

The McDuffie County Board of Commissioners held a Regular Commission Meeting Wednesday morning, August 3, 2011, 10:00 AM, Meeting Room, Thomson-McDuffie County Government Center

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Charles Newton, IV, Chairman
Sammie Wilson, Sr., Vice Chairman
Frederick 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
Linda Thurmond, Chief Tax Appraiser
Don Clauson, Solid Waste Director
Fred Guarrant, Planning and Zoning Director
Kelvin Williams, Elections Superintendent

MEDIA:

WTHO
McDuffie Progress
McDuffie Mirror

OTHER:

Six (6) Others Attended

1st 2012 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

Chairman Newton asked County Manager Don Norton to present the FY 2012 Budget.

Don presented a balanced budget of \$12,477,372 reflecting a 0.6% increase over FY 2011, leaving a current contingency of \$142,417.

There are ongoing discussions with the city concerning shared services, particularly with IT; the FY 2012 budget currently reflects a 50/50 split basis. Don has concerns that 50% may be slightly high for the city's portion. He will negotiate the split between now and the next public hearing. No comments from the public were made. Public Hearing closed at approximately 10:10 AM

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

Commissioner Fred Favors 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 was made by Wilson, seconded by Jopling and passed unanimously.

Minutes (Regular Mtg. 7/19/11)

A motion to approve the minutes of the 7/19/2011 Regular Commission Meeting was made by Jopling seconded by Wilson and passed unanimously.

INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. ACCG Mobile Classroom August 18th and 19th
2. Thomson-McDuffie County Government Center Dedication, Friday August 5, 2011 7:00-10:00 PM
3. Employee Service Recognition-Don Clauson, Solid Waste Director, 20 Years
4. Presentation of 2010 Audit Report (Butch Whiddon)
Mr. Whiddon presented the 2010 Audit summarizing all assets, liabilities and auditor's recommendations and findings. Chairman Newton thanked him and his staff for the report. No action was taken or required on this matter.
5. McDuffie County Hospital Authority accepted Mrs. Anita Cummings to replace Mr. James Isom effective July 26, 2011 to complete his unexpired second term.
6. Boys & Girls Club Annual Golf Tournament September 12, 2011

OLD BUSINESS

1. Approval of Courthouse Renovation Program

Chairman Newton asked Jud Bryant to address this matter.

Jud presented a two phase effort for renovations to the old courthouse.

- Phase One is designed to comprehensively effect building infrastructure including building systems, electrical and roofing issues.
- Phase Two will be used to effect the existing building to accommodate the architectural needs of the user agencies.

Jud has recommended that the delivery methodology be CM at Risk with a guaranteed maximum cost not to exceed \$297,826 for phase one. Jud explained that the County can secure this service with R.W. Allen by issuing a change order to their existing contract realizing the benefits of their contracted overhead and profits established almost two years ago.

Commissioner McCorkle feels that R.W. Allen should be instructed to request bids from different companies instead of requesting estimates only from the subcontractors that performed the work on the government center. Jud explained that any improvements to the existing building will be executed in a fluid environment not conducive to a design-bid-build delivery system. Further, such a delivery methodology will require approximately 7% of the construction budget for detailed bid documents, at least one month preparation time and a thirty day bid period. Sixty days of a 120 day delivery schedule will be lost to securing the bids. Long lead times such as mechanical systems will require as much as another sixty days to realize the installation, causing the County to miss the December 18, 2011 closure date for funds distribution.

A motion was made by Jopling to approve a change order to R.W. Allen's existing contract for CM at Risk services for renovations to the old courthouse and begin phase one of the renovations with a cost not to exceed \$297,826, seconded by Wilson. McCorkle requested a roll call vote at this time.

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Favors	√	
McCorkle		√
Wilson	√	
Jopling	√	
Newton	√	

The motion passed with a three to one vote with Commissioner McCorkle voting no. Chairman Newton was in favor of the motion.

Chairman Newton excused himself at this time in order to attend another meeting.

2. Recommend 2012 LMIG (Local Maintenance Improvement Grant) Projects

Vice Chairman Wilson asked Rusty Allen, Public Works Director, to address this matter.

Rusty presented a list of the following roads for consideration for the 2012 LMIG project:

Twin Oaks Rd.	CR 155	1.2	Miles	from Cedar Rock to Rock House Rd.
Ponderosa Ln.	CR 189	0.6	Miles	from Stagecoach to Dead end.
Old Whiteoak Rd.	CR 072	1.35	Miles	from Dearing City Limits to New Pavement
Stagecoach Rd.	CR 008	2.55	Miles	from Wrightsboro Rd. to SR 17
Tech Dr.	CR 437	0.7	Miles	
Randall Hunt Rd.	CR 076	1.5	Miles	from Larkin Rd. to Randall Rd.
Cherokee St.	CR 5300	0.10	Miles	

The portion of Betsy Branch Rd. that appeared to need resurfacing and that Commissioner Wilson requested to be added to the list is inside the city limits. The submission deadline is August 15, 2011.

After discussion and a recommendation from Rusty, a motion was made by Jopling to approve the above list for the 2012 LMIG Projects, seconded by Favors and passed unanimously.

3. Use of Special Account Funds

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

Don made the recommendation to approve outstanding invoices for the match portion of the 2009 and 2010 City CDBG projects. He has also recommended the Board approve the total remaining 2009 and 2010 CDBG match requirements in the amount of \$121,053.90 to be paid from the Special Account.

A motion was made by Jopling to approve the outstanding invoices only. The motion died due to the lack of a second.

Commissioner Favors made a motion to reallocate funds from SPLOST IV Economic Development to pay the outstanding invoices, seconded by McCorkle.

Jopling feels that the entire board should be present for the vote and has requested postponing the matter to the August 16th meeting. Favors withdrew his motion at this time.

A motion was made by Jopling to postpone the matter to the August 16th Commission meeting, seconded by McCorkle and passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS**1. One Day Alcohol License-Boys & Girls Club Golf Tournament September 12, 2011**

Vice Chairman Wilson asked Fred Guerrant, Planning and Zoning Director, to address this matter.

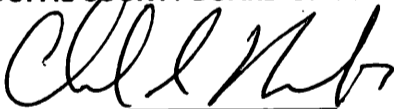
Fred confirmed that all requirements had been met.

A motion to approve the application was made by McCorkle, seconded by Jopling and passed with a two to one vote with Commissioner Favors abstaining for religious reasons. Vice Chairman Wilson was in favor of the motion.

ADJOURNMENT

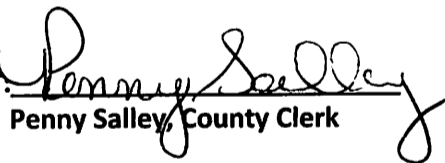
There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, a motion to adjourn was made by Jopling, seconded by McCorkle and passed unanimously.

McDUFFIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Charles G. Newton, IV, Chairman

ATTEST:



Penny Salley, County Clerk