

## AGENDA

**McDUFFIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING**  
February 19, 2008, 6:30 PM, Grand Jury Room, McDuffie County Courthouse

### PUBLIC INPUT

**Speakers:**

**Adjournment:**

### ZONING HEARING

**No Issues**

**Adjournment:**

### COMMISSION MEETING

### CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME

**Chairman Newton**

### INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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### APPROVALS

**Agenda (Current)**

**Minutes (Regular 2-6-08)**

### INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **Announcement – 2008 Multi-Entity Planning Retreat, Feb. 22-23, 2008, UGA, Athens**

### OLD BUSINESS

1. **Appointments – Joint Development Authority (Chairman Newton)**
2. **Possible 2008 CDBG Project (Chairman Newton)**

### NEW BUSINESS

1. **Amigo's Restaurant – Request to Celebrate "Cinco de Mayo", Saturday, May 3, 2008, at Restaurant – Jose Grandados, Owner (Chairman Newton)**
2. **Appointments – County Drug Abuse Treatment & Education Fund Board (Chairman Newton)**
3. **Approval of CSX ROW Agreements for Water Expansion Project (Chairman Newton)**
4. **Sr. Citizens' Center – RDC Aging Grant, \$22,000 for FY 7/2008-6/2009 (Merlinda D'Antignac)**
5. **Monthly Budget Report (Don Norton)**
6. **Monthly Financial Report (Jimmy Whitaker)**

### ADJOURNMENT

The McDuffie County Board of Commissioners held a regular Commission Meeting, Tuesday evening, February 19, 2008, 6:30 PM, 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

**COUNTY REPRESENTATION**

Don Norton, County Manager  
Annette Finley, County Clerk  
Jimmy Whitaker, County Finance Director  
Chris Pelly, Director of Public Works  
Bob Howard, Director of Recreation, Leisure  
Services & Rural Transportation  
Gail Newsome, Code Enforcement

**ABSENT**

Darrell Wester, Commissioner

**OTHERS**

Two (2) citizens attended.

**MEDIA REPRESENTATION**

WTHO Radio Station  
McDuffie Mirror Newspaper  
McDuffie Progress Newspaper

**PUBLIC INPUT**

Speakers: None  
Adjournment: 6:30 PM

**ZONING HEARING**

No Issues

**COMMISSION MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Newton announced that a quorum was present, called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance.

**INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Favors offered the invocation which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVALS**

Agenda (Current)

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

Minutes (Regular Mtg. 2-6-08)

A motion to approve the minutes of the regular Commission Meeting held on February 2, 2008, was made by Farr, seconded by Wilson and passed unanimously.

**INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. Announcement – 2008 Multi-Entity Planning Retreat, Feb. 22-23, 2008, UGA, Athens
2. Announcement – Chairman Newton reported that the Federal Highway Authorities had instructed McDuffie County to “start over” and directed the County to hire a consultant to complete the easement right of way acquisitions of the Three Points Road Interchange of the West Bypass project. This all relates to the Uniform Act of Property Acquisition and the person in charge regarding procedures in the Easement Right of Way acquisitions. The 2nd District Office of the Georgia Department of Transportation was instructed not to get involved.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. **Appointments – Joint Development Authority:** Chairman Newton reported that the City of Thomson had recommended approval of Bob Knox, Jr., (former Mayor) to replace Kenneth Usry, newly elected Mayor, on the Joint Development Authority and opened the floor for other nominations for the position. Chairman Newton nominated Bob Knox, Jr. and Commissioner Favors nominated Mr. Isiah Eberhart for the open position. At this time, a roll call vote was asked:

**Bob Knox, Jr.**  
 Newton – Yes  
 Farr – Yes

**Rev. Isiah Eberhart**  
 Favors – Yes  
 Wilson – Yes

Chairman Newton stated that with this “split” vote, the matter would be carried forward to the next scheduled Commission Meeting on March 5, 2008, when all commissioners would hopefully be in attendance and final action could be made.

2. **Possible 2008 CDBG Project:** Chairman Newton again presented this matter and opened the floor for discussion. Bob Howard, Director of Recreation, Leisure Services and Rural Transportation, presented a summary renovation for the entire building where the Thomson-McDuffie Senior Center is housed, stating that he had talked with Ms. Jeanette Cummings, Director of CSRA Area Agency on Aging who recommended having clients and medical personnel from the non-profit organization of Gilead Group on site. Ms. Cummings stated that the added additional services provided by the Gilead Group would enhance the possibility of getting a CDBG grant for the renovation. i.e. increased medical attention to all participants at the Sr. Citizens Center as well as other services. After a lengthy discussion, a motion was made by Farr to approve the application of the 2008 CDBG and for the grant to be written by Rhonda Gilbert for a fee of \$2100 for the entire project; motion was seconded by Wilson, Chairman Newton voted “yes” and the motion passed 3 to 1 with Favors voting no.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Amigo’s Restaurant – Request to Celebrate “Cinco de Mayo”, Saturday, May 3, 2008:** Chairman Newton recognized Jose Grandados, Owner of Amigo’s Restaurant, and asked him to address the Board.

Mr. Grandados stated that the Mexicans had celebrated this special day for many years and he wanted to continue by allowing the celebration at his restaurant. The requirements of his having a fenced area, one exit and one entrance being the same to the area, no customer shall leave the premises with an open drink container is carried off the premises, no minors being served alcohol, no music to be played to be played outside of the building and outside entertainment shall cease at 11:00 PM. Chairman Newton confirmed these requirements with Ms. Gail Newsome, Code Enforcement, and recommended that the request be approved. A motion to approve the celebration as outlined was made by Farr, seconded by Wilson and passed 3 to 1; Favors abstained for religious reasons.

2. **Appointments – County Drug Abuse Treatment & Education Fund Board:**  
Chairman Newton reported that contact had been made with the five (5)

Members of the Board and the following were all willing to be re-appointed for a 3-year term as copied below:

	<u>New Effective Term</u>
• Chris Pelly, Public Works (representing Charles G. Newton, IV)	1/1/08-12/31/10
• Dr. Mark Peterson, Bd. of Education	1/1/08-12/31/10
• Ms. Mary Beth Lukich, DFACS	1/1/08-12/31/10
• Ms. Brenda Bailey	1/1/08-12/31/10
• Mr. Emanuel Bryson, Juvenile Justice	1/1/08-12/31/10

After discussion, a motion to approve all five (5) was made by Farr, seconded by Wilson and passed unanimously.

3. **Approval of CSX ROW Agreements for the Water Expansion Project:**  
Chairman Newton reported to the Board that their approval was needed allowing him to sign documents for CSX Transportation regarding the Water Expansion System. These ROW agreements commit to a total of \$113,660 which will be rolled into the USDA project budget, at which time the General Fund will be reimbursed. A motion to approve this request was made by Farr, seconded by Wilson and passed unanimously.

4. **Sr. Citizens' Center – RDC Aging Grant, \$22,000 for FY 7/2008-6/2009:**

Chairman Newton asked Bob Howard, Director of Recreation, Leisure Services and Rural Transportation, to address this matter.

Bob reported that the Sr. Citizens' Center had received the CSRA RDC FY 2009 Aging Grant in the amount of \$22,000 and asked approval to accept this grant. It will allow more seniors to be able to participate with more variety of activities while saving the county money. It will also continue to buy supplies and pay for three part-time people working with the crafts.

A motion to accept the \$22,000 grant was made by Wilson, seconded by Favors and passed unanimously.

5. **Monthly Budget Report:** Chairman Newton asked County Manager Don Norton to present this report.

Don reported that as of January 1, 2008 with 8.33% of the year lapsed, the County had collected \$663,509.11 or 5.2% of the projected YTD General Fund Revenue. With 8.33% of the year lapsed, the YTD General Fund Expenditures were \$868,297.94 or 7.2%.

6. **Monthly Financial Report:** Chairman Newton asked County Finance Director Jim Whitaker to present this report.

Jimmy presented reports on all bank accounts showing a grand total of \$13,580,032.99 as of January 31, 2008; Hotel/Motel Report reflects a YTD \$11,680.52 or 28.9% increase/decrease from the 2007 on the same date; Local Option Sales Tax Collections YTD are at \$169,412.15 or an overall 1.55% increase from 2007 on the same date; and, SPLOST IV Revenue/Expenditure Report with a total program revenue of \$13,625,297 expenditures of \$8,509,398 leaving an available balance of \$5,115,899, plus \$452,354 earned interest.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

**McDUFFIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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**Charles G. Newton IV, Chairman**

**ATTEST:**

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**Annette Finley, County Clerk**