

The McDuffie County Board of Commissioners held a regular Commission Meeting Wednesday, August 4, 2010, 10:00 AM, Grand Jury Room, McDuffie County Courthouse.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Charles. Newton IV, Chairman
Sammie Wilson Sr., Vice Chairman
Fredrick D. Favors, Commissioner
Paul W. McCorkle, Commissioner

COUNTY REPRESENTATION:

Don Norton, County Manager
Penny Salley, County Clerk
Eric Reisinger, Public Works Director
Don Clauson, Director of Solid Waste
Linda Thurmond, Chief Tax Appraiser
Sandra Whitaker, Tax Commissioner
Fred Guerrant, Planning Board Director
Pam Workman, Assistant Finance Director

MEDIA:

WTHO Radio Station
McDuffie Progress Newspaper
McDuffie Mirror Newspaper

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Favors offered the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL

Agenda (Current)

Chairman Newton asked if there were any corrections or additions to the current agenda. With no corrections or additions, a motion to approve the current agenda was made by Wilson, seconded by McCorkle and passed unanimously.

Minutes (Regular Mtg. (7/20/2010))

A motion to approve the minutes of the 7/20/2010 Regular Commission Meeting was made by McCorkle seconded by Wilson and passed unanimously.

INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. 2010 Tax Digest Approved
2. Budget Work Session Tuesday, August 10, 2010, 6:30 Grand Jury Room
3. Notice of Vacancy on ACCG Board of Managers
4. ACCG 2010 Mobile Classroom, August 19-20, Departing from Ft. Stewart, Hinesville
5. ACCG Advanced Leadership Institute, September 8-10, Athens

OLD BUSINESS

1. Consideration of Hospital Authority Vacancy Nominees (List of 3)

Chairman Newton has received notification that Doug Whitaker's term on the Hospital Authority will end effective December 31, 2010 leaving a full term vacancy. The current Authority has submitted a list of five (5) names which the Board may wish to consider.

Chairman Newton opened the floor for nominations to replace Doug Whitaker. Mr. Lynn Reeves and Mrs. Sheron Finnerty were nominated to be added to the list of recommendations submitted by the Hospital Authority. A motion to close nominations was made by Wilson, seconded by McCorkle and passed unanimously. A roll call vote was requested by Chairman Newton with the following results:

Roll Call:	<u>Mrs. Leondard Dupree</u>	<u>Mr. Andy Knox, Jr.</u>	<u>Mr. George Coussons</u>	<u>Mr. John Moss</u>
Favors	√			
McCorkle				
Wilson	√		√	

	<u>Dr. David Ruehle</u>	<u>Mrs. Sheron Finnerty</u>	<u>Mr. Lynn Reeves</u>
Favors		√	√
McCorkle	√	√	√
Wilson			√

A motion was made by McCorkle to submit the following three (3) names to the Hospital Authority for consideration: Mrs. Leonard Dupree, Mrs. Sheron Finnerty and Mr. Lynn Reeves, seconded by Wilson and passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

1. ER & ACO Report – July 2010:

Chairman Newton asked Sandra Whitaker, Tax Commissioner, to present this report.

Sandra stated that the report for July 2010 reflects an increase in the amount of \$470.69 for changes to the Property Tax Digest. Property Tax increase is due to several personal property audits resulting in higher values for three years as well as the BOE ruling on values some lowered and some went back to the original values.

The Mobile Home Digest reflects a decrease in the amount of \$273.03 due to the County. Mobile Home Tax decrease is due to several fire reports showing homes were destroyed by fire along with appeals being settled resulting in lower values.

A motion was made by Wilson to accept the report, seconded by McCorkle and passed unanimously.

2. Reappointment of Board of Health Representative

Chairman Newton announced that he had received notice from the McDuffie County Health Department that Ms. Dorothy Robinsons' appointment on the Board has expired. Ms. Robinson has indicated that she would like to remain on the Board. Chairman Newton recommended that Ms. Robinson be reappointed for another six (6) year term.

A motion to approve this recommendation was made by Favors, seconded by Wilson and passed unanimously.

3. Bid Award – Water System Improvements Phase II

A bid opening was held on July 22, 2010 at which five (5) bids were received for the Water System Improvements Phase II project. As a result of the review of the bids, the references and other documentation and a recommendation by Bill Crowder with Precision Planning, Inc, the best bid is that of M&E Grading & Pipeline, Inc. in the amount of \$849,545.00

A motion to accept the bid from M&E Grading & Pipeline, Inc. in the amount of \$849,545.00 for the Water System Improvements Phase II project as well as the resolution to award the construction contract to M&E Grading & Pipeline was made by McCorkle, seconded by Wilson and passed unanimously.

4. Approval of Updated Flood Plain Ordinance & Related Interlocal Agreement

Due to the fact that FEMA has recently updated the flood plain maps, they are requiring that McDuffie County adopt their updated ordinance referencing the new floodplain maps. In Mr. Guerrants review of the updated ordinance, the two most significant changes relate to "AE" and "AO" flood zones, which do not affect McDuffie County.

With a recommendation by Fred, a motion was made by McCorkle to continue with participation in the program by adopting the updated Flood Plain Ordinance and Interlocal Agreement, seconded by Wilson and passed unanimously.

5. Approval of Bond Construction Fund Supplementary Resolution

A resolution was presented to the Board of Commissioners to change the construction fund custodian for its \$17,655,000 in principal amount general obligation bonds and for related purposes.

After a recommendation by Don Norton, a motion was made by Wilson to approve the resolution and to remove Regions Bank as the Construction Bond Custodian and designate Queensborough Bank as the Construction Bond Custodian, seconded by McCorkle and passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

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

McDUFFIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Charles G. Newton IV, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Penny Salley, County Clerk