



The McDuffie County Board of Commissioners held a Regular Commission Meeting
Wednesday Morning, August 3, 2022, 10:00 am
Government Center Meeting Room

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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

COUNTY REPRESENTATION:

David Crawley, County Manager
Pam Workman, Finance Director
Nikki Milburn, County Clerk
Jason Smith, Community Development
Stacey Thomas, Tax Commissioner
Ruthie Thomas, HR Director

MEDIA:

Others: 2

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Newton called the meeting to order at 10:00 am, 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.

APPROVALS

Agenda (Current)

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

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

Minutes

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Vice Chairman Wilson made a motion to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson with a grammatical correction, clerk noted correction and passed unanimously.

INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. McDuffie Mixer: August 25th at 5:30pm, Thomson Depot.
2. ACCG Legislative Leadership Conference: September 27th-30th, Jekyll Island

David added that there has been a request for use of the field across from the Brickyard. David advised that he spoke with the gentleman and let him know that due to the ongoing construction in that area, he would not be able to allow the property to be used at this time. David stated to the board that he would like to look at a policy moving forward for the use of government facilities.

APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS

1. Consideration to Approve Appointments for DFAC Board.

Chairman Newton advised that the board was given 3 individuals at the previous work session and he recommends moving forward with those names and then the additional appointments at the next meeting.

Commissioner Jopling made the recommendation to continue the appointments to the next meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson. Vice Chairman Wilson opposed.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration to Approve Rate Change for Water Sewer.

Chairman Newton advised that at the previous joint meeting, the board and council members from Thomson and Dearing all agreed that moving forward with an increase of 5% for water and 7% for sewer would be the most beneficial. He asked if there was any need for further discussion or questions. The plan would be to begin this increase on the October 1st bills.

Commissioner Thompson made the motion to approve the rate increase of 5% for water and 7% for sewer. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jopling and passed unanimously.

2. Consideration to Approve Equipment Purchase for Commissioners.

David advised that 3 options were presented at the previous work session. The most affordable option is the Chromebook at \$200/each.

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

3. Consideration to Approve Voting Delegate for Legislative Conference.

Commissioner Favors made the motion to approve Vice Chairman Wilson as voting delegate. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jopling and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Favors advised that he is going to look into the appointment process for voting delegate with ACCG. He doesn't feel like we should have to vote each time unless Vice Chairman Wilson is unable to attend.

4. Consideration to Approve Fuel System Upgrades.

David advised that as discussed at the previous work session, the fuel system for the county needs upgrades. The proposed upgrades include new Fuel Master software and new pump and probes. The cost is \$55,356.70 + \$6,200 for tank cleaning and inspection, would be funded out of Road Department budget.

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

5. Consideration to Approve Lighting Agreements with Georgia Power.

David advised that as discussed at the previous work session. Georgia Power would like to change the current outside lighting at the Boys and Girls Club to the LED at no cost. David also asked about adding additional lights to the back of building for security and safety and that cost out add \$264 to the monthly bill.

Commissioner Thompson made the motion to approve the lighting agreement with Georgia Power and adding the additional lights. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Wilson and passed unanimously.

6. Consideration to Approve ACO Report for July 2022.

Stacey presented the ACO Report for May 2022. There was a decrease of \$233.38 to the property tax digest from settled appeals. There was a decrease of \$107.33 to the mobile home digest from granted homestead exemptions and settled appeals.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION-Personnel

Enter: Vice Chairman Wilson made the motion to enter executive session at 10:39am. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jopling and passed unanimously.

Exit: Commissioner Jopling made the motion to exit executive session at 10:55am and resume regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Wilson and passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Wilson to adjourn the regular meeting at 10:55 am, seconded by Commissioner Thompson and passed unanimously.

MCDUFFIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Charles G. Newton, IV, Chairman

ATTEST: 

Nikki Milburn, County Clerk