

The McDuffie County Board of Commissioners held a regular Commission Meeting Wednesday, May 5, 2010, 10:00 AM, Grand Jury Room, McDuffie County Courthouse.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:
Charles. Newton IV, Chairman
Sammie Wilson Sr., Vice Chairman
Paul W. McCorkle, Commissioner
Wm. "Bill" M. Jopling, Commissioner

COUNTY REPRESENTATION:
Don Norton, County Manger
Penny Salley, County Clerk
Eric Reisinger, Public Works Director
Don Clauson, Director of Solid Waste
Linda Thurmond, Chief Tax Appraiser
Sandra Whitaker, Tax Commissioner
Kay Ennis, Tax Commissioners Office
Merlinda Hill, Senior Citizens Center
Bruce Tanner, Fire Chief
Stephen Sewell, Assistant Fire Chief
Gail Newsome, Planning/Animal Shelter
Logan Marshall, Sheriff
Ronnie Williamson, Sheriff's Department

MEDIA:
McDuffie Progress Newspaper
Elementary
McDuffie Mirror Newspaper

OTHERS:
CIA (Citizens in Action) Students - Maxwell

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 Gilmore offered the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVALS

Agenda (Current)

A motion to approve the current Agenda with the following listed changes was made by Wilson, seconded by Jopling and passed unanimously.

The following additions were added to Information and Announcements:

Paul McCorkle received his ACCG Commissioners Certification
Plant Vogtle Tour on May 12, 2010

Minutes (Regular Mtg. (4/20/2010))

A motion to approve the minutes of the 4/20/2010 Regular Commission Meeting was made by Jopling, seconded by Wilson and passed unanimously.

INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. CIA Maxwell Elementary Students
2. Employee Certificates of Appreciation – 20 Years
Kay Ennis – Tax Commissioners Office
Merlinda Hill – Senior Citizens Center
Lora Hadden - Probate Court
3. Commissioner Paul McCorkle received his ACCG Commissioners Certification
4. Plant Vogtle Tour May 12, 2010

OLD BUSINESS

1. Proposed Budget Amendment Necessary for Purchase of Three (3) Sheriffs Patrol Cars
Chairman Newton asked Don Norton, County Manager, to address this matter.

This budget amendment will increase the expenditures in the Sheriff's department budget by \$94,000 and it will increase the revenue for the housing of inmates by \$44,000. The additional amount of \$50,000 will be transferred into the general fund from the Emergency Telephone account.

After a recommendation from Don, a motion was made by Wilson to approve the budget amendment, seconded by Jopling and passed unanimously.

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2. Consideration of Proposed Inmate Health Care Services Contract.

After discussion and a recommendation from Chairman Newton a motion was made by McCorkle to approve a three (3) year contract with Advanced Correctional Healthcare in the amount of \$65,369.60 for all services except nursing, contingent upon the contract being reviewed by the County Attorney, seconded by Wilson and passed unanimously.

Jopling has recommended putting a two (2) week deadline on making a decision concerning finding a nurse.

NEW BUSINESS

1. ER & ACO Report – April 2010:

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

Sandra stated that the report for April 2010 reflects a decrease in the amount of \$4,295.15 for changes to the Property Tax Digest. Property Tax decrease is due to Appeals being settled, the 2009 values had to be adjusted to reflect the 2008 values as per appeals.

The Mobile Home Digest reflected an increase in the amount of \$1,112.04 due to the County. Mobile Home Tax increase is due to the location of one mobile home not displaying the location permits for the last seven years.

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

2. Approval of Change Order #1 – Government Service Center

A motion was made by Jopling to approve change order #1 for the Government Service Center in the amount of \$115,530.14 seconded by McCorkle and passed unanimously.

This is for preheat gas alternate at \$63,858.73 and the NE parking lot addition at \$51,671.41

3. Lift Hiring Freeze for P.C. Support Specialist Position in I.T.

A motion was made by McCorkle to approve lifting the hiring freeze to hire a P.C. Support Specialist in the IT department, seconded by Jopling and passed unanimously.

Funds for this position should be able to be created on a temporary basis by paying for the portion of IT Director Raymond White's work as directly associated with the Government Center capital project. That portion of his pay will come from bond construction funds (SPLOST V), while the offset funds will be used to support the PC Support Specialist position for a temporary period of time as appropriate.

4. Approve Surplus of Station 3 Fire Truck

After a recommendation from Chairman Newton a motion was made by McCorkle to declare surplus and transfer ownership of a 1969 Chevrolet two ton chassis truck with a Georgia Forestry tank to the City of Dearing, seconded by Jopling and 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 McCorkle and passed unanimously.

McDUFFIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Charles G. Newton IV, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Penny Salley, County Clerk

