



The McDuffie County Board of Commissioners held a Regular Commission Meeting  
Tuesday Evening, July 19, 2022, 6:30 pm  
Government Center Meeting Room

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

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

**COUNTY REPRESENTATION:**

David Crawley, County Manager  
Nikki Milburn, County Clerk  
Pam Workman, Finance Director  
Chase Beggs, Planning and Zoning  
Jason Smith, Community Development  
Gail Newsome, Code Enforcement  
Stacey Thomas, Tax Commissioner

**MEDIA:** McDuffie Progress

**Others:** 26

**Public Hearing**

**1. Request to Rezone: R-2 to C-1 for Daycare at 163 Viola Avery Street.**

Chase advised that a request has been made to rezone this property to commercial use, in order to become a Head Start facility with the state Bright from the Start Program. Chase stated that in some discussions with the county attorney, there are some issues that planning needs to address with Mr. Brown before anymore work continues with this project. Chairman Newton asked if there were any further questions regarding this request, hearing none this item was closed.

**2. Request to Rezone: R-2 to R-3 for Townhome Development, Eagle's Landing on Noble Street.**

Chase advised that Herbert Homes has submitted a request to rezone in order to build a multi-family townhome development on 15 acres on Noble Street. This will include 84 units with greenspace and playgrounds. Mr. Herbert stated that he has no intention of renting these units and they would be for sale only. All subdivision standards will be required. Chairman Newton asked if there were any further questions, 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.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Newton called the meeting to order at 6:38 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**

1. Darrell Wester-Animal Shelter
2. Randell Reese- Animal Shelter
3. Peggy Lovejoy-Animal Shelter

4. Rhonda Farmer- Animal Shelter
5. Maria Salvaggio- Animal Shelter
6. Liz Moore- Animal Shelter

## **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 written and was seconded by Commissioner Thompson and passed unanimously.

### **Minutes**

Regular Meeting- June 21, 2022

Commissioner Thompson asked for the June 21, 2022 minutes to reflect that it was asked by the board to make the lighting a requirement on the subdivision request for Cobbham Road. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Wilson with correction and passes unanimously.

## **INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. McDuffie Mixer: August 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm, Thomson Depot

## **APPOINTMENT/REAPPOINTMENTS**

None

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Consideration to Accept Planning Board Recommendation for Rezoning Request for 163 Viola Avery Street.**

Chairman Newton advised that upon the recommendation of the county attorney, this item be continued to allow Mr. Brown to address the issues outlined by attorney.

Vice Chairman Wilson made the motion to continue this item. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson and passed unanimously.

2. **Consideration to Accept Planning Board Recommendation for Rezoning Request for Noble Street.**  
Chairman Newton asked if there were any further questions or concerns for this request.

Commissioner Thompson made the motion to uphold planning board recommendation to approve request. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Wilson and passed unanimously.

3. **Consideration to Approve Alcohol License for 2093 Washington Road (Sprint Foods).**

Gail presented that this was a license under new ownership. All requirements for request have been met.

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

4. **Consideration to Approve Alcohol License for 1 Day Event.**

Gail presented a request for a one-day special event request for a charity golf tournament. All requirements for application have been met.

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

**5. Consideration to Approve FY23 UGA Extension Contract.**

David advised that this is the annual renewal for UGA Extension. There were no changes since salary adjustments were approved in May.

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

**6. Consideration to Approve Client Management Contract for Probate Court.**

David advised that this is the standard contract for probate court. There were no changes from previous agreements.

Vice Chairman Wilson made the motion to approve contract for Probate. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Favors and passed unanimously.

**7. Consideration to Approve FY23 5311 Operating Contract.**

David advised that the 5311 contract is for our transit program. The grant is for \$139,840 in federal operating funding and a local match of \$139,840.00

Vice Chairman Wilson made the motion to approve the FY23 5311 contract. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson and passed unanimously.

**8. Consideration to Approve RFP for Broadband.**

David advised that due to some changes in the grant process for the broadband funding, the county had to submit RFP (request for proposal) and allow telecommunication companies to submit proposals. We received only one responsive bidder, Comcast for the amount they proposed in the original grant package at \$10,475,475.

Commissioner Thompson made the motion to accept the RFP from Comcast and move forward. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Wilson and passed unanimously.

**9. Consideration to Approve Quit Claim Deed for Old State Patrol Building.**

David advised that the old fuel tanks have been removed so the property is now ready to be turned over to the Land Bank.

Commissioner Favors made the motion to approve quit claim deed for parcel OT090017. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson and passed unanimously.

**10. Consideration to Approve Study of Regional 911.**

David advised that in discussions with TUSA regarding the radio system upgrades, they also have recommended a regional 911 center. Chairman Newton advised that he had discussions with the other area board chairman's and so far, Lincoln County, Glascock County and Warren County are on board to participate. David advised that TUSA would like to do a study to gather information to present to each board regarding the pros and cons of this project. The cost of the county portion of this study is \$33,880, with funding provided from SPLOST.

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

**11. Consideration to Approve ACCG Fall Family Album Advertising.**

Nikki advised the board that ACCG has asked the county to participate again in the fall family album addition. The cost for ½ page ad is \$969.50. She advised that she and Jason will be drafting new ad artwork for this year.

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

**12. Consideration to Approve ACO Report for June 2022.**

Stacey presented the June 2022 ACO Report. There was a decrease of \$1,072.91 in the property tax digest from settled appeals in the tax assessor's office. And there was a \$1,204.15 decrease to the mobile home digest from homestead exemptions and settled appeals in tax assessor's office.

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

**13. Monthly Budget Report**

David presented the monthly budget report.

**14. Monthly Financial Report**

Pam presented the monthly financial report.

**ADJOURNMENT**

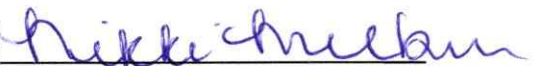
A motion was made by Vice Chairman Wilson to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:18 pm, seconded by Commissioner Thompson and passed unanimously.

**MCDUFFIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**



Charles G. Newton, IV, Chairman

ATTEST:



Nikki Milburn, County Clerk