



McDuffie County Board of Commissioners
Regular Commission Meeting Minutes
Tuesday Evening, August 15, 2023 | 6:30 pm
Government Center Meeting Room

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Charles G Newton, Chairman
Sammie Wilson, Vice Chairman
Frederick Favors, Commissioner
William "Bill" Jopling, Commissioner

COUNTY REPRESENTATION:

David Crawley, County Manager
Pam Workman, Finance Director
Carrie Edwards, County Clerk
Jason Smith, Community Development
Stephen Sewell, Fire EMS

MEDIA: McDuffie Progress

Members of the Public

PUBLIC HEARING

Chairman Newton opened the public hearing at 6:30 pm.

1. **Consideration to approve variances and subdivision review for Bent Creek Village, located on the Thomson Bypass, Parcel Number 00400094B00.**

Chairman Newton went over the request variance and subdivision review and turned it over to County Manager Crawley. Short discussion ensued to include ensuring it would be a special lighting district. No public comment.

REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Newton called the meeting to order, acknowledged quorum of commissioners' present and welcomed everyone in attendance.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Vice Chair Wilson offered invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC INPUT

None

APPROVALS

Agenda

Current

Minutes

Regular Meeting – August 2, 2023

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

With no corrections, Commissioner Wilson made the motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jopling. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Jopling made the motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Wilson. The motion carried unanimously.

INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

APPOINTMENT/REAPPOINTMENTS

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Consideration to accept Planning Commission Board recommendation to approve Bent Creek Village Development, located on the Thomson East Bypass, Parcel Number 00400094B00.**

With discussion during the Public Hearing, Chairman Newton requested motion. Commissioner Jopling made the motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Vice Chair Wilson. The motion carried unanimously.

- 2. Consideration to approve Ordinance Amendment 23-01; Special Lighting District.**

County Manager Crawley provided details of the modified ordinance for the Special Lighting Districts. Chairman Newton requested motion. Commissioner Vice Chair Wilson made the motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jopling. The motion carried unanimously.

- 3. Consideration to approve assistance to AFG - Fire Fighters Grant.**

County Clerk Carrie Edwards provided details of the consideration to approve assistance of protective gear utilizing SPLOST dollars above the cost of grant funding. Chairman Newton requested motion. Commissioner Vice Chair Wilson made the motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jopling. The motion carried unanimously.

- 4. Consideration to approve FY24 5311 Transit Operating Contract.**

Chairman Newton requested motion to approve ongoing transit contract. Commissioner Jopling made the motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Wilson. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Consideration to approve Agreement Between the Development Authority and Comcast Cable Communications, LLC for Broadband Expansion Project.

Chairman Newton requested motion to approve the agreement between parties for broadband services. Commissioner Jopling made the motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Vice Chair Wilson. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Consideration to approve Intergovernmental Agreement Between the City of Thomson, Dearing, McDuffie County, McDuffie County Board of Education, and the Development Authority of McDuffie County for Funding Broadband Improvements.

Chairman Newton requested motion to approve the agreement between parties for broadband services. Commissioner Jopling made the motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Vice Chair Wilson. The motion carried unanimously.

7. Consideration to approve Intergovernmental Agreement Between the City of Thomson, Dearing, McDuffie County, regarding consolidation of city fire and county fire and EMS.

Chairman Newton requested motion to approve the agreement between parties to include Dearing in the fire fee services. Commissioner Jopling made the motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Vice Chair Wilson. The motion carried unanimously.

8. Consideration to approve Temporary Alcohol License for Blind Willis McTell Blues Festival, to be held on September 23, 2023, location Stagecoach Road.

Community Development Director Jason Smith provided summary of consideration to approve temporary alcohol license. Chairman Newton requested motion. Commissioner Vice Chair Wilson made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jopling. The motion carried unanimously.

9. Consideration to approve Temporary Alcohol License for Chamber Golf Tournament, to be held on September 26, 2023, location Belle Meade Country Club.

Community Development Director provided summary of consideration to approve temporary alcohol license. Chairman Newton requested motion. Commissioner Vice Chair Wilson made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jopling. The motion carried unanimously.

10. Consideration to approve Legislative Leadership Conference Voting Delegate.

Chairman Newton requested motion to approve Vice Chair Sammie Wilson as LCC Voting Delegate. Commissioner Jopling made the motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Commissioner, Vice Chair Wilson. The motion carried unanimously.

11. Monthly Budget Report

County Manager Crawley provided update on the monthly budget report.

12. Monthly Financial Report

Director Pam Workman provided update on the monthly financial report.

ADJOURNMENT

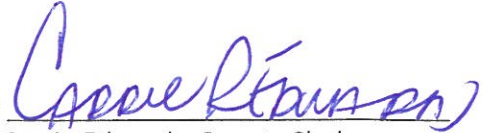
A motion was made by Commissioner, Vice Chairman Wilson to adjourn the regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jopling. The motion carried unanimously.

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Charles G Newton, IV, Chairman

ATTEST:



Carrie Edwards, County Clerk

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