

The McDuffie County Board of Commissioners held a regular Commission Meeting Wednesday, December 1, 2010, 10:00 AM, Grand Jury Room, McDuffie County Courthouse.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

Charles Newton, IV, Chairman  
Sammie Wilson Sr., Vice Chairman  
Fredrick D. Favors, Commissioner  
Paul W. McCorkle, Commissioner  
Wm. "Bill" M. Jopling, Commissioner

**COUNTY REPRESENTATION:**

Don Norton, County Manager  
Penny Salley, County Clerk  
Pam Workman, Finance Director  
Eric Reisinger, Public Works Director  
Bruce Tanner, Fire Chief  
Stephen Sewell, Assistant Fire Chief  
Bob Howard, Recreation Director  
Don Clauson, Solid Waste Director  
Sandra Whitaker, Tax Commissioner  
Linda Thurmond, Tax Assessor  
Mike Carrington, Economic Development Director  
Elizabeth Vance, Tourism Director

**MEDIA:**

WTHO  
McDuffie Progress Newspaper  
McDuffie Mirror Newspaper

**OTHER:**

Two (2) Others Attended

**COMMISSION MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Reverend Grant Cantrell, Pastor, Sweetwater Baptist Church offered the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL**

**Agenda (Current)**

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

Adding Item 7 to New Business – Discussion of Landscape Bids for Government Center  
Adding Item 8 to New Business – Further Discussion of Jail Roof Repair

**Minutes (Regular Mtg. 11/16/2010)**

A motion to approve the minutes of the 11/16/2010 Regular Commission Meeting was made by McCorkle seconded by Jopling and passed unanimously.

**INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

ACCG 2011 Winter Training will be Friday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, at the Clarence Brown Conference Center in Cartersville/Bartow County

**OLD BUSINESS**

**1. Further Discussion of Land Bank Authority Appointments**

The City has made two appointments to the Land Bank Authority, George Battle will serve a two year term and Dot Knox will serve a four year term. Chairman Newton has recommended Riley Stamey and George Lokey as the County's appointments for the Land Bank Authority.

Commissioner McCorkle nominated Sammie Wilson to serve on the Land Bank Authority. A roll call vote was taken at this time.

Land Bank Authority two (2) year term:

	<u>Riley Stamey</u>	<u>George Lokey</u>	<u>Sammie Wilson</u>
Favors	√		
McCorkle	√		
Wilson	√		
Jopling	√		

Land Bank Authority four (4) year term:

	<u>George Lokey</u>	<u>Sammie Wilson</u>
Favors		√
McCorkle		√
Wilson		√
Jopling		√

As a result of the roll call vote, Riley Stamey will serve a two (2) year term and Sammie Wilson will serve a four (4) year term on the McDuffie County Land Bank Authority.

**2. Confirmation of Bid Award for Solid Waste Transfer Station Truck Scales**

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

Don made the recommendation to approve the low bid of \$39,376.00 from Scale South, formerly Georgia Scale. Don explained that the warranty is a five (5) year warranty with a 90 day defective component warranty.

Commissioner McCorkle has requested that the load cells that were recently replaced on the old scales be removed and not damaged, in order to possibly surplus the equipment.

After discussion and a recommendation from Don, a motion was made by Jopling to accept the low bid of \$39,376.00 from Scale South to be paid for out of the Landfill Surcharge fund, seconded by Wilson and passed unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1. ER & ACO Report – November 2010:**

Chairman Newton asked Sandra Whitaker, Tax Commissioner, to present this report.

Sandra stated that the report for November 2010 reflects an increase in the amount of \$1389.48 for changes to the Property Tax Digest. Property Tax increase is due to several 2010 values under appeal settled or dropped; cell tower audits resulting in increased values.

The Mobile Home Digest reflected a decrease in the amount of \$59.06 due to the County. Mobile Home Tax decrease is due to one mobile home owner, with several years of delinquent taxes, producing a fire report from 2001.

A motion was made to accept the report by Wilson, seconded by McCorkle and passed unanimously.

**2. Consideration of Proposed New Tourism Board Appointments**

Commissioner McCorkle has requested that the Board be given more than five (5) names so they are able to choose the best volunteers for the appointments. Elizabeth Vance is to provide additional names and a vote will be taken at the next Commission Meeting.

A motion to postpone this matter until the next Commission meeting was made by McCorkle, seconded by Favors and passed unanimously.

**3. Request to Lift Hiring Freeze for Part-Time Program Coordinator at Senior Center**

Chairman Newton asked Bob Howard, Recreation Director, to address this matter.

Bob has requested to lift the hiring freeze to hire a part time Program Coordinator at the Senior

Center. The part time position will work 16-20 hours a week for 52 weeks per year. This is a budgeted position.

After a recommendation from Bob, a motion was made by Jopling to approve lifting the hiring freeze for a part time Program Coordinator at the Senior Center, seconded by Wilson and passed unanimously.

**4. Budget Amendment for Road Department**

Chairman Newton asked Don Norton, County Manager, to address this matter.

Don stated that a budget amendment is needed to recognize the revenues received from the Georgia Department of Driver Services, for the paving of their parking lot, in the amount of \$140,352. The budget for the road department needs to be increased to cover the expenditures of \$114,140 for the project. The excess funds of \$26,212 were to be used in the purchase of a bulldozer.

The general fund needs to recognize revenues received as reimbursements from the bond construction fund in the amount of \$65,685. The road department is requesting for their budget to be increased by \$65,865 to offset fuel, material used with the Government Center project and other shortages within the department.

A motion was made by Wilson to approve the recommended budget amendments, seconded by Jopling and passed unanimously.

**5. Proposed SPLOST IV Project Reallocation Plan**

Chairman Newton asked Don Norton, County Manager, to address this matter.

Don stated that currently there is a deficit of \$9,700.97 in the water and sewer SPLOST IV fund, he has recommended offsetting the deficit by using funds from the special fund.

There is also currently a deficit of \$7,594.65 in the recreation SPLOST IV fund, due to the purchase of property, Don has recommended that the deficit be offset by using funds currently in the Government Center SPLOST IV fund.

A motion was made by Jopling to accept the recommended SPLOST IV reallocation plan, seconded by Wilson and passed unanimously.

**6. Consideration of Purchase of Fire Truck**

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

Bruce stated that there were five (5) bids accepted at the City's bid opening:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Truck</u>	<u>Bid</u>
Ten-8	Pierce Custom Contender	\$313,795
Fire-Line, Inc.	E-One Typhoon	\$283,821
Palmetto Fire Equipment	Ferrara	\$273,907
NAFECO	KME Panther II	\$283,997
Peach State	HME	\$320,961

NAFECO bid includes a \$5,000 discount per truck. Fire-Line, Inc. has offered a discount of \$3,000 per truck and a pre payment discount of \$7,500 per truck bringing the bid total to \$273,321 for each truck. Bruce has requested additional time before making a recommendation to the Board in order to review the bids to ensure they meet the required specifications.

After he has reviewed the bids a telephone poll will be done with the Commissioners for approval.

No action was taken at this time.

**7. Discussion of Landscape Bids for Government Center**

Commissioner McCorkle has requested the opportunity for him and Commissioner Favors to review the bids for landscaping at the Government Center with RW Allen before the bid is

awarded.

**8. Further Discussion of Jail Roof Repair**

Commissioner McCorkle has requested that the County move forward with contacting Firestone for an inspection of the jail roof.

Don is to contact Firestone and request that an inspection of the roof be done and clarify with Firestone that if the repairs do not fall under warranty that the County be notified before any work is done and given a price as to the cost of repairs.

No action was taken

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

**McDUFFIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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Charles G. Newton, IV, Chairman

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Penny Salley, County Clerk