

AGENDA

McDUFFIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
August 19, 2008, 6:30 PM, Grand Jury Room, McDuffie County Courthouse

PUBLIC INPUT

Speakers:

Adjournment:

ZONING HEARING

No Issues

Adjournment:

COMMISSION MEETING

CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME

Chairman Newton

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVALS

Agenda (Current)

Minutes (Reg. Commission Mtg., 8/6/08)

INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1. Presentation of Proclamation: "Thomson Wildcats" (Chairman Newton)**
- 2. Announcement – SPLOST V Forum Wednesday Night, August 27, 7:00 PM, Depot**
- 3. Announcement – First, FY 2009 Budget Work Session Immediately Following this Commission Meeting, Grand Jury Room**
- 4. Announcement – Second, FY 2009 Budget Work Session to Discuss "Proposed" Budget – Tuesday, August 26, 6:30 PM, Grand Jury Room**

OLD BUSINESS

- 1. Appointments (2) – Hospital Authority (Chairman Newton)**

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Proposed Road Name Change – "Davis Rd. to Helen Walton Rd."(Fred Guerrant)**
- 2. Deerfield Subdivision – Phase II, Special Lighting District Ordinance Amend.(Don Norton)**
- 3. Monthly Budget Report (Don Norton)**
- 4. Monthly Financial Report (Jimmy Whitaker)**

ADJOURNMENT

The McDuffie County Board of Commissioners held a regular Commission Meeting, Tuesday evening, August 19, 2008, 6:30 PM, Superior Court Room, McDuffie County Courthouse.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:
Charles G. Newton IV, Chairman
Sammie L. 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 Finance Director
Kelly Evans, Director, IT Department
Chris Pelly, Director, Public Works
Ronnie Williamson, Major, Sheriff's Dept.
Bruce Tanner, County Fire Chief
Steven Sewell, Fire Services/EMA
Paul McCorkle, Commissioner Elect
Bill Jopling, Commissioner Elect

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:
None

OTHERS
Thirty (30) citizens attended.

MEDIA REPRESENTATION:
WTHO Radio Station
McDuffie Mirror Newspaper
McDuffie Progress Newspaper

PUBLIC INPUT

Speakers: 1. Mrs. Ruby Davis, Billy & Gladys Rogers – Davis Road
RE: Road Name Change

Mrs. Davis and Mr. & Mrs. Rogers presented a petition to have the name of "Davis Road" changed to "Helen Walton Road".

Several considerations & issues were discussed. Action to be taken later during NEW BUSINESS of the Commission Meeting.

Adjournment: 6:40 PM

ZONING HEARING

No Issues

COMMISSION MEETING

CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME

Chairman Newton called the meeting to order, declared a quorum and welcomed everyone in attendance.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVALS

Agenda (Current)

Chairman Newton asked that "Item 5. Announcements for Sr. Citizens' Center CDBG and Joint City/County Housing CDBG" be added to the INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS. A motion was made by Farr to approve the amended Agenda; motion was seconded by Wilson and passed unanimously.

Minutes (Regular Commission Mtg. (8-6-08))

A motion was made by Wilson to approve the minutes as written of the regular Commission Meeting held on August 6, 2008; motion was seconded by Farr and passed unanimously.

INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **Presentation of Proclamation - "Thomson Wildcats"**: Chairman Newton recognized thirteen (13) baseball players who had competed in the 2008

USSSA World Series tournament in Kissimmee Florida. These players participated in the “10 and Under” travel baseball team from Thomson. They are to be congratulated and honored with this Proclamation from McDuffie County for having won Second Place at this tournament and the media has been invited as well as instructed to announce this achievement to all citizens in McDuffie County. A copy of this Proclamation is copied below and made a part of these minutes.

After the announcement, the media made pictures of the team members with all of the Commissioners and the Chairman presented them with the official Proclamation.

- 2. Announcement - SPLOST V Forum Wednesday night, August 27, 7:00 PM, Depot.**
- 3. Announcement - First FY 2009 Budget Work Session to be Held Immediately Following this Commission Meeting, Grand Jury Room.**
- 4. Announcement - Second FY 2009 Second Budget Work Session to Discuss “Proposed” Budget – Tuesday night, August 26, 6:30 PM, Grand Jury Room.**
- 5. Announcement – 1) Application for CDBG for Sr. Citizens’ Center Denied; 2) Joint City/County CHIP for Housing Improvements Approved.**

OLD BUSINESS

- 1. Appointments (2) – Hospital Authority: Chairman Newton announced that a list of graduates from Leadership McDuffie had been distributed to the commissioners and asked if there were any names for consideration to be presented at this time.**

Commissioner Farr submitted the name of P. J. Alderman to replace Robin Dudley, Post 6, on the Hospital Authority. After discussion, a motion to approve Mr. Alderman as a potential authority member was made by Farr, seconded by Favors and passed unanimously. Note was made that another round of names to replace Roy W. Lovelace, II, Post 9, at the next Commission Meeting scheduled for September 3, 2008.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Proposed Road Name Change – “Davis Rd. to Helen Walton Rd.”:** Chairman Newton asked Fred Guarrant, Director of the Planning Board, to address this matter.

Fred stated that Mrs. H.E. (Ruby) Davis had requested that the name of Davis Drive, located off of Iron Hill Road immediately south of the Town of Dearing be changed from Davis Road to “Helen Walton Rd”. Currently there are two property owners on this short road, one of which is Mrs. Davis, the other property owner is Charles and Genie Walton, all of which have signed a petition to have the name changed. Fred named several considerations involved in changing the road names such as staff time, equipment and supplies will be expended in making the change. Plus, out of 377 roads in McDuffie County, only 10 have full personal names.

At this time Fred stated that if this request is approved, he recommends that road names consist of last name only, i.e. “Walton Road” in this case.

After discussion, a motion was made by Farr to deny this request; motion died due to the lack of a “second”.

Additional discussion was held and a second motion was made by Wilson to postpone action on this matter for additional information until the September 3, Commission Meeting; Farr second the motion and passed unanimously.

2. **Deerfield Subdivision – Phase II, Special Lighting District Ordinance Amendment:** Chairman Newton asked County Manager Don Norton to address this matter.

Don noted that Phase I of the special lighting district was created at the request of subdivision developer on 10/17/06 and included 20 lots. This requested amendment is currently for additional for 29 lots known as Phase II, the subdivision is located on Hillman Gay Road near Town of Dearing and note was made that the cost per lot (both Phase I and Phase II) is suggested to be \$65.00 per year, which is sufficient for the county to in turn pay the cost of electricity. The Georgia Power Company will provide the lights.

After discussion, a motion to approve/disapprove the recommendation of amending the Special Lighting District Ordinance for Deerfield Subdivision with additional 29 lots was made by Favors, seconded by Wilson and passed unanimously.

3. **Monthly Budget Report – July 2008:** Chairman Newton asked County Manager Don Norton to present this report.

Don reported that as of July 31, 2008 with 58.3% of the year lapsed, the county had collected \$4,321,895.38 or 34.0% of the projected YTD General Fund Revenue. With 58.3% of the year lapsed, the YTD General Fund Expenditures were \$7,637,745.05 or 59.6%. Don noted that the Revenue was approximately 10% lower than last year at this time and the Expenditures

were approximately 5.0% over in the same time period due to the struggling economy and high gasoline increases.

4. **Monthly Financial Report – July 2008:** Chairman Newton asked County Finance Director Jimmy Whitaker to present this report.

Jimmy presented reports on all bank accounts showing a grand total of \$8,910,950.26 as of July 31, 2008 and with a \$600,000.00 withdrawal from the LGIP Account (Reserve) due to a “cash flow” shortage; Hotel/Motel reflects a YTD total of \$131,549.39 or -7.20% decrease from 2007 on the same date.

Local Option Sales Tax Collections YTD are at \$1,438,038.97 or an apparent overall increase of 1.92% from 2007 on the same date; and, SPLOST IV Revenue/Expenditure Report with a total program revenue of \$15,517,574 expenditures of \$12,228,995 leaving an available balance of \$3,288,579.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Newton announced that the FY 2009 Budget Work Session immediately follows this Commission Meeting.

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

McDUFFIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Charles G. Newton IV, Chairman

ATTEST:

Annette Finley, County Clerk