

The McDuffie County Board of Commissioners held a regular Commission Meeting Wednesday morning, November 1, 2006, 10:00 AM, Grand Jury Room, McDuffie County Courthouse.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Charles G. Newton IV, Chairman
Sammie Wilson Sr., Vice Chairman
Rev. Fred Favors, Commissioner
Darrell Wester, Commissioner

ABSENT

J. Robt. "Bob" Farr

OTHERS

Nine (9) citizens attended

COUNTY REPRESENTATION

Don Norton, County Manager
Annette Finley, County Clerk
Jimmy Whitaker, County Finance Director
Fred Guerrant, Director, Planning Board
Chris Pelly, Director of Public Works
Bruce Tanner, County Fire Chief
Steven Sewell, Fire Services/EMA
Don Clauson, Director, Solid Waste
Sandra Whitaker, Tax Commissioner

MEDIA

WTHO Radio Station
McDuffie Progress Newspaper

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Reverend Herman Gilmore, Pastor, Temple of Prayer Ministries, Thomson, led the invocation and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVALS

Minutes (Regular Mtg. 10-17-06)

A motion to approve the minutes of the regular Commission Meeting held on October 17, 2006 was made by Wilson, seconded by Wester and passed unanimously.

Agenda (Current)

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

INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. County Employee Holiday: Veterans' Day, Saturday 11/11 will be observed on Friday, November 10, 2006.
2. Announcement – ACCG 7th District Mtg., Warren County, November 16, 2006 @ Warren County Community Services Bldg.
3. Presentation – McDuffie/Warren Forestry Commission Annual FY 2006 Report was presented and reviewed by Forestry Chief Ranger Hal Sharpe. A copy of this report is on file in the Commission Office.
4. Report - McDuffie County Trash Amnesty Day Report was held on Saturday, October 21, 2006, 7:30 AM 'til 12:00 Noon was presented and reviewed by Don Clauson, Director of Solid Waste. A copy of this report with the previous 14 year history is on file in the Commission Office.
5. Announcement – Fire Services' Competition, Columbia County. County Fire Chief Bruce Tanner announced that the "Fire Fest 2006 Firefighter's Muster" competition held in Columbia County was participated in by 5 local area communities (5 teams) and McDuffie County's team took 1st place in overall points scored; winning \$500 in addition to the trophies received by the McDuffie County team consisting of 8 members. Chief Tanner presented the \$500 check to Chairman Newton who in turn handed the check over to the Finance Department with stipulations from Commissioner Wester and Chairman Newton that the money be credited to the Fire Services account to help defray expenses for future events, equipment and other appropriate expenses.
6. Announcement – Joint City-County, Airport Advisory Board and Development Authority Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 7, 5:30 PM, City Hall Conference Room.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. **E/R's & ACO's (Errors Releases & Assessor's Change Order Report) Real Estate & Mobile Home Taxes – September 2006.** Chairman Newton asked Tax Commissioner Sandra Whitaker to present this matter.

Sandra reported collections for the month of September 2006 reflected a negative \$\$1255.48 for real property taxes; resulting from expired tax fifas. A positive \$292.51 is reported in mobile home taxes. Sandra stated that these amounts were a result of mobile home credits.

2. **Bid Award – Fire Rescue Truck:** Chairman Newton asked County Fire Chief, Bruce Tanner, to address this matter.

Bruce presented three bids and 1 “no quote” received on the Rescue Truck stating that the low bid belonging to Custom Truck & Body Works, Inc., Woodbury, GA in the amount of \$61,340.00 met all specifications and is being recommended for approval to purchase. A copy of all bids received follows and is made a part of these minutes:

After discussion, a motion to approve the low bid from Custom Truck & Body Works, Inc., Woodbury, GA, in the amount of \$ 61, 340.00 was made by Wester, seconded by Wilson and passed unanimously. Funds for this purchase will come from SPLOST IV funds which were designated for public safety.

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 Wester and passed unanimously.

McDUFFIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Charles G. Newton IV, Chairman

ATTEST:

Annette Finley, County Clerk