



The McDuffie County Board of Commissioners held a Regular Commission Meeting
Wednesday Morning, September 7, 2022, 10:00 am
Government Center Meeting Room

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Sammie Wilson, Vice Chairman
Gloria Thompson, Commissioner
Bill Jopling, Commissioner

COUNTY REPRESENTATION:

David Crawley, County Manager
Pam Workman, Finance Director
Nikki Milburn, County Clerk
Jason Smith, Community Development
Stacey Thomas, Tax Commissioner
Stephen Sewell, Fire/EMS
Robert Spurlin, IT Director

MEDIA:

Others: 2

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairman Wilson called the meeting to order at 10:00 am, acknowledged a quorum of commissioners present and welcomed everyone in attendance.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chairman Wilson offered the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVALS

Agenda (Current)

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

David asked that item #2 be continued until after the executive session.

A motion was made by Commissioner Thompson to approve the current agenda with the change to #2 and was seconded by Commissioner Jopling and passed unanimously.

Minutes

Regular Meeting- August 16, 2022

Public Hearings (2)- August 25, 2022

Special Called Meeting- September 1, 2022

Commissioner Jopling made a motion to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson and passed unanimously.

INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Blind Willie Festival- September 23rd (Kick Off Concert) & 24th
2. Family Y Walking Trail Ribbon Cutting: September 14th at 12pm
3. ACCG Legislative Leadership Conference: September 27th-30th, Jekyll Island

APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Audit Presentation.

Auditor from Baird Audit Group presented the annual audit report.

2. Consideration to Approve Resolution 22-12; Fire Fee Rate.

David advised that the Fire Fee Committee has recommended 2 options for the fire fee rates for next year.

Alternative Fee Structures			
	Wildfire/Land	Structure	Approximate
Alternative 1	\$3.12	\$0.04	\$1,129,358.43
Alternative 2	\$3.12	\$0.05	\$1,341,305.95

Commissioner Jopling made the motion to approve Alternative 2 for the Fire Fee Rate. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson and passed unanimously.

3. Consideration to Approve Response to Use of ARPA Funding Request.

David advised that as discussed in the previous work session, the Toombs Circuit Judicial Council and Chief Judge are requesting use of ARPA funds the county received. The request was made due to the funding the courts received has more limitations on the use. He advised that the other counties in our region have denied this request.

Commissioner Thompson made the motion to deny the request for use of funds. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jopling and passed unanimously.

4. Consideration to Approve Letter of Support for Augusta Tech CDL Program.

David advised that as discussed in the previous work session, Augusta Tech is asked for a letter of support for their proposed CDL program.

Commissioner Thompson made the motion to approve the letter of support. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jopling and passed unanimously.

5. Consideration to Approve Amending FY23 Budget Policy.

David advised that due to some date changes that are needed, the budget policy requires an amendment.

Commissioner Jopling made the motion to approve the amendment to FY23 Budget Policy. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson and passed unanimously.

6. Consideration to Approve Budget Amendments.

Pam advised that as presented at the previous work session, she requires some budget amendments in order to balance the budget.

Commissioner Jopling made the motion to approve the budget amendments as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson and passed unanimously.

7. Consideration to Approve ACO Report for August 2022.

Stacey presented the ACO Report for August 2022. There was a decrease of \$14,351.16 to the property tax digest from settled appeals in the tax assessor's office. There was a decrease of \$112.47 to the mobile home digest from homestead exemptions and settled appeals.

Commissioner Jopling made the motion to approve the ACO Report for August 2022. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson and passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION-Pending Litigation

Enter: Commissioner Jopling made the motion to enter executive session at 10:47 am. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson and passed unanimously.

Exit: Commissioner Thompson made the motion to exit executive session at 11:04 am and resume regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jopling and passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Thompson to adjourn the regular meeting at 11:15 am, seconded by Commissioner Jopling and passed unanimously.

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Charles G. Newton, IV, Chairman

ATTEST:



Nikki Milburn, County Clerk