

AGENDA
McDUFFIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
August 5, 2009, 10:00 AM, Grand Jury Room, McDuffie County Courthouse

CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME

Chairman Newton

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Reverend Steve Stokes, Pastor, Pine Grove Baptist Church, Thomson

APPROVALS

Agenda (Current)

Minutes (Regular Mtg. 07-21-09)

INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1. Special Recognition for Deputy Henry Campbell (Chairman Newton & Sheriff Marshall)**
- 2. Service Recognition for Terry Montgomery – 20 years Service, Solid Waste (Chairman Newton)**
- 3. Announcement – McDuffie County Receives Dividend, \$3244.00 From ACCG-IRMA (Chairman Newton)**

OLD BUSINESS

- 1. Appointment – Joint & County Development Authority (Chairman Newton)**

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. ER & ACO Report – June & July 2009 (Tax Commissioner Sandra Whitaker)**
- 2. Report Concerning Fuel Management System Impact (Kelly Evans)**
- 3. Audit Budget Amendments for 2008 (Jimmy Whitaker)**

/ADJOURNMENT

The McDuffie County Board of Commissioners held a regular Commission Meeting Wednesday morning, August 5, 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

COUNTY REPRESENTATION:

Don Norton, County Manager
Jimmy Whitaker, Interim Finance Director
Kelly Evans, IT Director
Bruce Tanner, County Fire Chief

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT :

Wm. M. Jopling

Fred Guarrant, Director, Planning Board
Steven Sewell, Fire Services/EMA
Sheriff Logan Marshall

OTHERS PRESENT:

Seven (7) citizens attended.

Deputy Henry Campbell
Terry Montgomery, Solid Waste Department
Deputy Mike Hobbs

MEDIA REPRESENTATION:

WTHO Radio Station
McDuffie Progress Newspaper
McDuffie Mirror Newspaper

Sandra Whitaker, Tax Commissioner
Katherine Perry, Chief Appraiser

CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME

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

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Reverend Steve Stokes, Pastor, Pine Grove Baptist Church, offered the invocation which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVALS

Agenda (Current)

Changes to the Agenda were made as follows:

Information & Announcements:

Add Item 4: FEMA & DNR Maps – Flood Plain; Subject to be addressed by Fred Guarrant.

Old Business:

Delete Item 1: Appointment to Development Authority; Commissioner McCorkle asked that this item be postponed until all commissioners were in attendance.

New Business:

Add Item 4: 2008 Sales Ratio Study – Katherine Perry to present this matter.

A motion to approve the current Agenda with the changes noted above was made by Wilson, seconded by McCorkle and passed unanimously.

Minutes (Regular Mtg. 5/19/09)

A motion to approve the minutes of the regular Commission Meeting held on July 21, 2009 was made by McCorkle, seconded by Wilson and passed unanimously.

INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Special Recognition for Deputy Henry Campbell: Chairman Newton presented Deputy Campbell a County Proclamation acknowledging his dedication toward his work responsibilities. His prevention in keeping Ms. Hiwassee James from jumping off the Washington Road/I-20 bridge on December 31, 2008 was very admirable. This Proclamation pays only a small tribute to his dedication as a Deputy Sheriff. Sheriff Marshall presented Deputy Campbell with another Certificate from the Governor's Office, State of Georgia, promoting him to "Lieutenant Colonel, Aid De Camp", on the Governor's staff.

2. Recognition was paid to Terry Montgomery for 20 years of employment with McDuffie County in the Solid Waste Department: Chairman Newton presented Terry with a "Certificate of Appreciation" reflecting his dedicated service from 7/31/89 through 7/31/09 and thanked him for the good work and services throughout his employment with the County.

Announcement: Chairman Newton announced that McDuffie County is Receiving a Dividend, \$3244.00 From ACCG-IRMA. The dividend will be returned in the form of a

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premium credit, applied toward McDuffie County's property and liability premium for the 2009-2010 policy year.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Appointment – Joint & County Development Authority: Chairman Newton reviewed the prior action of removing this item from the Agenda at the last Commission Meeting on July 21. Commissioner McCorkle recommended again, that since all commissioners were not present at this meeting, the matter be postponed to

August
attendance.

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NEW BUSINESS

1. ER & ACO Report – June & July 2009: Chairman Newton asked Tax Commissioner Sandra Whitaker to present this report.

Sandra presented the following 2 reports:

June Considerations:

There was an additional \$34.02 in addition to the Property Tax Digest; due to 125 Appeals being settled; deleting of two personal property values plane never been housed in County and business closed in November 2007.

There was a decrease in the amount of \$324.17 in revenue due the County for the M&O. The tax decrease is due to several mobile homes having been reported burned/destroyed/moved from County before 1-1-09 but remained on digest; value change due to settling of several appeals.

July Considerations

There was a decrease in the amount of revenue (\$4663.55) due to the County for the M&O of McDuffie County. Property Tax decrease is due to 205 Appeals settled; deleting of two personal property values due to business closed during 2007 but remained on the digest; statewide court case settled in favor of counties; several parcels that have been on the tax levy auction several times that did not sale – the fifa had expired.

A decrease of \$280.79 was due the County for the M&O. The tax decrease is due to one mobile home having been reported burned by the City that had several years of taxes unpaid; value change due to settling of several appeals

After the “June and July Considerations” were discussed, a motion was made by Wilson to approve the reports as submitted; motion was seconded by McCorkle and passed unanimously.

2. Report Concerning Fuel Management System Impact: Chairman Newton asked Kelly Evans to present this report.

Kelly presented the following Fuelmaster Report reflecting the usage of gasoline by county vehicles:

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After discussion of gasoline usage for the months of April, May, June and July 2009, it was agreed by all commissioners present that this is a good cost savings program and the return on the investment should start being realized after 6-7 months.

3. Audit Budget Amendments for 2008: Chairman Newton asked the Interim Finance Director, Jimmy Whitaker, to address this matter.

Jimmy presented the amendments to the Commissioners outlining each account which was the recipient of these funds (\$82,521.00). It was recommended that the Board approve the amendments that need to be made to the other accounts. This will have all departments and funds spending within their budgets for audit purposes.

Authorization was given to the County Manager to proceed with the transfer of these specific funds. A copy of these line items outlined is filed in the Commission Office.

4. **2008 Sales Ratio Study:** Chairman Newton asked Katherine Perry to present this matter.

Katherine stated that she had received 2008 Statewide Equalized Adjusted School Property Tax Digest Report. She explain further that she had come to the McDuffie County Board of Commissioners to seek their permission to challenge the results of the Report advising that the Board of Commissioners and the Board of Education were the only two entities that could give her that permission; note was made that the Board of Education has decided not to pursue the matter any further.

After a long discussion, the Board of Commissioners expressed their individual opinions and chose not to pursue the matter at this time. Any minor correction needed can be made within three (3) years without penalty to McDuffie County.

ADJOURNMENT

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

McDUFFIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Charles G. Newton IV, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Annette Finley, County Clerk