

The McDuffie County Board of Commissioners held a Regular Commission Meeting Tuesday evening, November 15, 2011, 6:30 PM, Meeting Room, Thomson-McDuffie County Government Center

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

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

COUNTY REPRESENTATION

Don Norton, County Manager
Penny Salley, County Clerk
Pam Workman, Finance Director
Bruce Tanner, Fire Chief
Stephen Sewell, Asst. Fire Chief
Rusty Allen, Public Works Director
Fred Guarrant, Planning and Zoning Director

MEDIA

WTHO
McDuffie Mirror
McDuffie Progress

OTHER

Three (3) others were in attendance

PUBLIC INPUT

Ray Silverstein – Proposed a flat sewer rate instead of the equalization of sewer rates.

Chairman Newton stated that it would be discussed outside of the Commission meeting in more detail.

ZONING HEARING

None

COMMISSION MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Favors 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.

Remove Item 3 Old Business – Adoption of Proposed Human Resources Policy

Add New Item 3 to Old Business – Update on Damaged Fire Engine #4

Add Pending Litigation to Executive Session

Minutes (Regular Mtg. 11/2/11)

A motion to approve the minutes of the regular Commission Meeting held 11/2/11 was made by Favors, seconded by Wilson and passed unanimously.

INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1. County Thanksgiving Luncheon-Tuesday, November 22nd, 12:00, Depot

UPCOMING APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS

- 1. CSRA Economic Opportunity Authority
- 2. Board of Health
- 3. Board of Elections (Information Only)

OLD BUSINESS

1. Review Employee Health Plan Issues and Options (Ashley Ellis)

Chairman Newton asked Ashley Ellis to present this matter.

Ashley reported as of October claims were within the budgeted amount for 2011 and that emergency room visits were lower than last year. She further reported that since changing the drug utilization plan, even with the continued use of some name brand prescriptions as well as the increasing cost of prescription medication in general, the County should save approximately \$20,000 on prescription costs compared to 2010.

Ashley stated that she would bring a formal recommendation to the Board at the December 7th meeting for the 2012 insurance. Based on preliminary numbers she does not feel that there will be a need to change the current deductibles or benefits and that the County should be able to stay within what is currently budgeted for medical claims and prescriptions. She stated that fixed costs would go up approximately 2%.

2. Further Consideration of Proposed "Old" Tag/Tax Office Lease

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

Don stated that at this time the county attorney and World Finance attorney were working out final details of the lease and he should have it to present to the Board at the December 7th Commission meeting.

3. Update on Damaged Fire Truck

Chairman Newton asked Paul McCorkle, Commissioner, to address this matter.

Paul stated that the cost to repair engine 4 is approximately \$5,500, if the engine is declared surplus and sold it would bring less than \$10,000. He has made the recommendation to keep and repair the engine.

After discussion and a recommendation from McCorkle and motion was made by Jopling repair engine 4 and keep it as a reserve engine, to be paid from the Raysville insurance settlement, seconded by Wilson and passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discuss Proposed Training Area for Sheriff's Department

Chairman Newton asked Ronnie Williamson to address this matter.

Ronnie presented a land use proposal for the designation and development of a training area to be used by the McDuffie County Sheriff's Office. The training area will be used for firearm, use of force, non lethal use of force and physical self defense training and conditioning. At present the McDuffie County Sheriff's Office is lacking in some of the requirements for proper training due to not having a readily available training facility.

He stated that the land proposed for a training area is currently owned by McDuffie County and consists of two connected parcels totaling 296.91 acres, located on Vic Moore Road and Wrightsboro Road.

At the present time no funds are being requested. Ronnie stated that the training facility would be an ongoing project over a number of years and the Sheriff's Office could begin using the land after a drainage pipe was placed and dirt was moved.

All of the Commissioners were in agreement with allowing the Sheriff's Office to use the land as a training area.

2. Discuss Request for Speed Calming Devices for Ferrous Road

Chairman Newton asked Rusty Allen, Public Works Director, to address this matter.

Rusty stated that Georgia Iron Works has requested the installation of speed humps on Ferrous Road. GIW has agreed to purchase all materials for the speed humps as well as a pedestrian cross-

walk at a cost of \$4,800.00. McDuffie County will provide all of the equipment and labor for the installation.

After discussion a motion was made by Jopling to approve placing speed humps, speed hump signs and a pedestrian cross-walk on Ferrous Road at a cost of \$4,800 to be paid for by GIW, with McDuffie County arranging all equipment and labor for the installation of each, seconded by Favors and passed unanimously.

3. Discuss Burke County Interest in "Old" Roller Shelving at Old Courthouse

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

Don stated that Burke County is interested in the roller shelving at the old courthouse. No other departments have shown any interest in keeping the roller shelving.

A motion was made by McCorkle to declare the roller shelving surplus and to give them to Burke County, seconded by Jopling and passed unanimously.

4. Monthly Budget Report

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

Don reported that as of October 31, 2011, with 83.3% of the year lapsed, the County had collected \$ 4,613,663.69 or 62.8% of the projected YTD revenue for the General Fund. With 83.3% of the year lapsed, the YTD General Fund Expenditures were \$9,592,693.56 or 78.2%.

5. Monthly Financial Report

Chairman Newton asked Pam Workman, Finance Director, to address this matter.

Pam reported on all bank accounts showing a grand total of \$9,424,184 as of October 31, 2011; Hotel/Motel revenue reflects a YTD \$147,079 or a total of 0.65% less than on the same date in 2010; Local Option Sales Tax Collections are YTD \$1,964,864 or a total of -8.56% decrease from the same date in 2010; SPLOST IV Revenue/Expenditures report a cumulative revenue total of \$17,818,007 with a balance of \$552,217 including the remaining interest earnings; SPLOST V revenues reflect \$9,497,587 as of October 31, 2011; expenditures are \$5,574,405. Of the \$17,655,000.00 in Bond Construction Funds for the new Government Center Project, \$17,249,579.42 had been spent.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Topic of Discussion: Personnel
Pending Litigation


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

No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

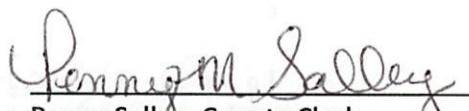
There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, a motion to adjourn was made by Wilson, seconded by Jopling and passed unanimously.

McDUFFIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Charles G. Newton IV, Chairman

ATTEST:



Penny Salley, County Clerk

AFFIDAVIT
CLOSED MEETING - ENTIRE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
(copy must be filed with official minutes)

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF McDUFFIE

Charles G. Newton, IV, Chairman, Commissioner Sammie Wilson, Sr., Commissioner
Paul McCorkle, Commissioner
Wm. "Bill" Jopling, being duly sworn, state under oath that the following is true and accurate to the best of their knowledge and belief:

1.
The McDuffie County Board of Commissioners met in a duly advertised meeting on November 15, 2011;

2.
During such meeting, the Board voted to go into closed session;

3.
The Executive Session was called to order at 7:00 AM (PM);

4.
The subject matter of the closed portion of the meeting was devoted to the following matters(s) within the exceptions provided in the open meetings law;

Consultation with the county attorney or other legal counsel to discuss pending or potential litigation;

Discussion of tax matters made confidential by state law as provided by O.C.G.A. S 50-14-2(2) (insert the citation to the legal authority making the tax matter confidential) _____

Discussion of the future acquisition of real estate as provided by O.C.G.A. S 50-14-3(4);

Discussion of deliberation on the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a county officer or employee as provided by O.C.G.A. S 50-14-3(6);

Other (describe the exemption to the open meetings law): _____
_____ as provided in (insert the citation to the legal authority exempting the topic) _____.

This 15th day of November, 2011.

McDUFFIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

[Signature] Chairman
Sammie Wilson Sr. Vice Chairman
Paul McCorkle Commissioner
Wm Jopling Commissioner
_____ Commissioner

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 15th day of November, 2011.

Pence M. Sallee
Notary Public
My Commission Expires:
March 28, 2014

