



**The McDuffie County Board of Commissioners held a Regular Commission Meeting
Tuesday Evening, March 15, 2022, 6:30 pm
Government Center Meeting Room**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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

COUNTY REPRESENTATION:

**David Crawley, County Manager
Nikki Milburn, County Clerk
Pam Workman, Finance Director
Chase Beggs, Planning and Zoning
Stephen Sewell, Fire/EMS
Paul Johnson, Coroner**

MEDIA: Erin Burditt, McDuffie Progress

Others: 13

Public Hearing

1. Request for Rezoning from C-2 to R-1; 8109 Highway 221, Dearing.

Chase advised the board that a request has been made to rezone property from commercial to residential for 8109 Highway 221, Dearing. The property owner has plans to use the old commercial building as storage and to remodel the old farmhouse that is located on the property. The planning board recommended to approve this request. Chairman Newton asked if there was any questions or comments, hearing no response this item was closed.

2. 1st Reading: Ordinance Amendment 22-01; Subdivision Hydrant Requirement.

Chase advised that the current ordinance for subdivisions to reduces the minimum requirements for fire hydrants from 1000 feet for residential use to 800 feet for all new development. This change will need to be submitted during the plan and design review process. Chairman Newton asked if there was any questions or comments, hearing no response this item was closed.

Chairman Newton asked if there were any questions or concerns regarding the public hearings, hearing no response the public hearing portion of the meeting was closed.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Newton called the meeting to order at 6:35 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

Paul Daly- Submitted a list of questions and advised that someone could address them in writing.

APPROVALS

Agenda (Current)

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

Vice Chairman Wilson made the motion to approve the current agenda as writing and was seconded by Commissioner Thompson and passed unanimously.

Minutes

Work Session- February 28, 2022

Regular Meeting- March 2, 2022

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

INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. McDuffie Mixer: Thursday, March 24th, 5:30-7:30 at McDuffie Museum.
2. Spring Trash Amnesty Day: March 26th, 8am-noon.
3. Take Me Out to the Ballgame, World Champions Trophy Tour: April 21st, 5pm-8pm, Depot and Railroad Street.
4. ACCG Annual Conference: April 28-May 1, Savannah.

APPOINTMENT/REAPPOINTMENTS

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Consideration to Accept Planning Board Recommendation for Rezoning Request for 8109 Highway 221, Dearing.**

Chairman Newton asked if there were any further questions regarding this request.

Commissioner Jopling made the motion to uphold the planning board recommendation. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson and passed unanimously.

2. **Consideration to Approve Parking Lot Re-Stripe List.**

David presented the board with a list of parking lots around the community that need to be re-striped. He advised that the cost is \$5,874.00 and some cost would be split with the city on jointly owned properties. The funding source is building maintenance fund.

| Building Location | Address | Cost |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|------------|
| Airport | John T Lane | \$542.00 |
| Government Center | 214 Greenway | \$2,076.00 |
| Senior Center, Public Defender | 300 Greenway | \$610.00 |
| Health Department, DFACS, Library | 307 Greenway | \$1,025.00 |
| Old Courthouse, Church Street Side | 309 Main Street | \$679.00 |
| Old Courthouse, McDuffie Avenue Side | 309 Main Street | \$942.00 |
| Total | | \$5,874.00 |

Commissioner Jopling made the motion to approve the re-stripping projects. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Wilson and passed unanimously.

3. **Consideration to Approve Work Authorization for Senior Center.**

David advised that in recent months staff at the senior center have noticed that some cracks along the western walls are getting worse. Several foundation contractors have assessed the problems and identified some solutions for remediation. Cantey Foundation Specialist submitted a proposal with an estimated cost of \$56,224.43.

Commissioner Thompson made the motion to approve proposal with Cantey Foundation Specialist. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jopling and passed unanimously.

4. Consideration to Approve Amendment to Solid Waste Fees.

David advised that the new hauling agreement has the hauling rate increased to \$51.52/ton. But he and Pam also feel like with the current state of the economy with fuel cost that there will be an increase in the fuel surcharges and there is a need to also be an increase to the solid waste fees. He presented the board with 2 options for an increase. Option #1 would be an increase of \$18/ton in dumping fees for commercial. And Option #2 would be an increase of \$19/ton for dumping for commercial. He would also recommend raising the minimum fee for residential to \$5.

Commissioner Thompson made the motion to proceed with option #2 and recommendation for residential fees. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jopling and passed unanimously.

5. Consideration to Approve Engineering and Survey for Construction of Inert Waste Cell No. 2.

David advised that the current inert waste cell is nearing capacity and there is a need to construct an additional one. There will have to be engineering and surveying completed in order to proceed with this. Engineering cost with the completion of construction plans is \$15,500.00 and survey cost are \$9,000. This will be funding by Land Field Surcharge.

Vice Chairman Wilson made the motion to proceed with construction plans for Inert Waste Cell No. 2. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Favors and passed unanimously.

6. Monthly Budget Report

David presented the monthly budget report.

7. Monthly Financial Report

Pam presented the monthly financial report.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Wilson to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:02 pm, seconded by Commissioner Thompson and passed unanimously.

MCDUFFIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Charles G. Newton, IV, Chairman

ATTEST: 
Nikki Milburn, County Clerk