



The McDuffie County Board of Commissioners held a Regular Commission Meeting  
Tuesday Evening, September 20, 2022, 6:30 pm  
Government Center Meeting Room

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

Charles Newton, IV, Chairman  
Sammie Wilson, Vice Chairman  
Gloria Thompson, Commissioner  
Bill Jopling, 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  
Stephen Sewell, Fire/EMS  
Robert Spurlin, IT Director

**MEDIA:** McDuffie Progress

**Others:** 7

**Public Hearing**

1. **Request to Rezone: Parcel 00730003, Augusta Highway, Dearing, GA 30808 from R-2 to C-2 for J&P Clearing and Grading, LLC.**

Chase presented the board with an application to rezone property on Augusta Highway for J&P Clearing and Grading. This business is currently being run out of the owner's homes but as it continues to grow, they would like to build a shop on this property and work for this new location. The planning commission recommended approval. Chairman Newton asked if there were any further questions or comments, hearing none this public hearing was closed.

2. **Wrightsboro Road Sewer Extension-Project Reduction Request.**

Chairman Newton advised that due to the increased cost of this project and the time limit from grant funding from DCA, there is a need in order to move forward with this project to reduce the project to phases. This would allow phase I of the project to begin moving forward. While works begins on phase I, staff can have time to begin working on funding for phase II of project. With board approval, the project will begin working on Pope, Crawford, Short, West Circle and a portion of Wrightsboro Road. Phase II would be Ridgeview, Daggett and Hamilton. Chairman Newton asked if there were any questions or comments, hearing none this item was closed.

Chairman Newton asked if there was anything further for public hearing, hearing no response the public hearing portion of the meeting was closed.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Newton called the meeting to order at 6:36 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**

**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- September 7, 2022

Executive Session- September 7, 2022

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

## **INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. **Blind Willie Festival- Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> (Kick Off Concert) at Depot & Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, 11am-9pm.**
2. **ACCG Legislative Leadership Conference: September 27<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>, Jekyll Island.**
3. **Pink Ribbon 1 Mile Walk: October 15<sup>th</sup> at 8am, Government Complex**
4. **Camellia City Festival: October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 10am-5pm.**
5. **Trunk or Treat: October 31<sup>st</sup>, 4pm-7pm at Depot.**

## **APPOINTMENT/REAPPOINTMENTS**

1. **Consideration to Appoint Members to DFACS Board.**  
This item was continued for future meeting.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Consideration to Accept Planning Board Recommendation for Rezoning Request for J&P Clearing and Grading, LLC.**

Chairman Newton asked if there was need for further discussion regarding this application for rezoning.

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

2. **Consideration to Approve Transmittal Letter for FY24 5311(Transit) Grant.**

David advised this is the transmittal letter for the FY24 Transit Grant. This is the standard grant that we do each year that allows us to purchase transit buses and other transit related expenses. This is a local matching grant with state and federal funding. The local match for this current grant application is \$216,533.00.

Vice Chairman Wilson made the motion to approve transmittal letter for FY24 Transit Grant. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Favors and passed unanimously.

3. **Consideration to Approve Extension of Auditor's Service Contract.**

Pam advised that she is requesting an extension of the auditor's services with Baird Audit Group for this year. The cost of this service contract is \$22,000 and is a budgeted expense.

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

4. **Consideration to Approve GMASS Contract Renewal.**

David advised that the Board of Assessors is recommending to move forward with the renewal of contract with GMASS for appraisal services. This renewed contract is a total of \$480,000 for 3 years. This is less than the original contract due to the audit that were completed.

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

**5. Consideration to Approve Road Repairs on Stagecoach Road.**

David advised that Stagecoach Road has an area west of Gilpin Road that the asphalt is failing. The engineers have assessed the problem and are ready to move forward with repairs. The cost of repair will be \$110,141.70 for 0.22 miles and will be funded by LMIG.

Commissioner Jopling made the motion to approve this repair. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson and passed unanimously.

\*Commissioner Favors exited meeting at 6:49pm

**6. Monthly Budget Report**

David presented the monthly budget report.

**7. Monthly Financial Report**

Pam presented the monthly financial report.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION- Property Acquisition**

**Enter:** Vice Chairman Wilson made the motion to enter executive session at 6:56pm. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson and passed unanimously.

**Exit:** Commissioner Thompson made the motion to exit executive session at 7:57pm. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jopling and passed unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

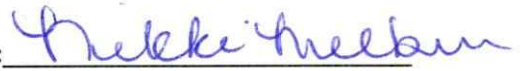
A motion was made by Vice Chairman Wilson to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:57 pm, seconded by Commissioner Jopling and passed unanimously.

**MCDUFFIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**



Charles G. Newton, IV, Chairman

ATTEST:



Nikki Milburn, County Clerk