

The McDuffie County Board of Commissioners held a regular Commission Meeting Wednesday, October 6, 2010, 10:00 AM, Grand Jury Room, McDuffie County Courthouse.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Sammie Wilson Sr., Vice Chairman
Fredrick D. Favors, 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
Bruce Tanner, Fire Chief
Stephen Sewell, Assistant Fire Chief
Logan Marshall, Sheriff
Pam Workman, Assistant Finance Director
Don Clauson, Solid Waste Director

MEDIA:

McDuffie Progress Newspaper
McDuffie Mirror Newspaper

OTHER:

Four (4) Others Attended

2nd 2011 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

County Manager Don Norton presented the FY 2011 Budget.

Don presented a budget with projected revenues of \$ \$12,402,533 with proposed appropriations of \$12,367,739 and a contingency of \$34,794.

Don stated that \$6,000 for the local Library Director position had been added to the budget and that there is a possibility of the Board of Education picking up a portion of the salary for the Library Director, but recommended including the full \$6,000. Additionally \$18,000 was added to allow for the completion of the remaining 18 cell tower audits in 2011.

Don has proposed an additional \$30,000 from the City of Thomson to run the Meals on Wheels program. The City has not yet approved this. He also mentioned that in looking at the Glascock County 911 reimbursements, it appears that they are underpaying the County by approximately \$20,000,(particularly considering that they are actually realizing a revenue of about \$16,000/year on the ambulance operating through our hospital) but feels that it is too late to be concerned about it this year and to look further at in the future.

Adjournment: 10:05 AM

COMMISSION MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairman Wilson called the meeting to order, acknowledged a quorum of commissioners present and welcomed everyone in attendance.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Reverend Todd Upchurch, Pastor, Calvary Baptist Church offered the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL

Agenda (Current)

Vice Chairman Wilson asked if there were any corrections or additions to the current agenda. A motion to approve the current agenda was made by Jopling, seconded by Favors and passed unanimously.

Minutes (Regular Mtg. 9/21/2010)

A motion to approve the minutes of the 9/21/2010 Regular Commission Meeting was made by Favors seconded by Jopling and passed unanimously.

INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Service Recognition – Bob Howard 20 Years
2. Georgia Bureau of Investigation Rep. Pat Morgan Wishes to Discuss Property Needs/Proposal

Fred Stephens, GBI Inspector, presented a request to the Board concerning the need for additional property to allow for a forensic crime scene garage. The GBI is requesting a 40' wide tract between the existing GBI property (or possibly an appropriate easement to cross it) and Bob Kirk Road to allow vehicle access from Bob Kirk Road, as well as an 80' tract of the current GSP tract to allow for parking and walk up access to the GBI's front and side doors. Both tracts soon will be owned by the City and the County and would need approval from both. The property is currently still in the State Property inventory.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Consideration of Contract for Adult Day Care Services at Senior Center

Vice Chairman Wilson requested that this item be postponed until all of the Commissioners were present.

NEW BUSINESS

1. ER & ACO Report – September 2010:

Don Norton, County Manager, presented this report.

Don stated that the report for September 2010 reflects an increase in the amount of \$2874.98 for changes to the Property Tax Digest. Property Tax increase is due to several 2010 values under appeal settled or dropped; two parcels moved to District 2 from District 1; a parcel with disputed values was settled out of court resulting in a corrected bill with lower values as some acreage was moved to exempt digest.

The Mobile Home Digest reflected a decrease in the amount of \$12.86 due to the County. Mobile Home Tax decrease is due to two mobile homes destroyed and removed from property per Tax Assessors field checks.

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

2. Discuss Possible Fall Trash Amnesty Day

Vice Chairman Wilson asked Don Clauson, Solid Waste Director, to address this matter.

The approximate cost for the fall trash amnesty day is \$6,000. Don has recommended that the fall trash amnesty day be on October 30, 2010 from 7:00am to 12:00 pm, if the Board wanted to continue to have it.

A motion to approve the fall trash amnesty day to be held on October 30, 2010 from 7:00am 12:00pm was made by Favors, seconded by Jopling and passed unanimously.

3. Proposed Rent Structure for Human Development Center

County Manager Norton recommended that this item be postponed, due to the absence of Kim Ivey-Mathis.

4. Authorization to Accept Sealed Bids for Small Used Bulldozer

Vice Chairman Wilson asked Eric Reisinger, Public Works Director, to address this matter.

Eric has requested authorization to purchase a used bulldozer for public works construction and maintenance projects. He has received several bids, the low bid coming from Four-D, Inc in the amount of \$39,000.

After discussion and a recommendation from Eric, a motion was made by Jopling to approve the purchase of a used bulldozer in the amount of \$39,000 and to waive the 30 day return guarantee, seconded by Favors and passed unanimously.

5. Budget Amendment Request for Volunteer Firefighter (Fire Dept.)

Vice Chairman Wilson asked Bruce Tanner, Fire Chief, to address this matter.

Currently volunteer firefighters are paid \$12.00 per call and drill. In order for this to continue a budget amendment in the amount of \$29,000 is needed. Don has suggested that of the options Chief Tanner has given, he feels the best option may be to reduce volunteer pay by 15% or \$2.00 per call and drill, particularly considering that 2001 budget only reflects a total of \$63,000 for this purpose, requiring a budget amendment of \$17,750. Chief Tanner stated that he did not feel this would have an insurmountable impact on the volunteers.

After some discussion, Vice Chairman Wilson requested that this item be postponed until all of the Commissioners were present.

6. Additional Revenue for Radios (Sheriff's Dept.)

Vice Chairman Wilson asked Logan Marshall, Sheriff, to address this matter.

The McDuffie County Sheriff's Department has received a check in the amount of \$2,500 from Dixie Pipeline for services during the pipeline explosion in July of this year. Sheriff Marshall has made the recommendation to allow the budget amendment showing \$2,500 as revenue income and increase the line item for small equipment to purchase two way radios for emergency situations.

After a recommendation from Sheriff Marshall, a motion was made by Favors to allow the budget amendment to increase the line item for small equipment by \$2,500, seconded by Jopling and passed unanimously.

7. Update Concerning Automated Time & Attendance

Vice Chairman Wilson asked Pam Workman, Assistant Finance Director, to address this matter.

The automated time and attendance system was implemented on September 19th. Pam, with agreement from IT Director Raymond White, has requested to purchase five (5) additional hand readers, to maximize the benefit of the payroll system at a cost of \$10,000. The five additional hand readers would be placed as follows: Fire Department – 2, Recreation Department – 1, Senior Citizens Center – 1, Government Complex – 1.

After discussion, a motion was made by Favors to allow the purchase of five (5) additional hand readers at a cost of \$10,000 to be paid out of SPLOST IV, seconded by Jopling and passed unanimously.

8. Discuss Baird & Co. Proposal for 2010 Audit Services

Due to the fact that 2010 audit preparation will be done at the same time of the projected move to the new government complex, Baird & Co. was asked to provide a one year proposal for 2010 audit services. Don and Pam have made the recommendation that the proposal in the amount of \$34,000 be accepted.

After discussion, a motion was made by Jopling to approve the one year proposal of \$34,000 from Baird & Co. for the 2010 audit services, seconded by Favors and passed unanimously.

9. Resolution to Adopt FY 2011 Annual Budget

Vice Chairman Wilson requested that this item be postponed until all of the Commissioners were present.

ADJOURNMENT

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

McDUFFIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Sammie L. Wilson, Sr., Vice Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Penny Salley, County Clerk