideration to Approve Broadband Infrastructure Award Terms and Conditions.**

David advised that he has reviewed terms and conditions set for this grant award. He was still waiting for a response at the time of this meeting from the county attorney for any final corrections or additions.

Commissioner Thompson made the motion to approve the terms and conditions pending a final additions or corrections by county attorney. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jopling and passed unanimously.

**9. Consideration to Approve Changing Meeting Dates for April.**

Nikki advised that the work session and Wednesday morning meetings in April will fall on the week of spring break. Some commissioners had previously indicated that they would be out of town during that time. She didn't know if the board would like to change or cancel those dates. Chairman Newton advised that he feels unless something urgent comes up, those meetings can be cancelled for now.

**10. Consideration to Approve ACO Report for February 2022.**

Stacey presented the ACO Report for February 2022. There was a decrease of \$449.66 in the property tax digest from settled appeals with tax assessor. There was no change in mobile home digest.

Vice Chairman Wilson made the motion to approve February 2022 ACO Report. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson and passed unanimously.

**11. Consideration to Approve Refinancing of Water/Sewer Loan.**

David advised that the water/sewer commission is recommending approval to refinance their current loan, refinancing will allow for about \$250,000 in savings.

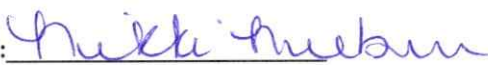
Commissioner Jopling made the motion to approve the refinancing of water/sewer loan. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson and passed unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Wilson to adjourn the regular meeting at 10:27 am, seconded by Commissioner Thompson and passed unanimously.

**MCDUFFIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

  
Charles G. Newton, IV, Chairman

ATTEST:   
Nikki Milburn, County Clerk