

The McDuffie County Board of Commissioners held a regular Commission Meeting Wednesday, September 1, 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
Wm. "Bill" M. Jopling, Commissioner

COUNTY REPRESENTATION:

Don Norton, County Manager
Penny Salley, County Clerk
Eric Reisinger, Public Works Director
Bob Howard, Director, Recreation Department
Wanda Sisson, Tax Assessors Office
Sandra Whitaker, Tax Commissioner
Bruce Tanner, Fire Chief
Pam Workman, Assistant Finance Director

MEDIA:

WTHO Radio Station
McDuffie Progress Newspaper
McDuffie Mirror Newspaper

OTHER:

One (1) Citizen Attended

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

Reverend John Barnes, Pastor, First United Methodist Church 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 the following change, a motion to approve the current agenda was made by Wilson, seconded by Jopling and passed unanimously.

Add Item 4 to Information and Announcements: Update on Automated Time and Attendance

Minutes (Regular Mtg. 8/17/2010)

A motion to approve the minutes of the 8/17/2010 Regular Commission Meeting was made by Jopling seconded by McCorkle and passed unanimously.

INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. 2010 Legislative Leadership Conference, October 4th and 5th, Atlanta Marriott Marquis
2. Proposed 1st 2011 Budget Public Hearing, Tuesday, September 21, 2010
3. 3rd Annual Boys & Girls Club Golf Classic, Friday, September 10, 2010, Belle Meade Country Club
4. Update on Automated Time and Attendance System

Pam stated that a training session was scheduled for Department Heads and that the system was ready for implementation and would be up and running as of September 19, 2010.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Status Report City/County Government Center

Chairman Newton asked Jud Bryant to present this report.

Jud reported that as of yesterday (8/31/10) he had received the eighth month pay application and the project is 60-65% complete.

He also reported that Georgia Power has completed the revised plan for the Site Lighting and they have proposed to furnish and install 100% of all 56 light poles, lights and covers at a cost of

\$200,000. The system will be maintained by Georgia Power and the monthly operating cost for the system is \$870.24; this monthly cost includes maintenance and the operating of 100% of the lights from dusk to dawn every day. Jud is asking Georgia Power to revise the plan further with operating 50% of the lights from dusk until dawn and the remainder of the lights from dusk until approximately 11:30pm. Chairman Newton has requested that the County have ability to adjust the timers on the lights and/or be able to override them as needed.

Wakefield Beasley Architects will begin meeting on-site with department heads this week to review individual furniture needs. Bryant Associates has provided a complete inventory of all existing furniture for re-use. After all interviews are completed a comprehensive package of systems and furniture will be presented to the Board for approval.

The contingency value now stands at approximately \$783,000.00 with approximately \$29,000 in adjustments in the last thirty (30) days.

NEW BUSINESS

1. ER & ACO Report – August 2010:

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

Sandra stated that the report for August 2010 reflects a decrease in the amount of \$5724.66 for changes to the Property Tax Digest. Property Tax decrease is due to several 2010 values under appeal resulting in a temporary billing of 85% of taxes due; several Personal Property Audits resulting in higher values for three years.

The Mobile Home Digest reflected an increase in the amount of \$1784.34 due to the County. Mobile Home Tax increase is due to several mobile homes located not displaying proper location permits, resulting in seven years of taxes being generated on most of the mobile homes.

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

2. Consideration of Bid Award – Randall Rd.

A bid opening was held on August 27, 2010 at which one (1) bid was received from Reeves Construction for the Randall Road paving project, in the amount of \$124,855.00

After discussion and a recommendation from Eric Reisinger, Public Works Director, a motion to accept the bid from Reeves Construction in the amount of \$124,855.00 for the Randall Road paving project to be paid from SPLOST V was made by McCorkle, seconded by Jopling and passed unanimously.

3. Consideration of Proposed Skate Park Projects

Chairman Newton asked Bob Howard, Director, Recreation Department, to address this matter.

The Recreation Advisory Board has made the recommendation to begin construction on the skate parks at the Pitt Street Park and Old Dearing School. In addition to the skate park at Pitt Street they have requested to add a paved drive between Pitt Street and Watson Street as well as adding a paved parking lot at the Pitt Street Park. Both skate parks are included in SPLOST V projects. The Recreation Advisory Board is also recommending that all equipment be purchased and installed by American Ramp Company, using the Government Service Contract.

After discussion and recommendations from the Recreation Advisory Board and Director Bob Howard, a motion was made by Favors to approve \$170,000 in expenditures to support the Pitt Street Skate Park and the Dearing Skate Park to be paid out of SPLOST V, as well as authorization to accept bids for the parking lot and paved drive at the Pitt Street Park to be paid out of SPLOST V, seconded by Wilson and passed unanimously.

Note was made that should the any of the approved expenditures be more than \$5,000.00 from a single vendor, bids would have to be accepted in order to proceed.

At this time, Chairman Newton asked for an Executive Session to discuss personnel.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion to enter into an Executive Session was made by Wilson, seconded by Jopling and passed unanimously.

Topic of Discussion: Personnel

A motion to resume the regular Commission Meeting was made by Jopling, seconded by McCorkle and passed unanimously.

No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

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

McDUFFIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Charles G. Newton IV, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Penny Salley, County Clerk