

## **AGENDA**

**McDUFFIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING  
November 7, 2007, 10:00 AM, Grand Jury Room, McDuffie County Courthouse**

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

**Chairman Newton**

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

**Reverend \_\_\_\_\_**

### **APPROVALS**

**Minutes (Regular Mtg. \_\_\_\_\_)**

**Agenda (Current)**

### **INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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### **ADJOURNMENT**

The McDuffie County Board of Commissioners held a regular Commission Meeting, Wednesday morning, November 7, 2007, 10:00 AM, Grand Jury Room, McDuffie County Courthouse.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT**

Charles G. Newton IV, Chairman  
Sammie Wilson Sr., Vice Chairman  
Darrell Wester, Commissioner  
J. Robt. "Bob" Farr, Commissioner

**ABSENT**

Rev. Frederick Favors, Commissioner

**OTHERS**

Three (3) citizens attended

**MEDIA REPRESENTATION**

WTHO Radio Station  
McDuffie Mirror Newspaper  
McDuffie Progress Newspaper

**COUNTY REPRESENTATION**

Don Norton, County Manager  
Ruthie Thomas, H.R. Coordinator  
for County Clerk  
Jimmy Whitaker, County Finance Director  
Chris Pelly, Director of Public Works  
Bruce Tanner, County Fire Chief  
Ms. Gail Newsome, Code Enforcement  
Sandra Whitaker, Tax Commissioner  
Kelly Evans, IT Director

**CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME**

Chairman Newton announced that a quorum was present, called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance.

**INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**APPROVALS**

Minutes (Regular Mtg. 10-16-07)  
Approval postponed due to Clerk's temporary absence.

**Agenda (Current)**

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

**INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. Approval of Retired Educators Day Proclamation: Chairman Newton stated that a Proclamation had been requested in order to support and proclaim the Retired Educators Day of November 4, 2007 in the state of Georgia. The Proclamation is copied below and made a part of these minutes:

After discussion, a motion to retroactively approve the Proclamation was made by Farr, seconded by Wilson and passed unanimously.

#### OLD BUSINESS

1. **Unified Development Authority Appointment:** Chairman Newton reminded the Commissioners that this matter had been on the last few agendas and it is now time to take action.

After discussion, a motion was made by Farr to approve the appointment of Mr. Jamie Burnett, effective immediately, to complete the term of Dr. Joseph D. Green who had recently died with a term ending December 2009; motion was seconded by Wilson and passed unanimously.

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. **ACO Report for September and October 2007:** Chairman Newton asked Tax Commissioner Sandra Whitaker to present these reports.

**September 2007:** Sandra presented a report with figures reflecting a decrease in the amount of revenue due the County for the M&O of McDuffie County. The Property Tax decrease is due to appeals filed on 2007 values billed at 85% values, homestead code corrected on one parcel, taxable property moved to except property for two church owned lots and one civic club property; older years digest had personal property owed on closed businesses or bankrupt owners where assets are gone or seized by the court.

No changes to the Mobile Home Digest were reported.

**October 2007:** Decrease \$4,031.81 – Property Taxes Digest

This will decrease the revenue due the County for the M&O of McDuffie County. The decrease is due to several appeals filed on 2007 values were settled with some increasing and some decreasing; approval of several Conservation Use applications resulting in less tax due on these properties; business that closed at the end of 2006 was put on digest in error; to correct incorrect district numbers.

Increase \$988.06 – Mobile Home Digest

This will increase the amount of revenue due the County for M&O. The Mobile Home tax increase is due to the location of several mobile homes located in the county not displaying a location permit; appeals settled on some older mobile homes that went on the digest as storage not livable.

After discussion, a motion to approve and adopt the reports as presented for both September and October 2007 was made by Wester, seconded by Wilson and passed unanimously.

2. **Alcohol Beverage License Application:** Triple M. Restaurants, Inc., Formerly White Columns Stirrup Cup Lounge, 1890 Washington Road: Chairman Newton announced that this request was due to the change of ownership of the Best Western (White Columns) Motel and that all requirements had been met with the Sheriff's approval for the sale of liquor, beer and wine consumption.

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

3. **Alcohol Beverage License Application - Shell Food Mart, 1965 Washington Road, Owner M. D. Hammock Oil, Inc., Mr. M. D. Hammock, Jr. and Mr. M. D. Hammock, III, Registered Agent listed as same:** Chairman Newton announced that Shell Food Mart located in Thomson had applied for the

package sale of beer and wine and confirmed with Ms. Gail Newsome, Code Enforcement, that all requirements had been made with the Sheriff's approval.

After discussion, a motion was made by Wilson to approve this request; motion was seconded by Farr and passed unanimously.

- 4. **LEC Server Replacement:** Chairman Newton asked Kelly Evans, Director of the IT Department to address this issue.

Kelly stated that the current Law Enforcement center server was purchased July 9, 2004 and is currently over 3 years old. . This particular server houses the CISCO Public Safety program which manages E-911, the jail and the Sheriff's Department along with the DDTI mapping program for E-911, all booking photographs, a commissary interface and time and attendance.

This server was struck by lightening in 2006 resulting in the communications port on the server going out. This was replaced with an external USB communications within days of the strike. LEC never showed system or hardware event log failures after the initial lightning response period.

However, Microsoft has now issued an end of life release on the Microsoft Server 2000 effective January 2008. The Law Enforcement Center server is over 3 years old and the server is running the Microsoft 2000 operating system. Though the server will probably last another 12-24 months, it has reached its average shelf life for a 24x7 server. It is recommended that a new server be purchased for the Law Enforcement center.

The following quotes have been received:

| <u>Vendor</u> | <u>Quote</u> |
|---------------|--------------|
| CDWG          | \$6,220.13   |
| HP Direct     | \$6,371.58   |
| Tech Depot    | \$6,784.88   |

(This money would be allocated from the McDuffie County IT Department capital account for computer hardware)

Kelly recommended that a new server be purchased for the Law Enforcement center. The age of the current server coupled wit the smoother operating system transition and redundancy make this the best solution.

After discussion, a motion was made by Wilson to approve this request and was seconded by Wester; motion passed unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

**McDUFFIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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Charles G. Newton IV, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Ruthie Thomas, HR Coordinator  
For County Clerk