



McDuffie County Board of Commissioners held a Work Session  
Monday, August 1, 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  
Frederick Favors, Commissioner

**COUNTY REPRESENTATION:**

David Crawley, County Manager  
Pam Workman, Finance Director  
Nikki Milburn, County Clerk  
Jason Smith, Community Development  
Stephen Sewell, Chief Fire/EMS

Media: McDuffie Progress

Other: 2

**COMMISSIONERS' WORK SESSION**

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

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**1. Discussion Concerning New Tablets for Commissioners.**

Nikki presented the board with 3 options for new tablets for the meetings. She advised that after speaking with the IT department, these are the best options for the needs of the commissioners. Nikki advised that the chairman had asked her to look into what ACCG currently uses at the board meetings, the Chromebook is what they use and is currently the most affordable option of the 3. The cost for the Chromebooks is \$200/each.

This item will be on the next meeting agenda.

**2. Discussion Concerning Appointments for DFAC Board.**

David advised that there are 4 seats on the DFAC Board that need to be reappointed or replaced. Commissioner Jopling advised that with the recent budget issue he feels like new board members might be helpful. David advised that Mychele Rhodes has recommended Angie Rogers as the school representative. Nikki advised that Nicole Beggs has expressed interest in serving and with her background is social work and counseling, she feels like Nicole would be an asset. David stated that he would like to see a member from law enforcement, since they are involved with these cases. Vice Chairman Wilson advised that he would like to recommend Alicia Hunt who is an RN at Augusta University.

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**3. Discussion Concerning Voting Delegate for Legislative Conference.**

Chairman Newton advised that in the past, Vice Chairman Wilson has been the county voting delegate. If no one has issues, he suggests leaving it.

This item will be added to the next meeting agenda.

**4. Discussion Concerning Recreation Department.**

David shared information with the board regarding some additional recreation project that have been mentioned. With the school board planning to combine 2 schools, this leaves some potential opportunities for the recreation department to have additional facilities for classes, leagues and other community events. David advised if this is something the board is interested in, he will speak with the school board about it those properties, Maxwell and Thomson Elementary, once they become available.

This item was for discussion only.

**5. Discussion Concerning Fuel System Upgrades.**

David advised that staff feel like its time to upgrade the fueling system. Upgrades would include updated Fuel Master system, which will allow better record keeping for EPD purposes and upgrade to the pumps. The total upgrade with Meco is \$55,356.70 plus \$6,200 for a tank cleaning and inspection, this can be funding out of the road department budget.

This item will be added to the next meeting agenda.

**6. Discussion Concerning Lighting Agreements with Georgia Power.**

David advised that prior to the meeting he received a lighting agreement with Georgia Power for the Boys and Girls Club property. They are requesting to upgrade the current lighting at the building with LED bulbs at no cost to the county. David asked about adding some additional lights at the back of the building for security and safety issues and that would add \$264 monthly to the bill. Chairman Newton added also that he would like to look into adding cameras and replacement windows in the near future.

This item will be added to the next meeting agenda.

**7. Budget Presentation.**

Pam presented the preliminary FY23 budget.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION- Personnel**


**Entered:** Vice Chairman Wilson made the motion to enter executive session at 7:09pm. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jopling and passed unanimously.


**Exited:** Commissioner Jopling made the motion to exit executive session at 7:50pm and resume meeting. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Wilson and passed unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Thompson made the motion to adjourn at 7:51pm. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Favors.

**MCDUFFIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

  
Charles G. Newton, IV, Chairman

ATTEST:   
Nikki Milburn, County Clerk