

The McDuffie County Board of Commissioners held a regular Commission Meeting Wednesday, May 4, 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 Guarrant, Planning and Zoning Director

MEDIA:

WTHO
 McDuffie Progress
 McDuffie Mirror

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 McCorkle, seconded by Favors and passed unanimously. Commissioner Jopling was absent and Chairman Newton voted in favor of the motion.

Minutes (Regular Mtg. 4/19/11)

A motion to approve the minutes of the 4/19/2011 Regular Commission Meeting was made by McCorkle seconded by Favors and passed unanimously. Commissioner Jopling was absent and Chairman Newton voted in favor of the motion.

INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Senior Citizen of the Year Proclamation-Robert Lee Scott
2. Barbeque Chicken Dinner, May 6, 2011, Courthouse 11:00-3:00, Relay for Life Fundraiser
3. ACCG Mobile Classroom, May 19-20, Bartow County

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

1. ER & ACO Report -April 2011:

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

Sandra stated that there was no change to the Property Tax Digest for April 2011.

The Mobile Home Digest reflected an increase in the amount of \$968.82 due to the County. Mobile Home Tax decrease is due to several mobile homes located not displaying a location permit, these were put on the Mobile Home Digest with up to seven years of taxes assessed; two mobile homes removed from the County before 2011 but not reported.

A motion was made to accept the report by Favors, seconded by McCorkle and passed unanimously. Commissioner Jopling was absent and Chairman Newton voted in favor of the motion.

2. Alcoholic Beverage Application – Chevron Food Mart (Samuel's)

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

Fred confirmed that all requirements had been met.

After discussion, 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. Request to Lift Hiring Freeze for Public Works Director and One Street Maintenance Worker

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

Don made the recommendation to lift the hiring freeze to fill the Public Works Director position as well as one street maintenance worker position. Currently the Road Department has four vacant positions and Rusty Allen, acting Public Works Director, has requested to fill one of the vacant positions.

After a recommendation from Don a motion was made by Favors to lift the hiring freeze for the Public Works Director as well as one street maintenance worker, seconded by McCorkle. After discussion the motion was amended to lift the hiring freeze to fill the Public Works Director position only and to postpone lifting the hiring freeze for one street maintenance worker until the May 17th Commission meeting. The amended motion passed unanimously. Chairman Newton was in favor of the motion.

Commissioner McCorkle has asked Don to compile a list of hires and resignations/terminations for the Road Department in the last six months.

4. Final Budget Amendments for 2010

Chairman Newton asked Pam Workman, Finance Director, to address this matter.

Pam presented the proposed budget amendments for 2010. The budget amendments account for the second tax collection which the government received during 2010. The majority of these amendments for general fund are for the additional payroll and other unforeseen expenditures during the year.

Budget amendments are needed for the special revenue, small grant, capital project, enterprise and general funds.

After discussion a motion was made by Favors to approve the budget amendments for 2010, seconded by McCorkle and passed unanimously.

5. Adoption of Budget Policy for FY 2012

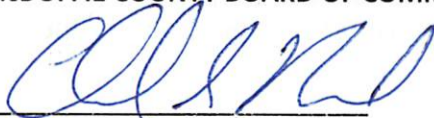
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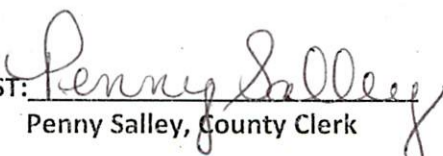
Don presented the FY 2012 Budget Policy for adoption. Don stated that the FY 2012 budget policy is requesting that all departments make budget requests based on no more than 100% of the current amended budget. He also stated that the process has started two months earlier this year and the budget should be approved by July 6, 2011.

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