

AGENDA

McDUFFIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING August 6, 2008, 10:00 AM, Grand Jury Room, McDuffie County Courthouse

CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME

Chairman Newton

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Reverend Bob Eick, Thomson, GA

APPROVALS

Agenda (Current)

Minutes (Regular Mtg. 7-15-08)

INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1. ACCG Fall Policy Conference, 10/8-10/10/2008, Atlanta Marriott Marquis Hotel.**
- 2. Status of FY 2009 Budget Process and Current Year Finances (Don Norton)**

OLD BUSINESS

- 1. Ga. Water Supply Competition Grant Program–Grant Writing Services Proposal, GEFA (Chairman Newton)**
- 2. Approval of DOT's Contract for Clark-Reese Road (Chairman Newton)**

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. ER & ACO Report – July 2008 (Commissioner Sandra Whitaker)**
- 2. Bid Award - Boys & Girls Club Renovations & Expansion – CDBG (Chairman Newton)**
- 3. Resolution – Exchange of 2.00 Acres from Airport to Thomson-Augusta Tech (Chairman Newton)**
- 4. Appointments – Hospital Authority (Chairman Newton)**
- 5. Declaration of Surplus Property (Chris Pelly)**

ADJOURNMENT

The McDuffie County Board of Commissioners held a regular scheduled Commission Meeting Wednesday, August 6, 2008, 10:00 AM, Grand Jury Room, McDuffie County Courthouse.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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

COUNTY REPRESENTATION:

Don Norton, County Manager
Annette Finley, County Clerk
Jimmy Whitaker, County Finance Director
Chris Pelly, Director of Public Works
Bruce Tanner, County Fire Chief
Sandra Whitaker, Tax Commissioner
Don Clauson, Director, Solid Waste
Wanda Sisson, Tax Assessor's Office
Steven Sewell, EMS/Fire Services
Bob Howard, Director, Recreation
Bill Jopling, Commissioner Elect 2009
Paul McCorkle, Commissioner Elect 2009

MEDIA REPRESENTATION

WTHO Radio Station
McDuffie Mirror Newspaper
McDuffie Progress Newspaper

No other citizen attended.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Newton announced that a quorum was present, called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

In the absence of Rev. Bob Eick due to a death in the family, Commissioner Sammie Wilson offered the invocation which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVALS

Agenda (Current)

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

Minutes (Regular Mtg. Held on 7-15-08)

A motion to approve the minutes as written of the meeting held on July 15, 2008 was made by Farr, seconded by Wilson and passed unanimously.

INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. ACCG Fall Policy Conference, 10/8-10/10/2008, Atlanta Marriott Marquis Hotel.
2. Status of FY 2009 Budget Process and Current Year Finances: Chairman Newton asked County Manager Don Norton to present this information.

Don reported that the upcoming FY 2009 Budget Process and 2008 Tax Digest submittal would be coordinated in conjunction with the regular Commission Meetings as much as possible. He presented the following schedule which is copied below and made a part of these minutes.

At this time, Don reported the current "cash flow" condition of the County and reviewed the latest withdrawals in detail from the Reserve Account. He noted that \$600,000 had already been withdrawn this year and another \$600,000 is anticipated within the next 2 months.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Ga. Water Supply Competition Grant Program – Grant Writing Services Proposal, GEFA:** Chairman Newton presented this matter again and reviewed the background for the benefit of all Commissioners. He reiterated that this proposal is to apply for a Georgia Water Supply Competitive Grant with GEFA funding for mechanical upgrades at Usry's Pond, i.e. to provide the collection of information and documentation in support of the GEFA application, noting that the deadline of grant submission is August 29, 2008. Chairman Newton recommended the many tasks associated with the preparation of this GEFA application will be accomplished at an hourly rate of \$55.00, not to exceed \$2,550 with Gilbert+Associates, Inc., with a 50-50 cost share (\$1275 each) between the City and County.

After discussion, a motion to approve this recommendation was made by Wester, seconded by Wilson and passed unanimously.

2. **Approval of DOT's Contract for Clark-Reese Road:** Chairman Newton reminded everyone that Clark-Reese Road had been an on-going project for sometime with the Department of Transportation funding a total of \$97,048.05 for the surfacing starting at CR 297 ending at dead end; total of 0.960 mile of base and plant mix surfacing. At this time, DOT had submitted a contract in accordance with the earlier agreements and plans and final approval by the Board of Commissioners was needed at this time.

At this time, a motion to approve the contract was made by Farr, seconded by Wester and passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **ER & ACO Report – July 2008:** Chairman Newton asked Tax Commissioner Sandra Whitaker to present this report.

Sandra reported an increase of \$2,711.43 for the M&O of McDuffie County. This increase is due to several Property Audits completed resulting in additional values; Years Support granted per Probate Court.

Mobile Home Digest decreased by \$182.73 for the month of July due to several appeals being settled; removal of several mobile homes from the digest that were either moved from the county or destroyed.

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

2. **Bid Award – Boys & Girls Club Renovations & Expansion:** Chairman Newton reported that four bids had been received for the construction work on the Thomson Boys & Girls Club renovations and expansion. Of the four bids received, Continental Construction Company, Inc., had submitted the low bid. "Notice of Award" will be forthcoming and the Contract will be issued for signatures.

After a lengthy discussion concerning the "over projected budget" cost figures, Chairman Newton recommended that Continental Construction Company, Inc., be awarded the bid and further pointed out that the bid came in at \$479,500 (\$145/sq. foot) which was much more than had been anticipated. The CDBG grant award was for \$343,864 and approximately \$140,000 was now needed toward the construction and expansion of the county owned building with funds coming from SPLOST IV. Note was made that the Notice of Award will be issued by Precision Planning for this contract.

After a lengthy discussion, a motion was made by Wester to approve this recommendation, seconded by Wilson and passed unanimously.

3. **Resolution – Exchange of 2.00 Acres from Thomson-McDuffie Airport/Thomson-Augusta Tech:** Chairman Newton presented a Resolution to be adopted regarding the exchange of 2.00 acres of land located at the Thomson-McDuffie County Airport, McDuffie County, Georgia, to the State of Georgia, for 2.00 acres of land located on the McDuffie County Campus of Augusta Technical College. These 2.00 acres would allow the construction of an Aircraft Technology Building for technical and adult training of residents in McDuffie as well as surrounding counties. Also, noted was the fact that the building must have access to an airport runway to meet the needs of the programs to be offered by Thomson-Augusta Tech. A copy of the two plats “exchanging” the acreage was also provided for additional information and will be recorded in the Clerk of Court’s office. Copies are on file in the Commission Office. The Resolution is copied below and made a part of these minutes:

After discussion, a motion to adopt the Resolution in its entirety was made by Wester, seconded by Farr and passed unanimously.

4. **Appointments (2) – Hospital Authority:** Chairman Newton announced that he had received a letter advising of two authority members on the Hospital Authority who would be rotating off the board December 31, 2008. This information was noted as being helpful this far in advance so that ample time could be given in considering people for replacements.

This matter is postponed to the Commission Meeting scheduled for 8-19-08 for additional names and consideration by the Board.

5. **Declaration of Surplus Property:** Chairman Newton asked Chris Pelly, Director of Public Works, to address this matter.

Chris presented the following list of equipment to be declared “surplus” in order to sell, recycle or otherwise dispose of this property in the most profitable manner. The list consists of the following:

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| 30-35 ea. | CPU’s - IT Department |
| 1985 | Case W30 Loader, #9156226 – Road Dept. |
| 1991 | Step Van – 2GCJG31N9M4110467 – Fire Services |
| 1995 | Nat’l – 84” Reel Mower, Riding, 16 HP Engine – Recreation Dept. |
| 1996 | Ford F150 Truck, #2FETF15N7TLB69627 – Road Dept. |
| 1997 | Ford Crown Vic, #2FALP71W9VX209899 – Road Dept. |
| 1999 | Ford Crown Vic, #2FALP71W7YX101606 – Road Dept. |
| 1999 | Ford F150 Truck, #1FTRF17W7XNA60862 – Road Dept. |
| 2003 | Ford Crown Vic, #2FAFP71W53X102553 – Sheriff’s Dept. |

After discussion regarding a final disposition of the items, a motion was made by Farr to declare these items as “surplus”; motion was seconded by Favors 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 Favors and passed unanimously.

McDUFFIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Charles G. Newton IV, Chairman

ATTEST:

Annette Finley, County Clerk