



The McDuffie County Board of Commissioners held a Regular Commission Meeting
Tuesday Evening, March 21, 2023, 6:30 pm
Government Center Meeting Room

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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

COUNTY REPRESENTATION:

David Crawley, County Manager
Nikki Milburn, County Clerk
Pam Workman, Finance Director
Chase Beggs, Planning & Zoning
Jason Smith, Community Development
Stephen Sewell, Fire/EMS

MEDIA: McDuffie Progress

Others: 17

Public Hearing

1. **Request to Rezone: 7 acres on Rousseau Creek Road, Parcel 00600002B00 from R-1 to C-1 for an RV and boat storage facility.**

Chase advised the board that a request to rezone was made by Kenneth Miles, who lives at 5387 Cobbham Road. He applied to rezone the 7 acres behind the old store that is located at the intersection of those two roads in hopes of building a boat and RV storage lot. Planning Board made the recommendation to approve this request with the condition that owner meet requirements of ordinance that requires 100' vegetated buffer.

Chairman Newton asked if there were any further questions or concerns regarding this request. Hearing no response, the public hearing was closed.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Newton called the meeting to order at 6:34 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

1. Jasper Burton- Senior Center
2. Waldo Massey- Monuments
3. Shelly Frails- Senior Center
4. Jimmy Smith- Senior Center
5. Helen Pass- Senior Center

*Commissioner Jopling entered meeting at 6:52pm

APPROVALS

Agenda (Current)

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

David advised that the board received a request from Evelyn Hatcher regarding a tax matter, he asked that this be added as #3 for discussion.

Vice Chairman Wilson made the motion to approve the current agenda with the addition of #3 and was seconded by Commissioner Thompson and passed unanimously.

Minutes

Work Session- February 27, 2023

Regular Meeting- March 1, 2023

Executive Session- March 1, 2023

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

INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **McDuffie Mixer: March 22nd at 5:30, Belle Meade Hunt Club (Boots Hall).**
2. **Spring Trash Amnesty: March 25th, 8am-Noon**
3. **Pews and Pulpits Ramble: April 14th**
4. **ACCG Annual Conference: April 27-30, Savannah**

APPOINTMENT/REAPPOINTMENTS

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Consideration to Accept Planning Board Recommendation for Request to Rezone for Rousseau Creek.**

Chairman Newton asked if there was any further discussion needed for this request.

Commissioner Thompson made the motion to uphold the Planning Board recommendation with condition. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Favors and passed unanimously.

2. **Consideration to Approve Service Agreement with Council of Superior Court Judges for Grant Coordinator.**

David advised that this service agreement is for the renewal of the ARPA grant coordinator for the Judicial Council. The same terms and conditions apply as from the past agreement.

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

3. **Discussion Concerning Tax Matter for 1041 Wrightsboro Road.**

David presented a letter to the board from Stacey Thomas, Tax Commissioner. She advised that Ms. Hatcher had property condemned by the county in December 1987 in order to build a road. At that time, the tax assessor's office failed to remove the 0.208 acres from Ms. Hatcher's records and has continued to be billed for the full amount of her property. The Board of Assessor's has approved giving Ms. Hatcher back the last 3 years she paid for that portion. Ms. Hatcher is requesting that she be refunded for the last 7 years. The board discussed the possibility of going back the full amount of time. David advised that he would need some time in order to go back and get the figures for that amount of time. This item is continued until a later meeting in order to get the needed information.

4. Monthly Budget Report

David presented the monthly budget report.

5. Monthly Financial Report

Pam presented the monthly financial report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION- Personnel

Enter: Vice Chairman Wilson made the motion to enter executive session at 7:13 pm. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson and passed unanimously.

Exit: Commissioner Thompson made the motion to exit executive session at 7:33 pm. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Wilson.

Action: Chairman Newton advised that the Board has been asked to join an additional opioid settlement for the county. Resolution 23-04 outlines the purpose and terms of the settlement. Commissioner Jopling made the motion to accept Resolution 23-04. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson and passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Wilson to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:35 pm, seconded by Commissioner Jopling and passed unanimously.

MCDUFFIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Charles G. Newton, IV, Chairman

ATTEST:



Nikki Milburn, County Clerk