

The McDuffie County Board of Commissioners held a regular scheduled Commission Meeting Wednesday morning, October 1, 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 REPRESENTATIVES:

Don Norton, County Manager
Annette Finley, County Clerk
Jimmy Whitaker, County Finance Director
Chris Pelly, Director of Public Works
Bruce Tanner, County Fire Department
Steven Sewell, EMS/Fire Services
Kelly Evans, Director, IT Department
Mindy Carney, Zoning/License Administrator Board
Paul McCorkle, Commissioner Elect
Bill Jopling, Commissioner Elect
Sandra Whitaker, Tax Commissioner
Don Clauson, Director, Solid Waste
Bob Howard, Director, Recreation Dept.
Mike Carrington, Exec. Director, Forward McDuffie
Wanda Sisson, Tax Assessor's Office

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES

WTHO Radio Station
McDuffie Mirror Newspaper
McDuffie Progress Newspaper

OTHERS:

One (1) citizen attended.

COMMISSION MEETING

CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME

Chairman Newton was late arriving to the meeting and as a result, Vice Chairman Wilson acknowledged that a quorum was present, called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Reverend Andrew Grant, Pastor, Cody Grove Baptist Church offered the invocation which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVALS

Agenda (Current)

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

Minutes (Regular Mtg. Held 9-16-08)

A motion to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2008 Commission Meeting was made by Farr, seconded by Favors and passed unanimously.

INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. ACCG Fall Policy Conference, 10/8 thru 10/8, Atlanta Marriott Marquis Hotel; 2009 Legislative Agenda will be set at this time.
2. Public Safety Committee Meeting, 10/21/08, 5:30 PM (Prior to the Regular Commission Meeting), Grand Jury Room.
3. Gov't Ctr. Committee Meeting 10//23/08, 4 PM, Grand Jury Room
4. Vice Chairman Wilson announced the recent appointment of himself as a member of the 2008 ACCG Resolutions Committee. Recommendations made by this committee will be presented to the General Assembly January 2009 which will be considered during the 2009 Legislative Session.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Appointments – Hospital Authority:** This item on the Agenda was delayed until later in the meeting at which time the Chairman would be present and could have input into the matter.

NEW BUSINESS:

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

Commission Whitaker reported a decrease of \$45,159.70 in the amount of revenue due the County for the M&O of McDuffie County. The Property Tax decrease is

due to 85% billing of the parcels that have outstanding appeals; and, a Year's Support granted per Probate Court for one parcel.

Mobile Home Digest had no changes to the amount of revenue due the County for M&O.

Commissioner Wester asked the Tax Commissioner when the Board of Assessor's would have their meetings regarding the appeals which they had received. Sandra (and Wanda Sisson) replied that the first Tax Assessor's Board meeting would be held October 24, 2008 and the process would begin at that time.

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

- 2. **Adoption of Resolution Declaring Results of September 16, 2008 SPLOST V Election:** Vice Chairman Wilson presented a Resolution Declaring the Results of an Election held on September 16, 2008 and for other related purposes. This Resolution is required and written by the Smith, Gambrell & Russell, LLP Corporation certifying that the election resulted in favor of the re-imposition of a one percent sales and use tax and the issuance of the general obligation debt by an affirmative vote of qualified voters who voted in said election held for said purpose and that the re-imposition of a one percent sales and use tax and the issuance of the general obligation debt has been authorized as required by law. The results of said election is copied below:

Total number of votes cast FOR the re-imposition of a one percent sales and use tax.....1824

Total number of votes cast AGAINST the re-imposition of a one percent sales and use tax.....1064

Total number of votes cast FOR the issuance of the general obligation debt.....1466

Total number of votes cast AGAINST the Issuance of the general obligation debt.....1394

Also, a copy of the final and executed Resolution follows and is made a part of these minutes:

After discussion, a motion was made by Farr to accept and approve this Resolution; motion was seconded by Wester and passed unanimously.

3. **Alcohol Beverage License Request, Beer Consumption, One Day Only, October 7 – Golf Tournament Sponsored by the Local Boys’ & Girls’ Club:** Vice Chairman Wilson asked that the application be presented requesting a ONE DAY ONLY Alcohol Beverage License for beer consumption at the October 7, 2008 local Boys’ & Girls Club Golf Tournament being held at Belle Meade Country Club for fund raising purposes. Ms. Mindy Carney, Zoning/License Administrator, reported that she had received the application and all requirements had been met. After discussion and verification that all requirements had been met, a motion to approve this application was made by Wester, seconded by Farr and passed 3 to 1 with Favors abstaining for religious reasons.

At this time, Chairman Newton arrived at the Commission Meeting and asked Vice Chairman Wilson that he be allowed to complete the proceedings of the Commission Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Appointments – Hospital Authority:**

Chairman Newton reported that he had had discussion earlier with Mrs. Robin Dudley, Post 6, who informed him at that time that her position had always been one of a healthcare nature and asked Chairman Newton to consider someone in this field for her replacement. At this time, it was recommended that the first three names submitted earlier be recommended to replace Roy W. Lovelace, III, Post 9, and a second group of three names be submitted to replace Ms. Dudley, Post 6. Commissioner Wester stated that he had already discussed the possible appointment to the Hospital Authority with three other people for replacing Roy W. Lovelace III, Post 9, and he felt that since they had agreed to serve, if selected, that the first set of names be submitted as originally planned. Wester emphasized emphasizing that this current information was late in forthcoming to the Board of Commissioners (“after the fact”) and that the original plan of action be followed since there was no reference or requirement for a “healthcare oriented person” specified in the original bylaws.

A motion to postpone the matter was made by Farr; motion died due to the lack of a second.

Additional discussion was held at this time. A second motion was made by Farr to “leave as is” the already submitted 3 names to replace Mrs. Dudley, Post 6, on the Authority; motion died due to the lack of a second.

After additional discussion, a third motion was made by Farr to consider the appointments as submitted and names for consideration in replacing Roy W. Lovelace III, Post 9, be considered at the next Commission Meeting scheduled for October 21, 2008; motion was seconded by Wester and passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

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

McDUFFIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:

Charles G. Newton, IV, Chairman

Annette Finley, County Clerk