

AGENDA

**McDUFFIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' CALLED MEETING
February 8, 2007, 8:00 AM, Grand Jury Room, McDuffie County Courthouse**

CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME

Chairman Newton

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVALS

**Minutes (Regular Mtg. 1-16-2007)
Agenda (Current)**

INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1. Judge Robert Cofer, Died 2/7/07, Memorial Funeral Services
Scheduled Friday, 2/9, 11 AM, First Baptist Church – Private Family
Burial, Washington, GA**

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. CDBG (Community Development Block Grant Proposal – Boys &
Girls Club (Chairman Newton)**
- 2. Augusta Tech Airframe & Power Plant School (Chairman Newton)**
- 3. Georgia Air Application (Chairman Newton)**

ADJOURNMENT

The McDuffie County Board of Commissioners held a Called Commission Meeting Thursday morning, February 8, 2007, 8:00 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

COUNTY REPRESENTATION

Don Norton, County Manager
Annette Finley, County Clerk
Jimmy Whitaker, County Clerk
Chris Pelly, Director, Public Works
Fred Guerrant, Director, Planning Board
Kelly Evans, Director, IT Department

MEDIA REPRESENTATION

McDuffie Progress Newspaper
WTHO Radio Station

OTHERS

Three (3) citizens attended.

CALLED TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner/Reverend Fred Favors led the invocation which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVALS

Minutes (Regular Meeting 1-16-07)

A motion was made by Wester to postpone approval of the Minutes until the next regular scheduled meeting on February 20, 2002 in order to allow time to review them before taking action; motion was seconded by Farr and passed unanimously.

Agenda

A motion to approve the current agenda was made by Farr, seconded by Wester and passed unanimously.

INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **Announcement:** Magistrate Judge Bob Cofer died 2/7/07, Memorial Funeral Services 2/9/07, 11 AM, First Baptist Church; private family burial in Washington, GA. Commissioners agreed to make personal donations to the Thomson-McDuffie Animal Shelter in his memory.
2. **Announcement:** The Town of Dearing proposes annexation in the south end of town and in the western section toward Thomson for the purpose of increasing revenue through with the proposed development.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. **CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) Proposal – Boys & Girls Club:** Chairman Newton reported that he had been discussing with State officials the possibility of obtaining a CDBG grant for the expansion of the Boys & Girls Club located on Pecan Avenue. Also, that the application and administration of the grant would be approximately \$1150 by Gilbert & Associates with the original design architect, Pete Hill, doing the design work.

After discussion, a motion to proceed with the application was made by Farr, seconded by Wilson and passed unanimously.

2. **Augusta Tech Airframe & Power Plant School:** Chairman Newton reported that he had discussions with Senator Jim Whitehead, the governor's staff and officials from Augusta Tech in Augusta regarding a future airplane mechanic's school at the Thomson-McDuffie Regional Airport. After meeting with Terry Elam and Preston Smith, Augusta Tech –Augusta, he was advised that there is a strong possibility of the Division of Technical & Adult Education (DTAE) launching this project at this local airport which would provide the school and training for approximately 35-50 airplane mechanics in the beginning, with an ultimate figure of 200 later. Not only would this endeavor provide some local jobs, but it would also improve the facilities at the airport as well. Note was made that airport engineer, Phil Eberly, had been contacted who had provided additional information regarding the cost of classroom space and hangar space.
3. **Georgia Air Application:** Chairman Newton reported that he had been advised by OneGeorgia. that McDuffie County was not eligible for this application.
4. **Airport Improvements:** Chairman Newton reported that he had been discussing with appropriate officials the possibility of having a hangar constructed at the Thomson-McDuffie Regional Airport for the plane owned by the MC G Joseph M. Still Burn Center. The project is being considered for McDuffie or Aiken County with McDuffie County most favorably at this time. The airplane for Dr. Mullins of Columbia County is the doctor for whom the hangar would utilized at this time.

After discussion, note was made that additional information would be forthcoming as it is made available.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board 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

ATTESTED: _____
Annette Finley, County Clerk