



McDuffie County Board of Commissioners held a Work Session
Monday, May 2, 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

COUNTY REPRESENTATION:
David Crawley, County Manager
Pam Workman, Finance Director
Nikki Milburn, County Clerk
Allison Eaddy, UGA Extension

Media: Erin Burditt, McDuffie Progress

Other: 14

COMMISSIONERS' WORK SESSION

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Discussion Concerning Bohler Road.

David advised that board that staff would like to move forward with abandoning Bohler Road and closing the access. He has spoken to the county attorney regarding the process to do this and if the board agrees, he would like to begin moving forward.

This item is continued until further information is available.

2. Discussion Concerning Easements for Wrightsboro Road Sewer Project.

David advised that the attorney is ready to move forward with the condemnation process, this includes the board approving to move forward with resolutions and orders for each parcel. Once those are completed, they are filed with the court and legal process starts to get the legal access needed to those properties.

This item will be on the next meeting agenda.

3. Discussion Concerning Chairs for Meeting Room.

David advised that some of the chairs in the meeting room are starting to show a lot of wear and tear. Staff reached out to the company that originally sold the chairs to the county and inquired about replacement cost with a different material that may hold better. The current cost to replace them is \$265 each. He recommends due to cost, is to replace 14 at a time. This will be enough to replace a row and go from there. The board asked if staff could inquire also about sending chairs back and having them recovered and what the time of that may be verses purchasing new.

This item will be on the next meeting agenda.

4. Discussion Concerning Agency Expenditures.

Pam advised the board that recently there have been some unusual expenditures at the DFACs office that has caused some concern to staff. She advised that since November 2021, expenses have increased quite a bit and she is concerned that they will run out of funding before the year is over if it continues. Currently they only have \$4,616.14 remaining for the year out of their budget. Commissioner Thompson advised that she is concerned about what they are spending the money on and would suggest that someone has a conversation with the director regarding moving forward. She also expressed that maybe the county needs to consider going back and putting stipulations in the contract regarding the specification of what money can be spent on.

This item is continued until further information is available.

5. Discussion Concerning Extension Office.

David advised that UGA Extension has requested that the county increase a couple salaries in the Thomson office. UGA went through and did salary increases much like the county did this year and in order to have these 2 employees in line with other offices, they are asking the county to increase. The 1st salary would increase \$1,598/annually to begin immediately. The 2nd increase would be a 3-year increase to \$25,000/annually. The first year would increase \$2,053, second year \$4,053 and third year \$6,053 to make the increase overall \$25,000.

This item will be added to the next meeting agenda.

6. Discussion Concerning Insurance Renewal.

David advised that he has received notice from Humana that there will be a 5% decrease this year in the insurance renewal. This will be a savings for the county of \$75,000 overall. Open enrollment will begin in June and more information will be coming as that date approaches.

This item will be continued until further information is available.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION-Pending Litigation
Personnel**

The executive session was continued until Wednesday morning meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

MCDUFFIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Charles G. Newton, IV, Chairman

ATTEST: 
Nikki Milburn, County Clerk