



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

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

Charles G. Newton, Chairman  
Sammie Wilson, Vice Chairman  
Bill Jopling, Commissioner  
Gloria Thompson, Commissioner

**COUNTY REPRESENTATION:**

David Crawley, County Manager  
Pam Workman, Finance Director  
Nikki Milburn, County Clerk  
Jason Smith, Community Development  
Stephen Sewell, Fire/EMS Director  
Robert Spurlin, IT Director  
Paul Johnson, Coroner  
Ruthie Thomas, HR Director

**MEDIA:** McDuffie Progress

**Others:** Karen Jameson, USDA (Via Zoom)

Zoom Meeting

1. **USDA Grant-Letter of Conditions**

The quorum of board members, county attorney, county clerk and county manager spoke with Karen Jameson via zoom regarding the conditions of the USDA grant that McDuffie County is receiving for the purchase of 32 MSAGI breathing apparatus and equipment for the Fire & EMS Department. Ms. Jameson went over with the members all the forms and terms of this grant. All forms were signed and approved by the board members during this meeting.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Chairman Wilson called the meeting to order at 10:15 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)

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 Jopling and passed unanimously.

Minutes

**Regular Meeting-** November 15, 2022

**Work Session-** December 5, 2022

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

**INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. Fire Department Banquet: Friday, December 9, 2022 at 7pm, Thomson Depot.
2. County Christmas Lunch: Thursday, December 15, 2022 at 12pm, Thomson Depot.

**APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS**

1. Consideration to Appoint Member to Land Bank Authority.

Chairman Newton advised that Stephen Smith has been recommended for this position and it has been approved by the city council as the joint appointment.

Commissioner Thompson made the motion to approve Stephen Smith to the LBA. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jopling and passed unanimously.

**2. Consideration to Appoint Member to DFACS Board.**

Chairman Newton advised that there are 2 recommendations for the DFACS Board. The county law enforcement recommendation is Deputy Christen Adkins Jones and the city law enforcement recommendation is Chief Courtney Gale.

Commissioner Jopling made the motion to approve these recommendations for DFACS Board. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson and passed unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Consideration to Approve Resolution 22-17; USDA Grant.**

Chairman Newton advised that Resolution 22-17 is approving the grant from USDA and its terms and conditions.

Commissioner Jopling made the motion to approve Resolution 22-17. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson and passed unanimously.

**2. Consideration to Approve Change Order for West Bypass Project.**

David advised that as discussed at the previous work session, Reeves has submitted a change order due to some drainage issues that have come up during the construction of the west bypass. This change includes \$39,706.10 for offsite pipes.

Commissioner Thompson made the motion to approve this change order. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Wilson and passed unanimously.

**3. Consideration to Approve DFACS FY23 Budget Letter.**

Chairman Newton stated that during the previous work session the board asked for staff to make recommendations for any changes needed to the terms. David advised that what is recommended by staff is that option 2 be selected with the addition that any expenses that come out of the miscellaneous operating line item but approved prior by the DFACS board members not matter the amount. And that option 6 specify that they operate at no deficit to budget. Chairman Newton and Commissioner Thompson agree that seemed like a fair agreement.

Commissioner Jopling made the motion to approve FY23 budget letter with DFACS with additions. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson and passed unanimously.

**4. Consideration to Approve Purchase of Vehicle.**

Chairman Newton stated that David advised previously that a second van is available for purchase with Thomson Chrysler. Commissioner Thompson advised that she is fine with the purchase as long as the surplus vehicle be made available to the coroner. David advised that is the plan.

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

**5. Consideration to Approve MediaOne Funding Request.**

Chairman Newton stated tourism is requesting funding for MediaOne which has been using in the past year for data campaigns for CVB. The funding request is \$5,000 and is budgeted out of hotel/motel.

Commissioner Jopling made the motion to approve MediaOne funding request. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson and passed unanimously.

**6. Consideration to Approve Work Authorization for Atlas.**

David advised that this work authorization is for upcoming road resurfacing with LMIG funding. The cost is based off the 2019 agreement rates.

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

**7. Consideration to Approve Cancelling December 20<sup>th</sup> and January 2<sup>nd</sup> Meetings.**

Chairman Newton advised that as discussed at the work session, these dates fall on county holidays, so its recommended to cancel unless something urgent arises.

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

**8. Consideration to Approve ACO Report for November 2022.**

David presented the November 2022 ACO report. There was a decrease of \$8,554.90 to property tax digest due to settled appeals. There was a decrease of \$20.32 to mobile home digest due to homes no longer located in the county.

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION- Pending Litigation**

**Personnel**

Enter: Vice Chairman Wilson made the motion to enter executive session at 10:37am. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson.

Exit: Commissioner Jopling made the motion to exit executive session at 10:54am and resume regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Wilson to adjourn the regular meeting at 10:56 am, seconded by Commissioner Jopling and passed unanimously.

**MCDUFFIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**



Charles G. Newton, IV, Chairman

ATTEST:



Nikki Milburn, County Clerk