

The McDuffie County Board of Commissioners held a regular Commission Meeting Tuesday evening, May 18, 2010, 6:30 PM, Grand Jury Room, McDuffie County Courthouse.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Charles G. Newton IV, Chairman
Sammie L. Wilson, Sr., Vice Chairman
Paul McCorkle, Commissioner
Wm. "Bill" M. Jopling, Commissioner

COUNTY REPRESENTATION

Don Norton, County Manager
Penny Salley, County Clerk
Bruce Tanner County Fire Chief
Eric Reisinger, Public Works Director
Fred Guerrant, Planning Board Director
Merlinda Hill, Senior Citizen Center

MEDIA

WTHO Radio Station

OTHERS

Kenneth Usry, City of Thomson
Don Powers, City of Thomson
Four (4) Citizens

PUBLIC INPUT

Speakers: None
Adjournment: 6:30 PM

ZONING ISSUES

No Issues

COMMISSION MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Newton acknowledged a quorum of commissioners present and welcomed everyone in attendance.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Sammie Wilson offered the invocation and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL

Agenda (Current)

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

Minutes (Regular Mtg. 5/5/10)

A motion to approve the minutes of the regular Commission Meeting held 5/5/10 was made by Jopling, seconded by McCorkle and passed unanimously.

INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Proclamation Senior Citizen of the Year 2010
Vickie B. Howard was named Senior Citizen of the Year for 2010.
2. Commissioners Training at Jekyll Island 6/3/10-6/4/10
3. GA Department of Community Affairs "Listening Session" by Video Conference Friday, June 4, 2010 8:00-10:00am at Augusta State University
4. Discuss Memorial Day Holiday Conflict with Next Scheduled Work Session
The work session scheduled for May 31, 2010 will be cancelled due to the Memorial Day holiday.
5. Mayor Kenneth Usry Wishes to Address Board Re: Proposed Land Bank Authority and Blight Tax Ordinance.
Mayor Usry and City Administrator Don Powers have recommended that the board allow the City and County attorneys to research GA code and develop a draft intergovernmental document and resolution relative to Land Bank Authority formation. This research will be paid jointly by the City and County.

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After discussion, a motion was made by Jopling to move forward with the research process in creating a Land Bank Authority, seconded by Wilson and passed unanimously.

The Blight Tax Ordinance was not discussed at this time, but will be brought up a later date.

6. Letter of resignation from George Coussons from the Bartram Trail Library Board.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Adoption of Amended Soil & Sedimentation Control Ordinance

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

After discussion and an explanation of the changes, a motion was made by Jopling to approve the adoption of the amended Soil and Sedimentation Control Ordinance per state guidelines, seconded by Wilson and passed unanimously.

2. Monthly Budget Report – April 2010 (Don Norton)

Don reported that as of April 30, 2010, with 33.3% of the year lapsed, the County had collected \$6,292,334.24 or 48.7% of the projected YTD revenue for the General Fund. With 33.3% of the year lapsed, the YTD General Fund Expenditures were \$7,915,252.59 or 35.5%.

3. Monthly Financial Report – April 2010 (Don Norton)

Don Norton, reported on all bank accounts showing a grand total of \$25,733,741.00 as of April 30, 2010; Hotel/Motel revenue reflects a YTD \$46,699.00 or a total of -13.88% less than on the same date in 2009; Local Option Sales Tax Collections are YTD \$873,474.00 or a total of 8.47% increase from the same date in 2009; SPLOST IV Revenue/Expenditures report a cumulative revenue total of \$17,818,007 with a balance of \$389,713.00 plus \$489,445.00 interest earnings; SPLOST V revenues reflect \$4,170,782.00 as of April 30,2010; expenditures are \$1,829,850.00.

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 Jopling, seconded by Wilson and passed unanimously.

No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

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

McDUFFIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Charles G. Newton IV, Chairman

ATTEST:

Penny Salley, County Clerk