

The McDuffie County Board of Commissioners held a regular Commission Meeting Wednesday, June 2, 2010, 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 Manger
Penny Salley, County Clerk
Eric Reisinger, Public Works Director
Don Clauson, Director of Solid Waste
Linda Thurmond, Chief Tax Appraiser
Sandra Whitaker, Tax Commissioner
Stephen Sewell, Assistant Fire Chief
Raymond White, IT Director

MEDIA:
WTHO Radio Station
McDuffie Progress Newspaper
McDuffie Mirror Newspaper

OTHERS:
Three (3) others attended

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

Reverend 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. With no corrections or additions, a motion to approve the current agenda was made by Wilson, seconded by Jopling and passed unanimously.

Minutes (Regular Mtg. (5/18/2010))

A motion to approve the minutes of the 5/18/2010 Regular Commission Meeting was made by Jopling, seconded by Wilson and passed unanimously.

INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Academy for ACCG Leadership Conference, August 4-6, Athens

OLD BUSINESS

1. Government Center Project Update:

Chairman Newton asked Jud Bryant, Program Manager, to address this matter.

To date \$4,176,313.20 has been paid to the Construction Manager at Risk while the Board has retained \$464,034.80 per contract. As of May 28, 2010, 33.4% of the work is completed and approximately 33% of the scheduled construction period has elapsed.

A Change Order in the amount of \$115,530.14 was approved at the May 5, 2010 Commission Meeting. It is anticipated that additional funds will be transferred from the CM at Risk contingency to accommodate certain conditions. These transfers will not require change orders. The transfers will result in a balance within the Contingency of \$829,952.76. The transfers will be as follows:

PCO #057	Kiosk Roof Enlargement (ADD 6)	\$931.00
PCO #067 (RFI #132)	Water Cooler Electrical Circuit	\$1,049.00
PCO #068	Structural Directive (Additional Rebar)	\$627.00
PCO #070	Time Capsule Removal	(\$2,000.00)
PCO #072	Sprinkler Contractor Replacement	\$33,367.00

The sprinkler contractor has to be replaced due to the fact that the current contractor can no longer bond and can no longer engineer the drawings. The new contractor will be on site and installing the sprinkler system by the third week in June. R.W. Allen will have the additional cost

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come out of contingency due to the fact that they previously added approximately \$250,000 from savings to buy downs back to contingency.

McCorkle has concerns about local suppliers not being involved and has requested that there be clarification with the sub-contractors about the County's desire to utilize local companies if possible.

No action was required at this time information purposes only.

2. Inmate Healthcare/Nurse Issue

The cost for a full time nurse with Advanced Correctional Healthcare is approximately \$63,000; to hire an LPN privately the cost would be approximately \$30,000.

Chairman Newton has made the recommendation to contract privately with an LPN instead of with Advanced Correctional Healthcare. It was decided at this time that the information would be taken to Sheriff Marshall for him to make a recommendation as to what he would like to do.

NEW BUSINESS

1. ER & ACO Report – May 2010:

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

Sandra stated that the report for May 2010 reflects a decrease in the amount of \$2963.61 for changes to the Property Tax Digest. Property Tax decrease is due to Appeals being settled; the 2007, 2008 and 2009 values had to be adjusted to reflect the ruling by the BOE values. The decrease is also due to the deletion of several businesses personal property values, these businesses were closed before January 1, 2009 but remained on the 2009 Digest.

The Mobile Home Digest reflected an increase in the amount of \$227.21 due to the County. Mobile Home Tax increase is due to the location of one mobile home not displaying the location permits for the last seven years and the removal of Homestead Exemption on several homes.

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

2. Review of Donald and Frances Terry Tax Matter

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

There is currently an outstanding tax bill from the former property owners Samuel J. and Mary W. Greene for property located at 1011 Peachtree Dr. NW which was sold to Donald and Frances Terry. If the bill is not paid there will be a lien placed against the Greenes as well as the property.

Sandra Whitaker received a call Friday May 28, 2010 that the outstanding bill would be sent via overnight mail by Marlin Realtors.

No action was taken or required.

3. Additional Revenue to Public Fire Safety Education Program

Chairman Newton asked Stephen Sewell, Assistant Fire Chief to address this matter.

The McDuffie County Fire Rescue Service recently received a check in the amount of \$511.60 from the Southeastern Firefighters Burn Foundation. This check was donated to the department to be used in the departments Public Fire Safety Education Program.

After discussion and a recommendation by Assistant Chief Sewell a motion was made by Jopling to allow a budget amendment showing \$511.60 as revenue income in the Fire Rescue Revenue Account and increase the line item for Public Education 52-3701 by \$511.60 in the Fire Rescue budget, seconded Wilson by and passed unanimously.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion to enter into an Executive Session was made by Wilson, seconded by Jopling and passed unanimously.

Topic of Discussion: Personnel

A motion to resume the regular Commission Meeting was made by Wilson, seconded by Jopling and passed unanimously.

After a recommendation from County Manager Norton a motion was made by Wilson to reclassify the position of Secretary/Human Resources Clerk to Human Resources Coordinator and increase the pay grade from a pay grade 12 to a pay grade 17, 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 Wilson and passed unanimously.

McDUFFIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Charles G. Newton IV, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Penny Salley, County Clerk