

McDuffie County Board of Commissioners held a Work Session Monday Evening, May 1, 2023, 6:30 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

Media: McDuffie Progress

COUNTY REPRESENTATION:

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

Other:

COMMISSIONERS' WORK SESSION

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Discussion Concerning Shelter Pro Software.

David advised that animal services is requesting a software program that will allow for tracking of services and recording keeping. Wendy, shelter director has provided the modules that are a must have for her to run the department efficiently. The cost for just the modules that are needed to get started is \$1780 or the county can get all of the modules and save on cost later for \$2395.

This item will be added to the next meeting agenda.

2. Discussion Concerning Purchase Request of Surplus Vehicle.

David advised that the county has a surplus ambulance that has not been able to sell due to a title issue. Ronnie Pilgrim would like to purchase the ambulance for parts and would only require a bill of sale. He is offering \$500 for the 1992 ambulance.

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3. Discussion Concerning FY24 MOU Archway.

David advised that the is the annual MOU from Archway with the city and county partnerships. The county portion for this MOU is \$15,000.

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4. Discussion Concerning Elections Staffing.

David advised that Phyllis is request 3 additional positions for her office. This would be an additional \$128,105.87 to her budget needed to cover salary and benefits, she is budgeted for 5 positions and this would take her to 8. David advised that Ruthie gathered information from surrounding counties and they generally run their offices with 3 maximum positions. The board discussed options of training existing staff to run more than 1 position. David advised that he will have a discussion with Phyllis regarding the board concerns.

This item will be continued until further information is available.

5. Discussion Concerning Vehicle Purchase.

David advised that staff would like to purchase another Dodge Promaster City van from Thomson Chrysler. This would help move some vehicles around for departments. This van would be for the janitorial staff and allow them to keep supplies as they travel to different buildings daily. Their current vehicle would be moved to the coroner's offices for his use. The cost of the van is \$34,854 and would be paid out of reserves.

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6. Discussion Concerning Solid Waste.

David advised that after discussions with finance, there is a need to increase solid waste rates due to the decrease in volume but an increase in hauling fees. Waste Management is now including a fuel surcharge on billing which is causing the solid waste fund to fall short. Staff is recommending to move the rates to \$80 to help with the deficit. David advised that he is also meeting with another hauler this week to discuss potential options.

This item will be continued until further information is available.

7. Discussion Concerning Building Improvement Projects.

David advised that he was hoping to have updates for the Elections and Sweetwater improvement projects. He will have some additional information at upcoming meetings to share.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chairman Wilson made the motion to adjourn meeting at 7:45pm. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jopling.

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Charles G. Newton, IV, Chairman

TIEST.