

AGENDA

**McDUFFIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
May 19, 2009, 6:30 PM, Grand Jury Room, McDuffie County Courthouse**

PUBLIC INPUT

Speakers:

Adjournment:

ZONING HEARING

- 1. Herman McTier – Zoning Change – 1760 Augusta Highway**
- 2. Dorothy Bradford – Handicap Variance – 1121 County Line Road**

Adjournment:

COMMISSION MEETING

CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME

Chairman Newton

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVALS

Agenda (Current)

Minutes (Regular Mtg. 05-06-09)

INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1. Memorial Holiday - Monday, May 25. Most County Offices Will Be Closed.**

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Roof Repair at Station 3 (Chairman Newton & Bruce Tanner)**
- 2. Grant to Update McDuffie County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (Bruce Tanner)**
- 3. Monthly Budget Report – April 2009 (Don Norton)**
- 4. Monthly Financial Report – April 2009 (Jimmy Whitaker)**

ADJOURNMENT

The McDuffie County Board of Commissioners held a regular Commission Meeting Wednesday morning, June 3, 2009, 10:00 AM, Grand Jury Room, McDuffie County Courthouse.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:
Charles G. Newton IV, Chairman
Sammie L. Wilson Sr., Vice Chairman
Rev. Fred D. Favors, Commissioner
Paul W. McCorkle, Commissioner
Wm. "Bill" M. Jopling, Commissioner

COUNTY REPRESENTATION:
Don Norton, County Manager
Kharhonda Collins, Probate Clerk
Jimmy Whitaker, Interim Finance Director
Kelly Evans, IT Director
Bruce Tanner, County Fire Chief
Fred Guarrant, Director, Planning Board

MEDIA REPRESENTATION:
McDuffie Mirror Newspaper
McDuffie Progress Newspaper

OTHERS PRESENT:
None

PUBLIC HEARINGS (2)
9-1-1 Charges –McDuffie County

Speakers: Charlie Newton

Adjourned: 10:01 PM

ZONING HEARING

Chairman Newton asked Fred Guarrant, Director of the Planning Board, to present the following two issues:

1) **Herman McTier – Zoning Change – 1760 Augusta Highway**
Fred reported that he had received an application from Mr. Herman McTier requesting a zoning change for a .98 acre parcel located directly in front of his salvage yard on the Augusta Highway. Mr. Herman is requesting a zoning change from Residential to Commercial in order to accommodate the sale of the property to Jimmy Lancaster (McDuffie Electric) so that Jimmy could establish his electrical subcontractor's business at that location. Jimmy is in the same building as Bill Dozier (Dozier Electric/HVAC) on West Hill Street but plans to build a stick-built office and storage building on the Augusta Highway property. The single-wide currently on the property will be moved to Grovetown. The Planning Commission recommends approval of this request.

2) **Dorothy Bradford – Handicap Variance – 1121 County Line Road**
Fred stated that he had received an application from Mrs. Bradford requesting approval for the continued use of a camper next to her residence for the residence for her brother-in-law, Mike Lucore. Fred added that the several complaints had been received regarding the placement of the camper (trailer). Verification of the complaint revealed that the camper had been brought in without obtaining the required moving electrical or septic tank permits; camper are permit in the R-2 district only for a 45-day temporary visitation period. It is well known that Mrs. Brad needs assistance in light of the fact that she didn't drive and for that reason the camper needs to be there as long as Mrs. Bradford lived there. The Planning Commission recommends that the camper be removed from the property within ninety days and explained that allowing a camper as a handicap residence would set a precedence. Past experiences and enforcement cannot be allowed. In lieu of the camper, the Board recommends that Mrs. Bradford place a single-wide on her three (3) acre parcel for use as a handicap residence as has been approved for other applicants in the past. Also, the Commission stipulates that should Mrs. Bradford cease to reside at her current residence, the single-wide would have to be removed.

Adjourned: 6:37 PM

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funds not to exceed \$5000 with funds coming from Contingency. No action was taken on the matter at this time, however it will be placed on the agenda for follow up at the June 3, 2009 regular Commission Meeting.

3. **Grant to Update McDuffie County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan:** Chairman Newton asked County Fire Chief Bruce Tanner to present this matter.

Bruce reported that a Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) Award had been approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The grant will be used to formally update the McDuffie County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan to meet the federal requirements of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000. The total approved cost is \$10,000 with a federal share of \$15,000, a state share of \$2000 and a local share of \$3,000, which probably can be absorbed as "in kind".

After discussion, a motion was made by Jopling to accept this award at no monetary expense to the County except with "in kind" services; motion was seconded by McCorkle and passed unanimously.

4. **Boys & Girls Club – Fire Safety Requirements, per State Fire Marshall:** Chairman Newton advised that as part of the expansion project at the Boys & Girls Club, the State Fire Marshall is requiring a concrete pad suitable for a ladder fire truck to operate safely next to the building. There will be approximately 16 yards of concrete required for the pad which will be 48' long x 18' wide x 6" deep, to be paid for from within the project budget. No action was required or taken at this matter at this time.

5. **Flag and Flag Pole – Fire Station #1, Salem Road:** Chairman Newton announced that he had received an email from Mr. John Perryman, member of the Chamber of Commerce, who was promoting fund raising for a flag and flag pole at Fire Station #1 with a goal of \$2000 very quickly, so the flag pole will be in place by July 4, 2009; Mr. Perryman is anxious to donate his personal flag on July 4 for that day only.

After discussion, a motion was made by Jopling for the county to proceed with the purchase of a flag pole up to \$2000, with funds coming from Contingency, for Station #1 and with plans to have the flag pole in place by July 4; motion was seconded by McCorkle and passed unanimously

6. **2nd CDBG 2009 – Stimulus Funding – Sr. Citizens Center:** Chairman Newton announced that he had attended a Stimulus Funding Workshop in Macon recently and learned there would be a second round of projects with stimulus funding which is intended to help create jobs. He stated that a new CDBG 2009 Grant had already been submitted to DCA with their deadline April 1, however, this second application would be available in case the first application to DCA is not funded. In talking with the director of Home Place, approximately 5 new positions would be created with the

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Adult Day Care Expansion at our Sr. Citizen Center. Therefore, it seems that this expansion will be forthcoming. Ms. Rhonda Gilbert has offered to write and submit this application for \$350. This expense would be for copying and changes being made in the first application in order to re-submit as a second application. A motion to approve this recommendation was made by McCorkle. After a lapse of time, the motion died due to the lack of a second.

Commissioner Favors remarked that we could "tie together" this endeavor along with an "energy efficient" effort. After additional discussion, Chairman Newton recommended this procedure and also the payment of \$350 to Gilbert+Associates for the application submission. A second motion to approve the request of \$350 to pay Gilbert+Associates for the submission of the application and as well as approve the recommendation to "tie together" the "energy efficient" effort with along with the "creativity of jobs" was made by McCorkle; motion was seconded by Jopling and passed unanimously. This effort could apply toward the 2nd "go round" in case we do miss the first.

7. **Finance Audit:** Chairman Newton asked Commissioner Favors to address this matter since he had asked that it be placed on the agenda.

Commissioner Favors asked if the 2008 audit had been started and for an update from Jimmy Whitaker, the Interim Director of Finance. Jimmy responded that it had actually started but the employees in the Finance department were not very cooperative in work responsibilities therefore, several items were not being followed up on as they should be at this time. The fact that 2009 is the last year, Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2009, in the auditor's contract (Baird & Company), and changes within their company may play a part in the schedule. Chairman Newton added that the personnel problems in that department will be solved in the not too distant future.

Favors asked if small amounts paid from SPLOST funds to items not authorized as SPLOST payables could be detected by the auditors. Jimmy answered "yes"; however, the auditors do have a \$ threshold below which they do not specifically search. A lower "\$ threshold" limit can be arranged at additional cost for audit services. This, of course, would have a budgetary impact.

8. Monthly Budget Report – April 2009: Chairman Newton asked County Manager Don

Don reported that as of April 30, 2009 with 33.3% of the year lapsed, the County had collected \$2,477,516.26 or 19.1% of the projected YTD revenue for the General Fund. With 33.3% of the year lapsed, the YTD General Fund Expenditures were \$4,238,690.18 or 32.6%.

Monthly Financial Report – April 2009: The Interim Finance Director, Jimmy Whitaker, continued with the report on all bank accounts stating that a lot of accounts will show a balance of "0" revealing the fact that Regions will not take them off record until there is no activity; Drug Fund has a balance of \$210,086.19; Jail Fund shows a balance of \$364,514.78; Special Account at Regions has a balance of \$782,557.09; total of all accounts showing a grand total of \$25,695,533.75 as of April 30, 2009; Hotel/Motel revenue reflects a YTD total of \$54,228.05 or -5.57% below the same date in 2008; Local Option Sales Tax Collection are YTD \$805, 273.98 or 4.52% increase from 2008 on the same date last year; and SPLOST IV Revenue/Expenditures report a cumulative revenue total of \$17,818,007 plus \$488,058 earned interest; SPLOST V Revenue/Expenditures report a cumulative revenue total of \$555,746 as of this date plus \$247 interest. SPLOST V funds are being set aside for bond debt service payments on the City-County Building Complex.

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ADJOURNMENT

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

McDUFFIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Charles G. Newton IV, Chairman

ATTEST:

Annette Finley, County Clerk