

AGENDA

McDUFFIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING May 7, 2008, 10:00 AM, Grand Jury Room, McDuffie County Courthouse

CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME

Chairman Newton

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Reverend Tom Kerr, Pastor, 1st United Methodist Church, Thomson (595-3936 – AF Reminder)

APPROVALS

Minutes (Regular Mtg. 4-15-08)

Agenda (Current)

INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1. Proclaim Designation of McDuffie County “Sr. Citizen of the Year 2008” (Chairman Newton)**
- 2. Introduction of New County 4-H Agent (Frank Watson)**
- 3. Announcement – May 9, 2008, Courthouse Grounds, County Events - Relay For Life;**
 - 1) Grill-Out For Hamburgers & Hot Dogs - \$7/Plate w/Choice of Condiments & Ice Tea, Begins at 12 Noon**
 - 2) Bake Sale – Needed: Pies, Cakes & Candies, To Be Sold w/Funds Going to Relay For Life - Begins at 11 AM**

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. ER's & ACO Report – April 2008 (Sandra Whitaker)**
- 2. Appointment – CSRA Economic Opportunity Authority Board (Chairman Newton)**
- 3. Approval of I-20/Three Points Rd. Interchange “Anticipated” ROW Costs & Authorization of Chairman to Sign Necessary Contract Documents-DOT (Chairman Newton)**
- 4. Discuss Retroactive Approval of Moreland-Altobelli's Additional Services & Costs on Three Points Interchange Project (Chairman Newton)**
- 5. Ga. DNR Public Fishing Area – Fish Hatchery Rd., SE, Dearing Agreement (Chairman Newton)**
- 6. Discuss Approval of Boneville Road.. Resurfacing Proposal (Chairman Newton)**

ADJOURNMENT

The McDuffie County Board of Commissioners held a regular Commission Meeting, Wednesday morning, May 7, 2008, 10:00 AM, Grand Jury Room, McDuffie County Courthouse.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Charles G. Newton, IV, Chairman
Sammie Wilson, Sr., Vice Chairman
Rev. Fred Favors, Commissioner
J. Robt. "Bob" Farr, Commissioner

ABSENT

Darrell Wester, Commissioner
Don Norton, County Manager

OTHERS

Three (3) other citizens attended.

COUNTY REPRESENTATION

Annette Finley, County Clerk
Jimmy Whitaker, County Finance Director
Chris Pelly, Director of Public Works
Sandra Whitaker, Tax Commissioner
Don Clauson, Director, Solid Waste
Bruce Tanner, County Fire Chief
Wanda Sisson, Personal Property Appraiser
Merlinda D'Antignac, Supervisor, Sr. Citizens
Frank Watson, Director, Coop. Ext. Service
Kylie Hamlin, 4-H Agent

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Newton called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Reverend Tom Kerr, Pastor, 1st United Methodist Church, Thomson, GA offered the invocation which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVALS

Agenda – Current

A motion to approve the current agenda was made by Wilson, seconded by Farr and passed unanimously.

Minutes (Reg. Commission Mtg. 4-15-08)

Chairman Newton stated that a typo was identified in the minutes of 4-2-08 to be approved, i.e. Page 1,regular "Commission Mission" should be MEETING. A motion to approve the corrected minutes of the regularly scheduled Commission Meeting held on April 15, 2008 was made by Wilson, seconded by Farr and passed unanimously.

INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Proclaim Designation of McDuffie County "Sr. Citizen of the Year 2008":
Chairman Newton read and presented a Proclamation to Ms. Mima Pearl Robinson proclaiming her as "McDuffie County's Sr. Citizen of the Year 2008". Pictures were made by both local newspapers after the reading and the Proclamation is copied below and made a part of these minutes:

No further action was required or taken on this matter.

2. **Introduction of New County 4-H Agent:** Frank Watson, Director of the local Cooperative Extension Service, introduced Ms. Kylie Hamlin., recent graduate from UGA with a Bachelor's degree in Natural Resources Recreation & Tourism, as the new 4-H Agent with a start date of May 1. Ms. Hamlin was welcomed by everyone with expressed interest in helping her get settled in McDuffie County.
3. **Announcement** – RELAY FOR LIFE Grill Out & Bake Sale will be held on the Courthouse Grounds, May 9, 2008.
 - a. Grill-Out For Hamburgers & Hot Dogs - \$7/Plate w/Choice of Condiments & Ice Tea, Begins at 12 Noon.
 - b. Bake Sale – Needed Pies, Cake & Candies; Begins at 11 AM
4. **Announcement** – 21st Annual STEAK & BURGER DINNER will be held Tuesday, May 20, 2008, 6:30 PM, Augusta State University Athletic Complex for the Boys & Girls Club of Augusta; Guest Speaker: The Honorable Gov. Sonny Perdue. The Augusta Boys & Girls Club is the headquarters of the Thomson-McDuffie Boys & Girls Club, a branch, and participation in this annual event is encouraged.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. **ER's & ACO Report – April 2008:** Chairman Newton asked Tax Commissioner Sandra Whitaker to submit this report.

Sandra stated that a decrease of \$201.05 in the amount of revenue due the County for the M&O of McDuffie County. The Property Tax decrease is due to several appeals filed on 2007 values were settle with some increasing and some decreasing; some closed businesses remained on Digest in error.

The Mobile Home Digest decreased in the amount of \$168.58. The Mobile Home tax decrease is due to several appeals having been settled with decrease in value; several mobile homes were on Digest in error – moved from the County in past years. This was verified by field checks; location of several mobile homes located in county not displaying a location permit.

After discussion of the report, a motion was made by Wilson, seconded by Favors to accept and approve the report; motion passed unanimously.

2. **Appointment – CSRA Economic Opportunity Authority Board:** Chairman Newton stated that he had received correspondence from he CSRA Economic Opportunity Authority that Ms. Kimberly Ivey, the McDuffie County Board member, had missed more than three (3) consecutive Board meetings. These are unexcused absences, and their bylaws state that when a Board member has three or more consecutive unexcused absences, they can be replaced.

After discussion, a motion was made by Favors to postpone the matter to the next scheduled Commission Meeting for further discussion; the motion was seconded by Wilson and passed unanimously.

3. **Department of Transportation (DOT) - Approval of I-20/Three Points Rd. Interchange “Anticipated” ROW Costs & Authorization of Chairman to Sign Necessary Contract Documents:** Chairman Newton briefly explained the reasoning For DOT's requesting McDuffie County's funding for the acquisition of rights of way equal to their latest cost estimate of \$413,000. This request is in accordance with federal regulations. Chairman Newton stated that these funds will, hopefully, be

reimbursed after he meets with the federal authorities through Senator Chambliss' office. A motion to approve this request was made by Favors, seconded by Farr and passed unanimously. At this time, Favors amended his motion by stating that these funds, \$413,000, would come from SPLOST IV which had not been previously "earmarked"; motion was again seconded by Farr and passed unanimously.

4. **Retroactive Approval of Moreland-Altobelli's Additional Services & Costs on Three Point Interchange Project:** Chairman Newton reported that "additional services" in the amount of \$39,800 had been required/incurred, largely due to Federal Highway requirements to secure and design appropriate access to all properties affected by the Three Points Interchange Project. However, at this point, subject to possible future decisions, he was only asking approval for \$20,000, roughly half the invoiced amount.

After discussion, a motion was made by Farr to approve the request of \$20,000 for the original interchange engineering with funds coming from SPLOST IV; motion was seconded by Wilson and passed unanimously.

5. **Ga. DNR Public Fishing Area – Fish Hatchery Rd., SE Dearing Agreement:** Chairman Newton stated that he had received a request for McDuffie County to act as "fiscal agent" for the improvements at McDuffie PFA located in Dearing from the Ga. Department of Natural Resources Wildlife Resources Div. Fisheries Management Section. This is a result of their budgeting system (since their deadline to process purchase orders is May 15) and in accordance to the Field Purchase Order\ Agreement between McDuffie County Board of Commissioners and the Georgia Department of Natural Resources. This Agreement would mean McDuffie County, in effect, will administer previously committed DNR funds with benefits accruing to the citizens of McDuffie County in the amount of \$50,000. These funds are for improvements including construction, repair, maintenance and related items in the public fishing area.

6. **Approval of Boneville Road Resurfacing Proposal:** Chairman Newton reported that he had received a notice from the Department of Transportation that they had taken bids on the construction contract for this project and that the apparent low bidder, in the amount of \$162,063.093 is C&H Paving, Inc., with McDuffie County being responsible for the construction cost.

After discussion, a motion was made by Favors to approve the additional funding of \$162,063.03 for the resurfacing of the remainder of Boneville Road, which was not included in the State's contract, with the funds coming from SPLOST IV; motion was seconded by Wilson and passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners at this time, a motion was made by Wilson, seconded by Farr to adjourn.

McDUFFIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Charles G. Newton, IV, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Annette Finley, County Clerk

