

AGENDA

**McDUFFIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
January 3, 2007, 10:00 AM, Grand Jury Room, McDuffie County Courthouse**

CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME

Chairman Newton

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Rev. Jim Martin, Assoc. Pastor, Ft. Creek Baptist Church, Thomson, GA

APPROVALS

**Minutes (Regular Mtg. 12-19-06)
Agenda (Current)**

INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1. Offices Closed: County Holiday, 1/15/07, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**
- 2. Tourism Position (Don Powers)**

OLD BUSINESS

- 1. Appointments (2) – Hospital Authority (Chairman Newton)**

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. E/R's & ACO's (Error Releases & Assessor's Change Order Report)
Real Estate & Mobile Home Taxes – December 2006 (Sandra Whitaker)**
- 2. Appointments (2) – County Clerk & County Attorney (Chairman Newton)**
- 3. Appointments (3) – Tourism Board (Chairman Newton)**
- 4. Fire Station #1 Change Orders (Bruce Tanner)
(NOTE: Only Change Order #4 To Increase Previously Approved Amount)**
- 5. Consideration of "Expanded" Family YMCA Proposal (Rev. Favors)**

ADJOURNMENT

McDuffie County Board of Commissioners held a regular Commission Meeting Wednesday morning, January 3, 2007, 10:00 AM, Grand Jury Room, McDuffie County Courthouse.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

**Charles G. Newton IV, Chairman
Sammie Wilson, Sr., Vice Chairman
Rev. Fred Favors, Commissioner
Darrell Wester, Commissioner
J. Robt. "Bob" Farr, Commissioner**

OTHERS

Three (3) citizens attended.

**MEDIA REPRESENTATION
McDuffie Mirror Newspaper**

COUNTY REPRESENTATION

**Sammy Fowler, County Attorney
Don Norton, County Manager
Annette Finley, County Clerk
Jimmy Whitaker, County Finance Director
Sandra Whitaker, Tax Commissioner
Chris Pelly, Director of Public Works
Kelly Evans, Director, IT Department
Bruce Tanner, County Fire Chief
Stephen Sewell, Fire Services, EMA
Don Clauson, Director, Solid Waste
Fred Guerrant, Director, Planning Board**

CALLED TO ORDER

Chairman Newton called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Danny McClure from the Ft. Creek Baptist Church, substituted for Rev. Jim Martin, Associate Pastor, led the invocation and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Rev. Martin was unable to be present due to illness in his family.

INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1. Holiday: Offices Closed, Monday, 1/15/07, Martin Luther King. Jr. Day**
- 2. Tourism Position: Don Powers, Executive Director of Forward McDuffie, announced that the vacant position of Tourism Intern will be advertised, he will be accepting applications and interviewing for that vacancy in the very near future.**
- 3. Emergency Management Services' Director Bruce Tanner announced that a Pandemic Flu Drill will be held March 10, 2007. This "mock" Drill is being coordinated with the Health Department, who will need 107 people to work the Drill, and numerous volunteers are needed to be "mock" patients.**

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Appointments (2) – Hospital Authority:** Chairman Newton reviewed action taken at the Commission Meeting held December 6, 2006 at which time three (3) names were approved by the Commissioners for submission to the Hospital Authority in replacing Ms. Nettie Robertson, Post 5, on the Hospital Authority Board. Today, three additional names are needed to replace Ms. Mary Ann Coussons, Post 1, on the Authority.

The following named individuals were approved for submission to the Hospital Authority Board for consideration in replacing Ms. Coussons, Post 1.

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| 1. | John Seay
662 Chestnut Drive
Thomson, GA 30824 | Phone: | 706/597-9428 |
| 2. | Raymond Roquemore
3299 Mt. Pleasant Road
Thomson, GA 30824 | Phone: | 706/597-3966 |
| 3. | Ms. Daisy Boyd
257 Hoey Street
Thomson, GA 30824 | Phone: | 706/595-2256 |

After discussion, a motion was made by Wester to approve the submission of the above three (3) named individuals for consideration in replacing Ms. Coussons; motion was seconded by Farr and passed unanimously.

A second motion was made by Wilson to postpone naming people to replace Ron Shipman on Post 2 until the January 16, 2007 Commission Meeting; motion was seconded by Farr and passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **E/R's & ACO's (Errors Releases & Assessor's Change Order Report) Real Estate & Mobile Home Taxes – December 2006:** Chairman Newton asked Tax Commissioner Sandra Whitaker to present this report.

Sandra reported that values decreased/increased for the month of December 2006 and reflected a negative \$258.20 for real property taxes; resulting from values being lowed through appeals. A positive \$307.38 is reported in mobile home taxes, a result from mobile homes not being on current digest.

After discussion, a motion to approve the report as presented was made by Wilson, seconded by Farr and passed unanimously.

2. **Appointments (2) – County Clerk & County Attorney:** Chairman Newton stated that it is time to appoint a County Clerk and recommended that Annette Finley be re-appointed as County Clerk for 2007. A motion to approve this recommendation was made by Wilson, seconded by Wester and passed unanimously.

Chairman Newton also announced that is time to appoint a County Attorney for 2007 and recommended that Sammy Fowler be re-appointed. A motion to approve this recommendation was made by Wilson, seconded by Favors and passed unanimously.

3. **Appointments (3) – Tourism Board:** Chairman Newton announced that he had been advised of three vacant positions on the Tourism Board effective December 31, 23006 and recommended the following appointments:

1. Debbie Jones, Director of Marketing, Public Relations and the Foundation of McDuffie County Regional Hospital.
2. Kelly Evans, Director of the Joint City-County IT Department, who has worked diligently in launching the new website including the Department of Tourism,
3. Trevor Roberson, teacher of Language Arts at Thomson High School, who is working to launch the McDuffie Museum, specifically the Museum's education outreach plans.

After discussion, a motion was made by Wester to appoint Debbie Jones to Post 6 (replacing Tommy Samuels), Kelly Evans to Post 9 (replacing Tom DeRossett III) and Trevor Roberson to Post 11 (replacing Nether Ivery) each to serve 3-year terms effective January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2009; motion was seconded by Farr and passed unanimously.

Chairman Newton expressed some concern regarding I.T. Director Kelly Evans spending too much time on Tourism Board activities and asked her to come forward if this became a problem and her involvement was interfering with her work in the IT Department. She agreed to comply with this request.

4. **Fire Station #1 Change Orders No. 2, 3, 4:** Chairman Newton asked County Fire Chief, Bruce Tanner, to present this matter:

Bruce stated that he had received proposals for Change Orders 2, 3 & 4 from the Stewart-Corbitt, Inc. which Architect Glenn Gregory had reviewed and approved earlier. Change Orders 2 and 3 actually reflected a reduction in overall costs while Change Order 4 reflected an overall increase of \$4,641.33 to the original contracted amount. This amount is for the installation of liner panels in Apparatus Bay from block to deck and is recommended for approval.

After discussion, a motion was made by Wester to approve an increase of \$4,641.22 to the original contracted amount with a new contracted sum of \$848,141.33; motion was seconded by Wilson and passed unanimously. Note was made that these funds would come from SPLOST IV and/or supplemented by additional revenue created by the sale of County property for the East Bypass at the “current” Fire Station #1 location.

5. **Consideration of “Expanded” Family YMCA Proposal:** Chairman Newton asked Commissioner Favors to address this matter.

Commissioner Favors reported that the Thomson Family YMCA is now offering Metro Individual, Branch Family and Metro Family memberships to employees of McDuffie County. The employee would have to pay the difference for each year in full to the County and would need to take a receipt to the Family YMCA for proof of payment.

Rates would be:

- **Metro Individual:** \$40.00 per mo. per employee; employee would pay \$158.40 per year in full to McDuffie County & obtain a receipt; YMCA would then bill McDuffie County \$40 for that particular employee. (Calculation: \$40.00 less \$26.80 which County is currently paying per month per employee = \$13.20 x 12 months = \$158.40 total amount.
- **Branch Family:** \$43.30 per mo. per employee; employee would pay \$198.00 per year in full – similar calculation as above.
- **Metro Family:** \$60.00 per mo. per employee; employee would pay \$398.40 per year in full – similar calculation as above.

After a lengthy discussion, a motion to approve the recommendation to adopt the expanded “Family” YMCA classification rate plan was made by Favors, seconded Wilson and passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners at this time, a motion to adjourn was made by Farr, seconded by Wilson and passed unanimously.

McDUFFIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Charles G. Newton IV, Chairman

ATTEST:

Annette Finley, County Clerk