



The McDuffie County Board of Commissioners held a Regular Commission Meeting  
Tuesday Evening, May 17, 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

**MEDIA:** Erin Burditt, McDuffie Progress

**Others:** 26

**Public Hearing**

1. **Request to Rezone: 201 Wire Road, Thomson, GA, Parcel 00310037 from I-2 (Heavy Industrial) to R-2 (Medium Density Residential).**

Chase advised the board that item 1 & 2 go together, so he is going to present them at the same time. Request were made by the owners of the 2 properties and both are asking that their properties be rezoned from industrial to residential. Both properties were zoned originally as I-2 due to it proximity to the Mt. Pleasant Industrial Park. Neither owner has intentions to sell their properties to any industrial prospects. The planning board recommended to approve this request. Chairman Newton asked if there were any further questions or concerns, hearing none this item was closed.

2. **Request to Rezone: 229 Wire Road, Thomson, GA, Parcel 00310038 from I-2 (Heavy Industrial) to R-2 (Medium Density Residential). Same as above.**

3. **Request for Conditional Use: 3170 Ponderosa Lane, Thomson, GA 30824, Parcel 00390037.**

Chase advised that Madison Earl is requesting condition use in order to operate a dog kennel on his property. Mr. Earl addressed the board and expressed his desire for his growing dog training business. Mrs. Earl addressed the board in support of her husband and their desire to provide a service to the community. Cindy Hall addressed the board and expressed her concerns as a neighbor, her concerns were traffic and noise that would increase in a quiet neighborhood. The planning board recommended to deny this request. Chairman Newton asked if there were any further questions or concerns, hearing none this item was closed.

4. **Request for Conditional Use: 5552 Lincolnton Highway, Thomson, GA, 30824, Parcels 00360004, 00360004A00, and 00360005.**

Chase advised that TDG Holdings, LLC is requesting a conditional use for an RV and boat storage facility. It was advised that the owner would be fencing in the property and has already cleaned the area behind the metal building the would be the storage area also. The planning board recommended to approve this request with conditions of 25' setback and buffer area along fence. Chairman Newton asked if there were any further questions or concerns, hearing none 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.

\*Commissioner Favors entered at 6:50pm

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Newton called the meeting to order at 6:54 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**

Joanne Harris

## **APPROVALS**

### **Agenda (Current)**

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

David advised that he would like to remove #5 from the agenda, the county attorney did not have the information ready to move forward yet.

Vice Chairman Wilson made the motion to approve the current agenda with the removal of #5 and was seconded by Commissioner Jopling and passed unanimously.

### **Minutes**

Work Session- May 2, 2022

Regular Meeting- May 4, 2022

Executive Session- May 4, 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: May 26<sup>th</sup>, 5:30pm at Big Hart Pavilion

## **APPOINTMENT/REAPPOINTMENTS**

None

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Consideration to Accept Planning Board Recommendation for Rezoning Request for 201 Wire Road.

Chairman Newton asked if there was any further discussion, there was no response.

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

2. Consideration to Accept Planning Board Recommendation for Rezoning Request for 229 Wire Road.

Chairman Newton asked if there was any further discussion, there was no response.

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

**3. Consideration to Accept Planning Board Recommendation for Conditional Use Request for 3170 Ponderosa Lane.**

Chairman Newton asked if there was any further discussion, there was no response. Commissioner Thompson advised that she shares the same concerns that the neighbors had regarding the noise and traffic on a quiet, dead-end road.

Commissioner Thompson made the motion to uphold the planning board recommendation. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Wilson. Chairman Newton and Commissioner Jopling opposed.

**4. Consideration to Accept Planning Board Recommendation for Conditional Use Request for 5552 Lincolnton Highway.**

Chairman Newton asked if there was any further discussion, there was no response.

Commissioner Jopling made the motion to uphold the planning board recommendation for this request with conditions. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson and passed unanimously.

**5. Consideration to Approve Resolution 22-07; Acquisition of Bohler Road.**

This item was continued.

**6. Consideration to Approve Insurance Renewal.**

David advised that there will be no changes to coverage or premiums for the insurance renewal with Humana. He is recommending the shared savings plan which will give a 5% decrease, allowing for some savings.

Commissioner Jopling made the motion to approve option 1 for insurance renewal. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson and passed unanimously.

**7. Consideration to Approve Lowest Responsive and Most Responsible Bidder for FY22 LMIG Resurfacing Projects.**

David advised that a bid opening was held for the LMIG projects and we received 3 bids. Atlas is recommending Reeves Construction with a bid of \$1,170,247.15. Atlas had to disqualify All Star Concrete due to their incomplete bid packet at time of opening.

Commissioner Thompson made the motion to approve Reeves Construction for FY22 LMIG. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Wilson and passed unanimously.

**8. Consideration to Approve Contract Renewal with Liberty Tire.**

David advised that this is the 5-year renewal with Liberty Tire for hauling from the transfer station. They like most others, had to increase their fees for the renewal. David advised that it will probably mean an increase on fees in the future at the transfer station as well.

Vice Chairman Wilson made the motion to approve the contract renewal with Liberty Tire. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jopling and passed unanimously.

**9. Consideration to Approve Changing or Cancelling May 30<sup>th</sup> Work Session (Memorial Day).**

David advised the board that the next work session would fall on the Memorial Day holiday. Staff is recommending that we move the work session to June 6<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday meeting to June 8<sup>th</sup>. This would still give a week between the night meeting. Board agrees.

**10. Monthly Budget Report**

David presented the monthly budget report.

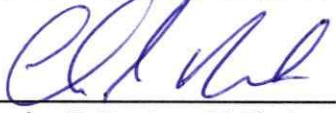
**11. Monthly Financial Report**


Pam presented the monthly financial report.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Wilson to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:28 pm, seconded by Commissioner Jopling and passed unanimously.

**MCDUFFIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

  
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Charles G. Newton, IV, Chairman

ATTEST:   
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Nikki Milburn, County Clerk