

The McDuffie County Board of Commissioners held a called Commission Meeting, Tuesday evening, August 29, 2006, 6:30 PM, Grand Jury Room, McDuffie County Courthouse.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

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

COUNTY REPRESENTATION

Don Norton, County Manager
Annette Finley, County Clerk
Jimmy Whitaker, County Finance Director
Bruce Tanner, County Fire Chief
Chris Pelly, Director of Public Works

ABSENT

Rev. Fred Favors, Commissioner

OTHERS

None

MEDIA REPRESENTATION

McDuffie Mirror Newspaper
McDuffie Progress Newspaper

PUBLIC INPUT

Speakers: None
Adjournment: 6:30 PM

3rd PUBLIC HEARING - FY 2006 MILLAGE RATE

Discussion / Public Comments:

County Manager, Don Norton, stated that a tentative millage rate for the "unincorporated" area is set at 7.8 mills for the "unincorporated" area and the rate for the "incorporated" area is 8.5 mills. Note was made of a slight increase in property taxes for 2006 due to new economic growth and re-evaluation of property in the County. The actual millage rates would be the same as they have been for the past several years.

No public input was received.

Adjournment: 6:40 PM

CALLED COMMISSION MEETING

CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Sammie Wilson led the invocation and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVALS

Minutes (Regular Mtg. 8-15-06)

A motion to approve the minutes of the regular Commission Meeting held on August 15, was made by Wester, seconded by Farr and passed unanimously.

Agenda (Current)

A motion to approve the current Agenda with the addition of two (2) items:

1) Mr. Pate Morris; 2) Animal Shelter; motion was made by Wilson, seconded by Wester and passed unanimously.

INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **Announcement – Cancellation of Commissioners’ Work Session, Monday night, September 4, 2006 due to County Holiday - LABOR DAY, September 4.**

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OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Resolution To Adopt 2006 County M&O Millage Rates & Confirmation of 2006 Board of Education Millage Rate: Chairman Newton stated that the newly established millage rate requires a Resolution to adopt the 2006 County M&O Millage Rates & Confirmation of 2006 Board of Education Millage Rate. The Resolution is copied below and made a part of these minutes:**

**COPY OF
RESOLUTION
WILL GO HERE
AS SOON AS IT**

IS SIGNED.....

After discussion, a motion to adopt the Resolution was made by Wilson, seconded by Wester and passed unanimously.

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- 2. Alcohol License Request, One Day Permit: Chairman Newton asked County Manager, Don Norton, to address this issue.**

Don stated that Mr. Gary Sheppard, current owner of the 221 Club located at 8133 Highway 221, SE, Dearing has requested a one-day permit to sell consumption beer outside of this establishment during the Briar Creek Trail Ride scheduled for Saturday, September 2, 2006. The actual consumption time would be approximately 5-8 PM. Mr. Sheppard is already licenses at the adjacent 221 Club.

The Board stated that in accordance with the Ordinance, the area of consumption must be fenced or partitioned off where the alcoholic beverage would be sold and consumed in a controlled manner. After discussion and noting that the Sheriff had no problems with this request, a motion was made by Wester to approve this request contingent upon Mr. Sheppard's agreement to fence the area; motion was seconded by Wilson and passed unanimously.

3. **Mr. Pate Morris:** Chairman Newton reported that he had been approached by Mr. Pate Morris to have county water delivered to his personal well which is beginning to run dry. After a lengthy discussion, it was generally agreed that to oblige Mr. Morris would probably not be in the best interest citizens within McDuffie County. Commissioners did agree to attempt to find other ways to assist as appropriate.
4. **Animal Shelter:** Commissioner Wester asked that consideration be given to buying an additional freezer or possibly even an incinerator for the animal shelter. Don Norton also suggested that insulating the building and adding air conditioning or at least a power ventilation system would help to eliminate some of the problems being encountered. After discussion, Don Norton was authorized to get prices on an additional freezer for the Animal Shelter and report back to the Board if needed. .

ADJOURNMENT

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

McDUFFIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Charles G. Newton IV, Chairman

ATTEST:

Annette Finley, County Clerk