

The McDuffie County Board of Commissioners held a regular Commission Meeting Wednesday, February 2, 2011, 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
Bruce Tanner, Fire Chief
Stephen Sewell, Assistant Fire Chief
Sandra Whitaker, Tax Commissioner
Linda Thurmond, Tax Assessor
Bob Howard, Recreation Director
Raymond White, IT Director
Eric Reisinger, Public Works Director
Mike Carrington, Economic Development Director

MEDIA:
WTHO
McDuffie Progress Newspaper

OTHER:
Three (3) 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

Ben Maddox, Minister of Music and Youth, Marshall 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 agenda with the following change was made by Jopling, seconded by Wilson and passed unanimously.

Add New Item 5 to New Business: Discuss Special Account

Minutes (Regular Mtg. 1/18/2011)

A motion to approve the minutes of the 1/18/2011 Called Commission Meeting was made by Jopling seconded by Favors and passed unanimously.

INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Upcoming Hospital Authority Appointment
2. City-County Retreat March 4, 2011, Savannah Rapids Pavilion

OLD BUSINESS

1. Status Update Re. Government Center Project

- **FF&E Update**
Jud reported that Wakefield Beasley representatives conducted a pre-action meeting on Tuesday, February 1, 2011. The meeting was followed with a coordination session among IT and FF&E.
- **Audio Visual Equipment Update**
Jud reported that he has received a proposal from Baker Audio for the audio visual equipment at the government center, he has also received a proposal from DB Audio and Video. At this time Jud is waiting for a specifications list from DB Audio and Video in order to compare the

two proposals. He will bring a recommendation back to the Board at the March 2, 2011 commission meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. ER & ACO Report – January 2011:

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

Sandra stated that the report for January 2011 reflects a decrease in the amount of \$1004.12 for changes to the Property Tax Digest. Property Tax decrease is due to several 2010 values under appeal settled. CUVA granted in error; deleting of value of house entered in error; granted Year's Support on two parcels per Probate Court.

The Mobile Home Digest reflected a decrease in the amount of \$109.42 due to the County. Mobile Home Tax decrease is due to several mobile homes reported moved from the County at the end of 2010; moving three mobile homes to the property tax digest.

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

2. Development Authority Appointment

Bob Knox, Jr. is currently up for re-appointment for the Development Authority. Riley Stamey, Development Authority Chairman has spoken with Mr. Knox and he would like to be re-appointed to the Authority. A motion was made by Jopling to re-appoint Bob Knox, Jr., but died due to the lack of a second.

Commissioner McCorkle feels that there should be a Commissioner or citizen of the County appointed to the seat. He has agreed to fill the seat and Commissioner Jopling has agreed to fill the Ex-Officio seat left open by Commissioner McCorkle.

A motion was made by Favors to appoint Paul McCorkle to seat two of the Development Authority and place Bill Jopling in the county's vacant Ex-Officio seat, seconded by Wilson and passed unanimously.

3. Additional Revenue to Public Safety Education Program

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

Bruce stated that the Fire Department recently received a check in the amount of \$1200 from International Paper Foundation. The money was donated to the department to be used in the department's Public Safety Fire Education Program.

A motion was made by McCorkle to approve a budget amendment of \$1200 as revenue income in the Fire Rescue Revenue Account and increase the line item for Public Education, 52-3701, by \$1200 in the Fire Rescue budget seconded by Wilson and passed unanimously.

4. Request to Begin Budget Process for the 2012 Section 5311 Transit Program

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

Bob has requested Board approval to begin the budget/grant process for the 2012 Section 5311 Transit Program. The budget breakdown for the Section 5311 Transit Program is as follows:

- 2011 Transit Budget
\$171,909
- 2011 Projected 5311 Revenue

A. 5311 Reimbursements	\$77,000
B. RDC Purchase of Service	\$25,000
C. Fare Box Revenue	<u>\$8200</u>
	\$110,200
- Total Expenses

A. County	61,709 x .60 = 37,025.40
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B. City 61,709 x .39 = \$24,066.51

C. Town of Dearing 1% \$617.09

After discussion and a recommendation from Bob a motion was made by McCorkle to approve the resolution to begin the budget/grant process for the 2012 Section 5311 Transit Program, seconded by Favors and passed unanimously.

5. Discuss Special Account

Commissioner Favors addressed this matter.

Commissioner Favors expressed concerns regarding why the Special Account was formed and what the money currently in the account is being used for. He feels that the account should be frozen and nothing should be spent from the account without prior Board approval until further investigation can be done. He also feels that the money should be placed in an interest bearing account while the investigation was ongoing.

Chairman Newton stated that the money that is in the account is special purpose sales tax money that was approved by the voters to be used for water/sewer purposes and that all expenditures from the account have been for water/sewer capital projects.

Commissioner Favors made a motion to freeze the Special Account, with the stipulation that all expenditures be brought to the Board for approval, he has further requested that the money from the Special Account be placed in an interest bearing account while the investigation is ongoing, seconded by McCorkle and passed unanimously. Chairman Newton was absent at the time of voting.

Public Comment

Russell and Rhonda Farmer, 2418 Foster Sprouse Rd.

Mr. and Mrs. Farmer expressed concerns about the condition of Foster Sprouse Road. They stated that there have been several vehicles that have been stuck due to the condition of the road and there have been numerous phone calls made and nothing is being done to repair it.

Commissioner McCorkle has requested that Eric check to see what can be done and has made the suggestion to possibly place gravel on the road.

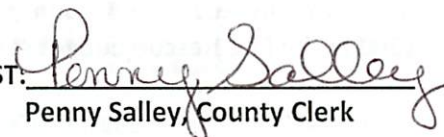
ADJOURNMENT

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

McDUFFIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Charles G. Newton, IV, Chairman

ATTEST: 
Penny Salley, County Clerk