



The McDuffie County Board of Commissioners held a Special Called Commission Meeting
Thursday Evening, September 1, 2022, 6:30 pm
Government Center Meeting Room

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Charles Newton, IV, Chairman
Sammie Wilson, Sr., Vice Chairman
Bill Jopling, Commissioner
Gloria Thompson, Commissioner
Frederick Favors, Commissioner

COUNTY REPRESENTATION:

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

MEDIA: McDuffie Progress

Others: 5

Public Hearing

1. FY2022 Millage Rate.

David addressed the board regarding the proposed FY22 millage rate. He advised the options of either staying the same or using the rollback rate and what both options would mean for the upcoming budget year. Chairman Newton gave Shaun King, Paul Daly and Shelley Aldred an opportunity to address the board regarding their concerns. Chairman Newton asked if there were any further questions or concerns regarding this 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 6:47 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.

APPROVALS

Agenda (Current)

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

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

NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration to Approve Resolution 22-11; FY22 Millage Rate.

Chairman Newton advised that the board has the option to stay with the current millage rate of 7.809 mills or rollback to 7.399 mills, he advised that he would prefer to rollback since the inflation has caused so much increase as is. Vice Chairman Wilson, Commissioner Thompson and Commissioner Jopling expressed their concern of if they went with rollback, how much would an

increase be for the coming years to catch back up or putting the county in a financial bind in the future.

Commissioner Thompson made the motion to approve the current millage rate of 7.809 for FY22. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Wilson. Chairman Newton opposed.

2. Consideration to Approve Ordinance Amendment 22-02; Special Lighting Districts.

David advised that this is the annual ordinance amendment for the lighting districts that must be approved for the upcoming tax bills. Northview Acres changed from \$35.17 to \$35.57, Cedar Creek changed from \$161.76 to \$154.30, Deerfield changed from \$85.26 to \$86.46 and Elias Station changed from \$53.45 to \$55.91.

Commissioner Jopling made the motion to approve ordinance amendments for special lighting districts. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Wilson and passed unanimously.

3. Discussion Concerning Request for Use of ARPA Funds.

David advised that a letter was received from Judge Hinesley regarding a request to use ARPA funds that the county received during the pandemic. He advised that the court is asking to use them due to the restrictions they have on their ARPA funds for potential uses. Chairman Newton stated that he reached out to the other board in the Toombs Circuit and they all denied this request.

This item will be added to the next meeting agenda.

4. Discussion Concerning Budget Amendments.

Pam presented the board with budget amendments for General Fund that she needs in order to balance the budget.

This item will be added to the next meeting agenda.

5. Discussion Concerning Public Safety and Community Violence Reduction Grant.

David advised that the Governor's Office has sent out potential grant options that he would like to get more information for. He advised that both grants would give us the opportunity to move forward with the radio system upgrades. David advised the late this afternoon the Governor's Office also put information out regarding another grant, this being for "Improving Neighborhood Outcomes in Disproportionally Impacted Communities". David stated that he plans to get the public safety committee together to discuss the possible uses of these grants. Commissioner Favors advised that he would like to be involved with the meeting with the Public Safety Committee regarding the grants.

This item is continued until further information is available.

6. Discussion Concerning Letter of Support.

David advised that the board has been asked for a letter of support for a project at Augusta Tech. The school is seeking to build a CDL training center as apart of their programs. David advised that he needed to get a little more detail before moving forward.

This item will be continued until further information is available.

7. Discussion Concerning Vehicle Purchase.

David advised that he has the opportunity to purchase another small van like the one that was purchased for IT. He advised that he might want to do something different and will come back to the board with different options at upcoming meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Wilson to adjourn the meeting at 7:09 pm, seconded by Commissioner Thompson and passed unanimously.

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Charles G. Newton, IV, Chairman

ATTEST: 
Nikki Milburn, County Clerk