



McDuffie County Board of Commissioners held a Work Session
Monday Evening, April 3, 2023, 6:00 PM
Government Center Meeting Room

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Charlie Newton, Chairman
Sammie Wilson, Vice Chairman
Frederick Favors, Commissioner
Wm. "Bill" M. Jopling, Commissioner
Gloria Thompson, Commissioner

COUNTY REPRESENTATION:

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

Media: McDuffie Progress

Other: 3

COMMISSIONERS' WORK SESSION

All agenda items are for discussion only. No action was taken during the meeting.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Discussion Concerning Insurance.

David advised that he received a request from Bill Doupe regarding insurance benefits for the employees of the child support office, due to budget cuts from the state the insurance for the local employees have become costly. He stated that he and Ruthie have reached out to the insurance representative who advised that in order for them to be added to our current plan, they would have to be considered county employees. David advised that he is going to look at different options and bring them back to the board.

This item will be continued until other information is available.

2. Discussion Concerning Service Agreement for Tax Assessor's Office.

David advised that this is the annual agreement with Harris for the printing and mailing of our tax bills. There was an increase in cost for this renewal due to the increase price in postage, cost went from .56 to .615 per notice.

This item will be added to our next meeting agenda.

3. Discussion Concerning New Access Control Door Lock System.

David advised that our current door lock system is at the end of useful life and can no longer be supported by our system. Robert was able to find a system that will allow more access control and to be easily expandable in the future in other buildings as needed. The total cost for new system is \$98,297.08 for the Sheriff's Department and Government Center. There is funding through additional revenue received in federal assistance.

This item will be added to the next meeting agenda.

4. Discussion Concerning Building Repairs.

David advised that he has received the final report from PM&A Consulting for the Government Center, the report included multiple leak issues throughout the buildings. Staff is recommending presenting the original contractors with the findings to determine a plan moving forward.

This item will be continued until further information is available.

5. Discussion Concerning Sweetwater Park Improvements.

David advised that a bid opening was held on March 27th for improvements of Sweetwater Park. There were 3 bids received and the lowest and responsible bidder was R.D. Brown Contractors, Inc. with a bid of \$2,105,000.00. David advised that he is going to follow up with the engineering and architecture contractor and discuss potential cost savings for this project.

This item will be continued until further information is available.

6. Discussion Concerning Education Salary Adjustment.

David advised that there are 3 employees who are requesting an educational salary adjustment. One of the employees, Sammy Purvis with the Fire Department received his degree in December 2022 and meets all requirements for the adjustment. David advised that Ruthie is researching the other applicants due to how long it has been since they received their degrees, one was 2017 and the other was 2017. He will have Ruthie make a recommendation after she gets more information.

This item will be continued until further information is available.

7. Discussion Concerning TIA Project Agreement.

David advised the board that late this afternoon he received the agreement for the new term for TIA. The purpose of this project is complete the final phase of the Thomson West Bypass.

This item will be added to the next meeting agenda.

EXECUTIVE SESSION-Personnel

Enter: Commissioner Jopling made the motion to enter executive session at 6:59pm. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Wilson and passed unanimously.

Exit: Commissioner Thompson made the motion to exit executive session at 8:13pm and return to work session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jopling and passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

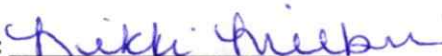
Commissioner Jopling made the motion to adjourn meeting at 8:13pm. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Wilson.

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Charles G. Newton, IV, Chairman

ATTEST:



Nikki Milburn, County Clerk