

AGENDAS
McDUFFIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
October 16, 2007, Grand Jury Room, McDuffie County Courthouse

PUBLIC INPUT

1. **Speakers:**
Adjournment

ZONING HEARING
(No Issues)

COMMISSION MEETING

CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME
Chairman Newton

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVALS

- Minutes (Regular Mtg. 9-18-07)**
- Agenda (Current)**

INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **Announcement – Public Hearaing & Start Up Visitation (w/Brent Allen, DCA, CDBG Grant), RE Boys & Girls Club Expansion, Grand Jury Room, Thursday 10/18/07, 11:30 AM.**
2. **Announcement – 2007 ACCG 7th District Meeting, Friday 10/26, Warren County Community Service Bldg., 12 Noon.**
3. **Fall Trash Amnesty Day – Saturday, October 27, 2007, 7:30 AM ‘til 12:00 Noon.**
4. **Communities of Opportunity Program @ Depot, Monday 10/29/07, 84-6 PM (for Community Leaders/ Stakeholders)-6-8 PM (Community Wide Meeting)**
5. **Comprehensive Plan Public Meetings, 6 PM - Monday, 10/29 @ Dearing and Tuesday, October 10/30 @ Thomson Depot.**

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Appointment – Unified Dev. Authority (Chairman Newton)**
2. **Further Discussion – Alltel Cell Tower Placement Request (Chairman Newton)**
3. **Further Discussion – Potential Conflicts of Interest Disclosure (Chairman Newton)**
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4. **Follow up Approval of Imery’s Agreement RE Ft. Creek Road (Chairman Newton)**

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Chairman Requests Approval to Sign Quit Claim Deed for Property Being Deeded Back to Bennye Young - W. Bypass (per County Attorney Sammy Fowler) (Chairman Newton)**
2. **Proposed Airport Services Agreement (Chairman Newton)**
3. **Approval of Boys & Girls Club CDBG Design Services Contract (Chairman Newton)**
4. **Approval of CHIP Policies & Procedures (Chairman Newton)**
5. **Resolution – Solid Waste Management Plan, 10-Year Update (Chairman Newton)**
6. **Approval of “Off-System Safety Enhancement Program” Contract – DOT (Chairman Newton)**
7. **Appointment – Board of Assessors (Replacement of Rick Murphy) (Chairman Newton)**
8. **Alcohol Bev. Lic. Application: Beer & Wine Package Sales; Titurate, Inc. dba Mo Convenience & Tobacco Store, 660 Augusta Hwy., Thomson – Owner, Manager & Resident Agent: Mr. Sunilkumar J. Patel (Chairman Newton)**
9. **Approval of 2008 Sr. Meals Program Subcontract w/ CSRA Economic Opportunity Authority, Inc. & McDuffie County (Merlinda D’Antignac.)**
10. **Request for Additional Support for 4-H Extension Position (Frank Watson)**
11. **Status Report/Request for Additional Volunteer Fire Fighter Funding (Bruce Tanner)**
12. **Approval of Budget Amendment to Properly Account for Purchase of Fire Truck (Jimmy Whitaker)**
13. **Monthly Budget Report – September 2007 (Don Norton).**
14. **Monthly Financial Report – September 2007 (Jimmy Whitaker)**

ADJOURNMENT

The McDuffie County Board of Commissioners held its regular semi monthly meeting Tuesday night, October 16, 2007, 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. Robert "Bob" Farr, Commissioner
Rev. Fred Favors, Commissioner

COUNTY REPRESENTATION

Don Norton, County Manager
Ruthie Thomas, H. R. Coordinator
Jimmy Whitaker, Finance Director
Chris Pelly, Road Superintendent
Fred Guerrant, Planning Commission
Bruce Tanner, Fire Chief
Stephen Sewell, Assistant Fire Chief
Kelly Evans, IT Director

MEDIA PRESENTATION

WTHO Radio station
McDuffie Mirror Newspaper
McDuffie Progress Newspaper

OTHERS

CALLED TO ORDER

Chairman Newton called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Wilson offered the invocation which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVALS

Minutes (Regular Meeting 9-18-2007)

A motion to approve the minutes of the Commission Meeting held on September 18, 2007 was made by Wilson, seconded by Farr and passed unanimously.

Agenda (Current)

Chairman Newton asked if there were any corrections or additions to the current agenda. A motion to approve the current agenda without changes was made by Farr, seconded by Wilson and passed unanimously.

INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Public Hearing and Start up Visit; On the Boys and Girls Club Expansion through the Community Development Block Grant Program; Thursday, October 18, 2007, 11:30 AM.
2. 7th District ACCG Meeting, Friday, October 26, 2007, 12:00 Noon at the Warren County Community Service Building

3. Trash Amnesty Day will be held on Saturday, October 27, 2007, 7:30 AM to 12:00 Noon. Everyone was reminded to cover their loads when hauling trash in the county.
4. Communities of Opportunity Program will be held at the Depot on Monday, October 29, 2007, 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM.
5. Comprehensive Plan Public Meeting will be held at Dearing Elementary School, Monday, October 29, 2007 at 6:00 PM and Tuesday, October 30, 2007 at the Depot. This meeting is to update the comprehensive plan that is required every ten years.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Appointment to the Unified Development Authority: Chairman Newton opened the floor for nominations to replace Mr. Joseph Greene. Commissioner Farr nominated Mr. Mike Carrington. Mr. Norton stated to Chairman Newton that at the last meeting Mr. Carrington was nominated and replaced Mr. Don Powers. Chairman Newton stated that he had forgotten about the replacement of Don Powers. After a brief discussion and clarification of the appointment a motion was made by Farr to postpone to the next meeting; motion was seconded by Wilson and passed unanimously.
2. Alltel Cell Tower Placement on Gay Circle: Chairman Newton stated that at the last meeting there was a discussion about some additional information to see how the proposed new tower would work in addition to an existing nearby tower. A map was sent in that showed the signal coverage area with and without the new tower. Mr. Fred Guerrant presented a propagation map of the Ansley Road Tower. Mike Allen with Alltel stated that Alltel has a tower that is called Thomson Downtown and Thomson Two. Mr. Allen stated that Alltel has never had a tower in the unincorporated area of McDuffie County. After a lengthy discussion a motion was made to uphold the Planning Board recommendations by Wester, seconded by Farr and passed unanimously. Chairman Newton stated that he don't normally vote but want it to be known that he was not in favor.
3. Potential Conflict of Interest Disclosure: Mr. Don Norton stated that the County Attorney was working on it and asked the board to postpone until the next meeting.
4. Approval of Imery's Agreement of Ft. Creek Road: Mr. Norton stated that the board approved the agreement subject to the county attorney review. The County Attorney reviewed it and added some language. Imery's has an issue with one of the paragraphs.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Approval to Sign Quit Claim Deed for Property Deeded Back to Bennye Young – West Bypass: Chairman Newton stated that a very small portion of land was obtained from Bennye Young and no money was involved. The portion of land went through the Young's property to the Howell's property. This has change to a new road that is being built for the new project. Chairman Newton requested approval from the board to sign a Quit Claim Deed returning the small strip of land back to Mr. Young. A motion was made by Favors, seconded by Wester and passed unanimously.
2. Proposed Airport Services Agreement: Chairman Newton stated that this agreement is required because the County is taking on debt to build a new T hanger. One Georgia Authority wants the County to have a legal airport authority to take on debt. A motion was made by Wilson to approve the Airport Services Agreement, seconded by Farr and passed unanimously.
3. Approval of Boys & Girls Club CDBG Design Services Contract: Chairman Newton presented a contract from Precision Planning for \$30,000 for architectural services of the Boys & Girls Club. A motion to approve contract with Precision Planning for \$30,000 was by Farr, seconded by Wester and passed unanimously.
4. Approval of CHIP Policies & Procedures: Chairman Newton asked the board to approve the policies and procedures. He stated that this was one more step towards getting started on housing revitalization. A motion to approve the policies and procedures was made by Favors, seconded by Wilson and passed unanimously.
5. Resolution – Solid Waste Management Plan, 10 Year Update: County Manager Don Norton stated that the plan was a 65 page plan. The plan will get readopted in two years instead of ten years. County Manager Don Norton stated that the purpose for the re-adoption is to get on exactly the same cycle as the Comprehensive Plan. A motion to adopt the two year plan was made by Wilson, seconded by Farr and passed unanimously.
6. Approval of “Off-System Safety Enhancement Program” Contract - DOT: Chairman Newton stated that the agreement was to accept approximately \$400,000 in federal grant money. \$400,000 is for stripping and minor bride repairs. motion to approve the contract was made by Wester, seconded by Favors and passed unanimously.
7. Appointment – Board of Assessors: Chairman Newton stated that the board of assessors sent three names Charlie Lewis, Bill Howard, and Bruce Blasingame. Chairman Newton stated that Mr. Lewis said he would not be able to serve on the board. Chairman Newton nominated Tommy Grant. County Manager Don Norton informed the board that Mr. Howard wish to

decline as well. A motion to nominate Mr. Tommy Gantt was made by Farr, seconded by Wester and passed unanimously.

8. Alcohol Beverage License Application: Titurate, Inc. dba Mo Convenience & Tobacco Store, 660 Augusta Highway, Thomson, Georgia. Owner, Manager, & Resident Agent: Mr. Sunilkumar J. Patel. Chairman Newton presented an application for an Alcohol Beverage License for Titurate, Inc., 660 Washington Road. County Manager Don Norton verified that all requirements had been met with the County Clerk including the Sheriff's approval and recommended that the license for packaged beer and wine be approved. After discussion, a motion to approve the application from Titurate, Inc. for a packaged beer and wine license to sell was made by Wester, seconded by Farr and passed 3 to 0 with the Chairman not voting and Commissioner Rev. Favors abstaining for religious reasons.
9. Approval of 2008 Sr. Meals Program Subcontract: Merlinda D'Antignac, Superintendent stated the grant is a meal grant that EOA awards the County annually. McDuffie County is awarded \$24,715.00 to feed the Senior Citizens. McDuffie County is reimbursed monthly. A motion to approve the contract was made by Favors, seconded by Wilson and passed unanimously.
10. Request for Additional Support for 4-H Extension Position: Chairman Newton stated that state requirement is to have two agents is \$12,000 towards the salary of the \$8,000. Frank Watson ask the board to increase a \$1,000 a year over the next four years to get the \$12,000. A motion to approve the 4-H Extension Position was made by Favors, seconded by Wilson and passed unanimously.
11. Status Report/Request for Additional Volunteer Fire Fighter Funding: A motion to approve additional \$15,000 from salary contingency was made by Wilson, seconded by Wester and passed unanimously.
12. Approval of Budget Amendment to Properly Account: Jimmy Whitaker stated that the funds to pay for the truck was suppose to have come from SPLOST IV. SPLOST IV had been used up. The truck cost \$243,993.00. Mr. Whitaker ask the board to approve budget amendment increase revenue \$209,553 and increase expenditures in the Fire Department in the same amount of money A motion to approve the budget amendment was made by Wilson, seconded by Wester and passed unanimously
13. Monthly Budget Report: County Manager Don Norton stated that on the budget side 53.9% of the revenue for 75% _____. On the expenditure report 75% of year less was spent 69.7%.
14. Monthly Financial Report: Jimmy Whitaker reported that several accounts were gradually building up. The Drug and Jail Fund is building up, Drug

Fund \$164,947 and Jail Fund \$340,164. The Sewell Project Account has \$655,109 that will go toward other projects.

ADJOURNMENT

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

McDUFFIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Charles G. Newton IV, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Ruthie Thomas, H. R. Coordinator