

The McDuffie County Board of Commissioners held a regular Commission Meeting Tuesday evening, June 15, 2010, 6:30 PM, Grand Jury Room, McDuffie County Courthouse.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

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

COUNTY REPRESENTATION

Don Norton, County Manager
Penny Salley, County Clerk
Stephen Sewell, Assistant Fire Chief
Eric Reisinger, Public Works Director
Raymond White, IT Director
Pam Workman, Finance Department
Don Clauson, Solid Waste Director
Linda Thurmond, Chief Tax Appraiser

MEDIA

McDuffie Progress Newspaper
McDuffie Mirror Newspaper

OTHERS

Two (2) others attended

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

APPROVAL

Agenda (Current)

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

Adding Item 1 to Old Business: Update on Inmate Healthcare.

Minutes (Regular Mtg. 6/2/10)

A motion to approve the minutes of the regular Commission Meeting held 6/2/10 was made by Wilson, seconded by Jopling and passed unanimously.

INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Work Session Normally Scheduled for July 5, 2010 Falls on a County Holiday (July 4 Holiday Observed)
The work session normally scheduled for July 5, 2010 will be cancelled.
2. Plan to Review and Adopt Fiscal year 2011 Budget Policy July 7 Board Meeting.
3. Plan to Review Establishment of a Land Bank Authority at July 7 Board Meeting.
4. Plan to Discuss Joint City/County Fire Training Facility at July 7 Board Meeting.
5. Financial Disclosure Reports Due July 1, 2010 and Campaign Contribution Disclosure Reports Due June 30, 2010
6. ACCG Summer Regional Training July 16 and July 23 - Registration Deadline July 1.
7. USDA has Approved the Plans for the Water System Expansion Phase II.
8. Chairman Recognized Those Participating in 2010 "Mission McDuffie"

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OLD BUSINESS

1. Update on Inmate Healthcare

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

The contract with Advanced Correctional Healthcare has been approved and is in place.

Sheriff Marshall has met with and is in negotiations with two local nurses. The nurses would work seven days per week, six hours each day for a total of 42 hours per week. Both nurses are LPN's and have experience working in correctional facilities.

There was no action taken or required at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration to Declare Surplus Property Adjacent to 1041 Wrightsboro Rd. NW
Chairman Newton asked Don Norton, County Manager, to address this matter.

Ms. Evelyn Hatcher is interested in acquiring the property adjacent to her property at 1041 Wrightsboro Rd. NW. In order to be able to acquire the property the County will have to declare the property surplus and there may some cost.

Don Norton is to get everything together as to cost and ensure that Ms. Hatcher is indeed willing to pay the cost to acquire the property before the County proceeds with declaring the property surplus.

At this time no action was taken, but the matter will be brought back to the Board for approval at the July 7, 2010 Commission meeting.

2. Discuss GDOT Local Maintenance & Improvement Grant (LMIG) Program (Particularly Resurfacing Projects)

Chairman Newton asked Eric Reisinger, Public Works Director, to address this matter.

Eric would like to identify and prioritize local roadway and bridge projects to be funded by the newly implemented DOT LMIG program, formerly LARP and State Aid program, the deadline is July 31, 2010. Eric has recommended that the County submit the application as soon as possible.

All resurfacing projects will be reimbursed by state funds at 100% any other road construction projects will require a 10% match from the County. Currently there is \$1.8 million in budgeted SPLOST V funds that could be used for projects such as the widening of Mesena Rd.

The current priority list for resurfacing is as follows for a total of 16.2 miles:

Mesena Rd.	City Limits to County Line	4.6 miles
Randall Rd.		1.5 miles
Stagecoach Rd.	Intersection of Wrightsboro Rd. to US 78	2.5 miles
Mt. Pleasant Rd.	Sterling Gibson Rd. to Sand Hill Rd.	2.6 miles
Randall Hunt Rd.		1.4 miles
Radford Gay Rd.		.30 miles
Gingerhill Rd.		1.4 miles
Ponderosa Ln.		.40 miles
Twin Oaks Rd.		1.5 miles

Commissioner Wilson would like to see Betsy Branch Dr. and Cherokee St. considered before the above list is submitted.

At this time no action was taken, but the matter will be brought back to the Board for approval at the July 7, 2010 Commission meeting.

3. Consideration of Acquiring Back Hoe for Solid Waste Transfer Station

Chairman Newton asked Don Clausen, Solid Waste Director, to address this matter.

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Don has recommended the purchase of a John Deere backhoe with solid tires from Flint Equipment in the amount of \$57,388.00 to replace the backhoe that is now being used. The cost of this machine would come out of the solid waste surcharge account. The current backhoe is, for the present time, out of commission and undergoing engine repairs. The current backhoe would assume the role of a back-up machine.

Commissioner McCorkle has concerns that the equipment is not being cared for properly and receives a substantial amount of abuse. He does not feel that a new machine should be placed at the landfill. He believes that the County could get a comparable used machine at a lower price that would be adequate for use at the landfill.

Don is to get prices on used backhoes from each company to be presented at the July 7, 2010 Commission Meeting.

No action was taken at this time.

4. Discuss "Q-Public"/GIS Hosting Issues

Chairman Newton asked Linda Thurmond, Chief Tax Appraiser, to address this matter.

Linda would like to continue to provide the County's property tax data files and maps on the internet through Q-Public, to be made available to the general public and various government offices at the cost of \$7,500.00 per year which is included in the budget for 2010.

Currently the County's server has the capacity to host the mapping service and the consultant apparently has the ability to write the script required to allow access to the same information

that Q-Public currently has. Additionally, there are also concerns about the security of the Q-Public network, which will be looked into.

Chairman Newton recommended that, if possible, we pay Q-Public on a month to month basis while researching further the County's ability to provide this information.

After a lengthy discussion, a motion was made by McCorkle to approve the renewal of the Q-Public contract for \$7,500.00 for the year beginning on July 1, 2010, seconded by Jopling and passed unanimously. (Absent at this time Chairman Newton and Commissioner Favors.)

5. Monthly Budget Report – May 2010

Don Norton reported that as of May 31, 2010, with 41.67% of the year lapsed, the County had collected \$5,740,594.20 or 53.2% of the projected YTD revenue for the General Fund. With 41.67% of the year lapsed, the YTD General Fund Expenditures were \$7,095,102.51 or 42.2%.

6. Monthly Financial Report – May 2010

Don Norton, reported on all bank accounts showing a grand total of \$22,774,445.00 as of May 31, 2010; Hotel/Motel revenue reflects a YTD \$74,471.00 or a total of -2.26% less than on the same date in 2009; Local Option Sales Tax Collections are YTD \$1,083,089.00 or a total of 1.81% increase from the same date in 2009; SPLOST IV Revenue/Expenditures report a cumulative revenue total of \$17,818,007 with a balance of \$356,373.00 plus \$489,531.00 interest earnings; SPLOST V revenues reflect \$4,483,641.00 as of May 31,2010; expenditures are \$1,829,850.00. Of the \$17,655,000.00 in Bond Construction Funds for the new Government Center Project, \$4,209,910 had been spent as of May 31, 2010. The cash flow picture once again seems slightly improved over previous reports, with the possibility of not needing to borrow funds if 2010 property tax revenues come in strong in October and November.

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