



**McDuffie County Board of Commissioners held a Work Session
Monday Evening, June 5, 2023, 6:30 PM
Government Center Meeting Room**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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

COUNTY REPRESENTATION:

**David Crawley, County Manager
Pam Workman, Finance Director
Nikki Milburn, County Clerk
Ruthie Thomas, HR Director**

Media: McDuffie Progress

Other: 2

COMMISSIONERS' WORK SESSION

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Discussion Concerning Insurance Renewal.

David presented the board with the renewal proposal for the upcoming county insurance. He advised that Capstone has provided several different options. David also advised that Humana is planning to stop providing insurance coverage in the future so changing from that carrier may be ideal. The board reviewed the different options and David addressed questions or concerns. The board agreed that Option 1 with Benecon/Aetna, seems to provide the ideal coverage and rates. This would allow the county to build a plan tailored to the needs and also come with some savings at the end of each year on premiums.

This item will be added to the next meeting agenda.

2. Discussion Concerning FY24 Drug Court Grant.

David advised that this is the annual Drug Court grant for FY24. This grant total is \$165,402 with \$19,848 in matching funds and \$145,554 in federal funding.

This item will be added to the next meeting agenda.

3. Discussion Concerning Mutual Aid Agreement with Columbia County.

David advised that this is a mutual aid agreement with Columbia County, this agreement is the same as the previous. The agreement outlines the boundaries and duties of each department in the situation of aid needed.

This item will be added to the next meeting agenda.

4. Discussion Concerning Library Board.

Chairman Newton advised that at the previous meeting 2 names were brought to the board as a recommendation, Nicole Beggs and Vanessa Etheridge. Vice Chairman Wilson stated that he was contacted by Susan Milton who expressed her desire to continue serving. Chairman Newton advised that the board can vote on Wednesday for the 2 positions.

This item will be added to the next agenda.

5. Discussion Concerning Terms and Conditions for Park Grant.

David advised that the terms and conditions of the grant have been set by the state and are ready for the board to accept in order to move forward with the process.

This item will be added to the next agenda.

6. Discussion Concerning ACCG-IRMA Renewal.

David advised that staff received the renewal for the liability insurance. There was a 30% increase and an increase in the premium to \$5,000. The board discussed what the difference would be if the premium was \$10,000 and asked David to check into the change.

This item is continued until further information is available.

7. Discussion Concerning Waste Cell Bid.

David advised that the bid opening was held for the Waste Cell No. 2 project. The lowest bidder was Beam Site Prep at \$496,695. This project will be funded from SPLOST.

This item will be added to the next agenda.

8. Discussion Concerning Judicial Council Grant ARPA Funds.

David advised that the judicial council has awarded the courts another round of funding from ARPA. This amount of this grant is \$929,457 for help with the backlog of cases due to the pandemic.

This item will be added to the next agenda.

9. Discussion Concerning MOU with Roger's Veterinary Services.

David advised that this MOU with Roger's Veterinary Services and the McDuffie County Board of Health, is for specimen preparation cost of animals in McDuffie County. The county will be responsible for the specimen preparation cost for all domestic animals to Roger's Veterinary Service while McDuffie County Board of Health will be fiscally responsible for the specimen preparation cost for all wild animals.

This item will be added to the next agenda.

EXECUTIVE SESSION- Personnel

Property Acquisition

Enter: Vice Chairman Wilson made the motion to enter Executive Session at 7:10pm. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jopling and passed unanimously.

Exit: Vice Chairman Wilson made the motion to exit Executive Session at 7:45pm. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jopling and passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

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

MCDUFFIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Charles G. Newton, IV, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Nikki Milburn, County Clerk