

**AGENDA**  
**McDUFFIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING**  
**September 15, 2009, 6:30 PM, Grand Jury Room, McDuffie County Courthouse**

**PUBLIC INPUT**

**Speakers:**  
**Adjournment:**

**ZONING HEARING**  
**No Issues**

**COMMISSION MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME**  
**Chairman Newton**

**INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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**APPROVALS**

**Agenda (Current)**  
**Minutes (Regular Mtg. 09-02-09)**

**INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. **ACCG Annual Policy Conference, October 6-9, Atlanta Marquis Hotel**

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. **Arthur Grimaud – 2 houses – Elias Station Subdivision (Commissioner McCorkle)**

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Approval of Contract with CSRA Regional Commission for Pre-Disaster Mitigation Planning (Bruce Tanner)**
2. **Monthly Budget Report (Don Norton)**
3. **Monthly Financial Reports (Jimmy Whitaker)**

**ADJOURNMENT**

The McDuffie County Board of Commissioners held a regular Commission Meeting Tuesday evening, September 15, 2009, 6:30 PM, Grand Jury Room, McDuffie County Courthouse.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**  
Charles G. Newton IV, Chairman  
Sammie L. Wilson, Vice Chairman  
Rev. Fred Favors, Commissioner  
Paul W. McCorkle, Commissioner  
Wm. M. "Bill" Jopling, Commissioner

**COUNTY REPRESENTATION:**  
Don Norton, County Manager  
Annette Finley, County Clerk  
Jimmy Whitaker, Interim Finance Director  
Fred Guerrant, Director, Planning Board  
Bruce Tanner, County Fire Chief  
Steven Sewell, Fire Services/EMA  
Kelly Evans, Director, IT Department  
Don Clauson, Director Solid Waste

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

**OTHERS:**  
Three (3) citizens attended.

#### **PUBLIC INPUT**

**SPEAKERS:** None  
**Adjournment:** 6:30 PM

#### **ZONING HEARING** No Issues

#### **COMMISSION MEETING**

#### **CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME**

Chairman Newton acknowledged a quorum of Commissioners present and welcomed everyone in Attendance.

#### **INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chairman Newton asked Reverend/Commissioner Favors to lead the invocation. Rev. Favors offered the invocation which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **APPROVALS**

##### Agenda (Current)

A motion was made by Wilson to approve the current agenda; motion was seconded by Jopling and passed unanimously.

##### Minutes (Regular Mtg. 9-2-09)

A motion was made to approve the Minutes of the meeting held on September 2, 2009 by McCorkle, seconded by Jopling and passed unanimously.

#### **INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. **Announcement:** Annual ACCG Fall Policy Conference, October 6-9, 2009, Atlanta Marriott Marquis Hotel.
2. **Announcement:** County Extension Agent Frank Watson called the Chairman and issued an invitation to Billy Rogers' Open House on Tuesday, October 6, 2:00 PM, at his dairy farm (Hillcrest Farms, 3705 Iron Hill Rd., Dearing) to see the "Saving Energy Changes and Improvements". This is the first "high tech" dairy farm in McDuffie County.
3. **Announcement:** County Fire Chief Bruce Tanner announced the death of Mrs. Ann Stanley, 9/14/09, mother of one of his Volunteer fireman as a result of long term cancer.

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#### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Arthur Grimaud – 2 Houses – Elias Station Subdivision: Chairman Newton asked Commissioner Paul McCorkle to present this matter.

Commissioner McCorkle reported that Arthur Grimaud had approached him with some problems he was having regarding the two houses which he constructed at the Elias Station Subdivision i.e.

- 1) **Exterior Materials, Set Back and Electrical:** Arthur stated that he had not been allowed to complete the entire house because of the errors on his part; namely

the Planning Board would not allow “electricity” to be run into the house by Jefferson Electric because of the exterior materials did not meet the approved requirements issued by the Board of Commissioners. However, he did hold “Open House” with ReMax Realty Company hosting the event this past week end and used electrical “drop cords” for this purpose. The two houses are not ready to be sold and have not been completed as of this date. Two representatives from

ReMax Realty out of Augusta were present to support the request by stating that the exterior materials which Arthur had used were very much in demand in Columbia County and that potential sales were forthcoming as soon as the McDuffie Planning Board would allow electricity to be run to the houses. Everyone was invited to another “Open House” planned for Sunday, September 20, between the hours of 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM

At this time, Commissioner McCorkle suggested that this entire matter be discussed among the Commissioners at their next Work Session scheduled for October 5. It was the consensus of the Board to discuss this matter further at this time with a decision to be made later.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. Approval of Contract with CSRA Regional Commission for Pre-Disaster Mitigation Planning:**

Chairman Newton asked County Fire Chief Bruce Tanner to present this contract.

Chief Tanner stated that the McDuffie County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan is scheduled for revision and approval this year and it has been determined that a planning consultant was needed to accomplish this task. A grant has been accepted from GEMA and with the CSRA Regional Commission acting as our consultant after having submitted a contract for approval.

CSRA Regional Commission was selected because of their familiarity with the current plan and with McDuffie County in general as it relates to vulnerabilities and disaster preparedness efforts:

|   |          |                    |
|---|----------|--------------------|
| Total Project Cost                                    | Up To... | \$20,000.00        |
| <u>Proceeds From Grant</u>                            |          |                    |
| Federal   |          |                    |
| \$15,000.00   |          |                    |
| State   |          |                    |
|   |          | \$ 2,000.00        |
| Local share would be \$2,500.00. Most if not all of   |          | <u>\$ 2,500.00</u> |
| the local share could be made up by in-kind services. |          | \$19,500.00        |

Chief Tanner recommended that the contract be accepted from CSRA Regional Commission for planning consulting for the required revision of the McDuffie County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Chairman Newton asked where the \$500.00 was coming from; Chief Tanner replied that the local share would be made up with in-kind services.

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

- 2. Monthly Budget Report – August 2009:** Chairman Newton asked County Manager Don Norton to present this report.

Don reported that as of August 31, 2009, with 66.7% of the year lapsed, the County had collected \$5,223,357.97 or 40.2% of the projected YTD revenue for the General Fund.

With 66.7% of the year lapsed, the YTD General Fund Expenditures were \$7,992,811.24 or 61.5%. Don noted that the total revenues were near the same one year ago. The total

Expenditures were under budget by about 6% which may become critical as we approach the end of the year.

- 3. Monthly Financial Report – August 2009:** Jimmy Whitaker, Interim Finance Director, continued the report on all bank accounts showing a grand total of \$25,083,943.03 as of August 31; Hotel/Motel revenue reflects a YTD \$121,150.43 or -20% less on the same date in 2008; Local Option Sales Tax Collections are YTD \$1,576,314.14 or -6.53% decrease from the same date in 2008; SPLOST IV with a cumulative revenue total of \$17,818,007 plus \$488,663 earned interest; SPLOST V reflects cumulative revenue total of \$1,705,946 with \$1,704.00 earned interest. Note was made there was approximately \$60,000 increase in SPLOST V revenue for the month of August, but SPLOST revenues are still well below original estimates..

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

**McDUFFIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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**Charles G. Newton IV, Chairman**

**ATTEST:**

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**Annette Finley, County Clerk**