

The McDuffie County Board of Commissioners held a regular Commission Meeting Wednesday, June 1, 2011, 10:00 AM, Grand Jury Room, McDuffie County Courthouse.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Charles Newton, IV, 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
 Sandra Whitaker, Tax Commissioner
 Linda Thurmond, Tax Assessor
 Don Clauson, Solid Waste Director
 Stephen Sewell, Assistant Fire Chief
 Fred Guerrant, Planning and Zoning Director
 Bob Howard, Recreation Director
 Valerie Burley, Probate Judge
 Connie Cheatham, Clerk of Court

MEDIA:

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 McDuffie Progress
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OTHER:

Seven (7) 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

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 Jopling, seconded by Favors and passed unanimously.

Minutes (Regular Mtg. 5/17/11)

A motion to approve the minutes of the 5/17/2011 Regular Commission Meeting was made by Jopling seconded by Favors and passed unanimously.

INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Proposed Called Budget Work Session for June 7, 2011 at 6:30 PM
 Chairman Newton requested that this meeting be moved to June 14th at 6:30 PM. Date will be confirmed and announced at a later time.
2. Upcoming DFACS Appointment

OLD BUSINESS

1. Government Center Status Update

Chairman Newton asked Jud Bryant to address this matter.

Jud presented an updated financial statement. He stated that currently the balance for the owner's contingency is \$324,000 and the Construction Manager at Risk Contingency is \$509,000 for a total contingency of \$833,000. Jud has requested a deductive change order in order to move \$450,000 from Construction Manager at Risk contingency to owners contingency. He would like to leave the remaining \$59,000 at this time for incidentals before the move in order to avoid additional change orders.

A motion was made by Jopling to approve a deductive change order to move \$450,000 from Construction Managers at Risk contingency to owner's contingency, seconded by McCorkle and passed unanimously.

Jud introduced Frank Foster with LINC Mechanical Services. Mr. Foster explained that LINC Mechanical is a company that supplies energy auditing services to counties in order to reduce energy costs. Mr. Foster has suggested performing an energy audit on the old courthouse in order to see what improvements/repairs can be made to save money on energy/utility costs in the future.

Chairman Newton asked what the cost would be for the energy audit. Mr. Foster explained that the energy audit would be free of charge, after the audit is complete LINC would present the findings and, upon approval, their sub-contractors would make all improvements/repairs. With no objection from the Board, Mr. Foster was given permission to perform the energy audit.

2. Use of Special Account Funds

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

- **Reimbursement to Mr. Lamar Hinton (\$938) Sewer Fee**

Don stated that a check was written from SPLOST III to Mrs. Hinton for a sewer easement several years ago. Mrs. Hinton is now deceased and the check was never processed, Mr. Hinton (her husband) is requesting that a replacement check be issued. The SPLOST III account has been closed and the balance of \$938 was transferred to the Special Account, the amount due to Mr. Hinton is \$812.

A motion was made by McCorkle to issue a replacement check to Mr. Lamar Hinton in the amount of \$812 to be paid from the Special Account, seconded by Favors and passed unanimously.

- **2009 City CDBG**
- **2010 City CDBG**

Chairman Newton made the recommendation to approve outstanding invoices for 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 above expenditures. The motion died due to the lack of a second.

Favors suggested reallocating money from SPLOST IV and SPLOST V to meet the above obligations.

NEW BUSINESS

1. ER & ACO Report – May 2011:

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

Sandra stated that the report for May 2011 reflects a decrease in the amount of \$15,986.51 for changes to the Property Tax Digest. Property Tax decrease is due to revised personal property audit for one company resulting in lower values for two years; personal property listed on inventory and motor vehicle.

The Mobile Home Digest reflected an increase in the amount of \$413.15 due to the County. Mobile Home Tax increase is due to several mobile homes located in the county not displaying decals that were being used as storage-put on the digest for up to seven years; two mobile homes deleted due to field check showing they were destroyed in 2010.

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

2. Alcoholic Beverage Application – El Kiosco, 1068 Washington Rd. (Grubby's)

Chairman Newton asked Fred Guarrant, 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 unanimously. Chairman Newton was in favor of the motion.

3. Recreation Board Appointments/Re-appointments

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

Bob stated that the terms of Michael Thomas, Mike McQuaig and Billy Elmore would end on June 30, 2011. He would like to re-appoint Michael Thomas and Mike McQuaig, since both have expressed an interest in remaining on the Recreation Board. Bob made the recommendation to appoint Wayne Wilson to replace Billy Elmore, who does not wish to be reappointed.

Chairman Newton asked the Board to consider names for the upcoming appointments/re-appointments to be brought back at the June 21, 2011 commission meeting.

4. Request to Lift Hiring Freeze for Senior Center Part-time Program Coordinator

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

Bob stated that the part-time Program Assistant at the Senior Center had recently resigned. He has requested that the Board lift the hiring freeze in order to fill the now vacant position. This is a budgeted position that will work 16 to 20 hours per week, 52 weeks a year.

A motion was made by Favors to lift the hiring freeze to fill the part-time Program Assistant position at the Senior Center, seconded by Jopling and passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

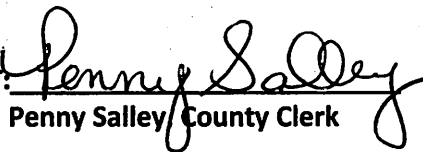
There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, a motion to adjourn was made by Jopling, seconded by McCorkle and passed unanimously.

McDUFFIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Charles G. Newton, IV, Chairman

ATTEST:



Penny Salley, County Clerk