

The McDuffie County Board of Commissioners held a regular Commission Meeting Tuesday evening, November 21, 2006, 6:30 PM, 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  
J. Robt. "Bob" Farr, Commissioner

**COUNTY REPRESENTATION**

Don Norton, County Manager  
Annette Finley, County Clerk  
Jimmy Whitaker, County Finance Director  
Chris Pelly, Director of Public Works  
Fred Guerrant, Director, Planning Board  
Kelly Evans, Director, IT Department  
Mindy Carney, Zoning/License Administrator

**MEDIA REPRESENTATION**

WTHO Radio Station  
McDuffie Mirror Newspaper  
McDuffie Progress Newspaper

**OTHERS**

Five (5) citizens attended.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

Chairman Newton confirmed that there were no one had signed up to speak during this session.

Adjournment: 6:30 PM

**ZONING HEARING**

Chairman Newton asked Fred Guerrant, Director, Planning Board, to address this matter.

1. **Bea Hart Moss-Use/Conditional Use-904 & 898 Old Washington Road:**  
Guerrant reported that he had received an application from Bea Hart Moss requesting a Conditional Use review on 2 of her 3 properties located off of Old Washington Rd. The 2 parcels are identified on the map (attached) as 40-92A & B, 8.5 acres combined. These properties are currently zoned as "residential". As requested by Ms. Moss, the front parcel (40-92) will remain unchanged as rental property however she would like to use the middle residence (40-92A), 904 Old Washington Rd. as a "daycare" for approximately 30 children.

Secondly, she is requesting approval to convert the eastern residence at 898 Old Washington Road (40-92B) to a personal care home for approximately 1-6 residents. Guerrant had suggested that the daycare playground be located on the west side of the daycare to reduce distractions to those housed in the proposed personal care facility and that daycare perimeter be fenced to separate the two uses. The Planning Commission had agreed and reiterated the necessity of a fence around the entire daycare property to prevent the children from wandering onto the personal care home property, the pond on the rear property, and to keep them safe from traffic. The impact of traffic entering and exiting the area posed some concerns by the Planning Commission & requested Ms. Moss to use an existing driveway for her customers in an effort to create a circular traffic pattern, ultimately easing the flow of traffic as opposed to the current gravel driveway adjacent to the storage units on the adjoining parcel which is being used a common access to both of the properties. No public input had been received. The Planning Board recommended approval of the application upon the condition that both driveways be used by the two new uses.

Adjournment: 6:45 PM

## COMMISSION MEETING

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

### INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Reverend/Commissioner Fred Favors, Pastor, Springfield Baptist Church, Thomson, led the invocation and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

### APPROVALS

#### Minutes (Regular Meeting 11-1-06)

A motion to approve the minutes of the regular Commission Meeting held on November 1, was made by Wester, seconded by Wilson and passed unanimously.

#### Minutes (Called City-County, Dev. Auth., Airport Advisory Meeting, 11-7-06)

A motion to approve the minutes of the Special Called Meeting held on November 7, 2006 was made by Wester, seconded by Wilson and passed unanimously.

#### Agenda (Current)

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

### INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. DCA Region 7, Town Hall Mtg., Wednesday, 11/29/067, 2:30 PM, Depot
2. County Holidays – Thanksgiving, Thursday & Friday, 11/23 & 24/2006
3. Joint Water-Sewer Commission Mtg. To Be Held Mid December 2006, Possibly 12/19 @ 5:30 PM – Details To Be Announced When Finalized.

### OLD BUSINESS

None

### NEW BUSINESS

1. Planning Board Recommendations: Chairman Newton reviewed the previously heard issue before the Zoning Hearing and recommended upholding the Planning Board's recommendations with approval of a "conditional use" request in the name of "Hart Moss Enterprises, Inc." for the "Day Care Center" and "Personal Care Home" to be located at 898 and 904 Old Washington Road. A motion to approve this recommendation was made by Favors, seconded by Wilson and passed unanimously.

2. Backup Hard Drive – Storage/IT Department: Chairman Newton asked Director of IT Department, Kelly Evans, to address this matter.

Kelly stated that McDuffie County IT Department has upgraded backup and recovery hardware every 2.5 years since the 2000 network overhaul and affordable technology had improved greatly since that time. At this time, she is requesting and recommending another REO storage device similar to the one currently in use at the Sheriff's Department for other network backup and recovery in the IT Department Server Room. She has received a quote from CDWG (GSA) for an Overland REO 1000 in the amount of \$4,976.41 with an estimated lifespan of 4.4 years and noted that this is not a budgeted item in the 2006 IT budget.

After discussion, noting that this is not a budgeted item, a motion was made by Wester to approve this recommendation and purchase of the Overland REO 1000 from CDWG in the amount of \$4,976.41 with available funds from the 2006 budget by reallocation (likely availability confirmed by the County Manager); motion was seconded by Wilson and passed unanimously.

3. **Resolution – RDC Aging Services Contract, 2007:** Chairman Newton asked County Manager, Don Norton, to address this issue.

Don reported that the CSRA Aging Services Contract is approaching the last half of the 2006-2007 contract year and they are now requesting that a Resolution be adopted authorizing the facilitation of the Community Based Services and Title III B Grant.

After discussion, a motion to adopt this resolution was made by Wilson, seconded by Wester and passed unanimously.

4. **Monthly Budget Report – October 2006:** Chairman Newton asked County Manager Don Norton to present this report.

Don reported that with 83.3 of the year lapsed, the County has collected 63.3% or \$7,571,980.84 of the projected YTD Revenue, noting approximately \$3,000,000 remains to be collected in taxes. With 83.3% of the year lapsed, the YTD General Fund expenditures were \$8,827,259.25 or 73.9% as of October 31, 2006.

5. **Monthly Financial Report – October 2006:** County Finance Director, Jimmy Whitaker, presented reports on all bank accounts showing a grand total balance of \$10,489,421.81 as of October 31, 2006; Hotel/Motel Report reflect a YTD \$178,768.35 or an increase of 15.74% for the year; Local Option Sales Tax Collections YTD are at \$2,025,565.71 or \$158,047.67 increase (8.46%) for the year; and a SPLOST IV Revenue/Expenditure Report with a total program revenue of \$9,097,098 with total expenditures of \$4,593,778.00, leaving an available balance of \$4,503,320, not including interest earnings.

#### 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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Annette Finley, County Clerk