



**The McDuffie County Board of Commissioners held a Regular Commission Meeting
Wednesday Morning, January 13, 2021, 10:00 am
Government Center Meeting Room**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Charles Newton, IV, Chairman
Gloria Thompson, Commissioner
Bill Jopling, Commissioner
Fred Favors, Commissioner

COUNTY REPRESENTATION:

David Crawley, County Manager
Nikki Milburn, County Clerk
Pam Workman, Finance Director
Stephen Sewell, Fire/EMS Director
Stacey Thomas, Tax Commissioner
Gail Newsome, Code Enforcement

MEDIA:

Others:

Public Hearings

Chairman Newton called the public hearing portion of the meeting to order at 10:01 am.

1. 1st Reading: Ordinance 21-01; Timber Harvesting

David advised the board that as discussed at the previous work session. This ordinance is state issued and mandated. This is required for the new statewide permitting system for timber. He also advised that along those lines that he is planning to speak with the county attorney about made creating another ordinance for logging in the county. Code enforcement is having several issues with logging companies being shut down on one site for creating hazards on the roads and then just going to another site and working there. Chairman Newton asked if there were any questions or concerns regarding this ordinance, hearing none this public hearing was closed.

Chairman Newton advised that this is a public hearing and asked if there were any questions or concerns. Hearing no response the public hearing portion of the meeting was closed.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Newton called the meeting to order at 10:09 am, acknowledged a quorum of commissioners present and welcomed everyone in attendance.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Jopling offered the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVALS

Agenda (Current)

Chairman Newton asked if there were any corrections to the current agenda or minutes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jopling to approve the current agenda and was seconded by Commissioner Thompson and passed unanimously.

Minutes

Regular Meeting- December 15, 2020

Commissioner Jopling made a motion to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson and passed unanimously.

INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **Joint Comprehensive Plan 2nd Public Hearing: January 19th at 5:15 pm in the meeting room.**
2. **Pre-Legislative Update: January 19th at 10:30 am-virtual event.**

APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS

1. **Consideration to Reappoint Nikki Milburn as County Clerk.**
Commissioner Thompson made the motion to reappoint Nikki Milburn as county clerk. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Favors and passed unanimously.
2. **Consideration to Reappoint Davis Dunaway as County Attorney.**
Commissioner Thompson made the motion to reappoint Davis Dunaway as county attorney. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jopling and passed unanimously.
3. **Consideration to Reappoint Marcelles Barr to Development Authority.**
Commissioner Favors made the motion to reappoint Marcelles Barr to the Development Authority Board. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson and passed unanimously.
4. **Consideration to Appointment Jamie Alfriend to Development Authority.**
Commissioner Thompson made the motion for appoint Jamie Alfriend to the Development as a joint appointment. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jopling and passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Consideration to Approve Alcohol License for 2093 Washington Road (Sprint Store).**
Gail Newsome presented the board with an alcohol license for the new Sprint Store located at 2093 Washington Road. This license will be for beer and wine sales only. All requirements have been met for the license.

Commissioner Thompson made the motion to approve the alcohol license for Sprint Store. The motion was seconded by Commission Jopling and Chairman Newton.

2. **Consideration to Approve Right of Way Easement with Jefferson Energy.**
David stated that as presented in the previous work session, this right of way easement with Jefferson Energy will be for the installment of charging stations for vehicles at Sweetwater Recreation Center. This will be a free service provided to the community.

Commissioner Jopling made the motion to approve the right of way easement with Jefferson Energy. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson and passed unanimously.

3. Consideration to Approve Copier Leases with Pollock.

David advised that as discussed in the previous work session, this lease is for 5 years and all county equipment is included under one agreement. This item was budgeted for and the cost is \$2161.00 monthly for 60 months.

Commissioner Thompson made the motion to approve the lease with Pollock. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jopling and passed unanimously.

4. Consideration to Approve Trane Maintenance Agreement.

David advised that as discussed in the previous work session, this is a 3 year renewal of the current maintenance agreement with Trane. The cost of this agreement is \$23,097.27 annually and was budgeted for.

Commissioner Thompson made the motion to approve the maintenance agreement Trane. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jopling and passed unanimously.

5. Consideration to Approve CEI (Construction, Engineering & Inspection) Services with Atlas for West Bypass Project.

Chairman Newton advised that as discussed in the previous work session, this is a proposal with Atlas for CEI services for the west bypass expansion project. The cost of this service for 24 months will be \$632,800.00.

Commissioner Jopling made the motion to approve this CEI service proposal with Atlas. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson and passed unanimously.

6. Consideration to Approve MOU with East Central Health.

Chairman Newton advised that as discussed in the previous work session, this MOU is for the Fire/EMS to receive testing kits that will be for them to test all fire responder personnel.

Commissioner Jopling made the motion to approve the MOU with East Central Health. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson and passed unanimously.

7. ACO Report for December 2020.

Stacey Thomas presented the December 2020 ACO Report. There was an increase of \$3,844.79 to the Property Tax Digest from ACO's from the tax assessor's office. There were no changes to the Mobile Home Digest.

Commissioner Thompson made the motion to approve December 2020 ACO Reports. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jopling and passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Jopling to adjourn the regular meeting at 10:17 am, seconded by Commissioner Thompson and passed unanimously.

MCDUFFIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Charles G. Newton, IV, Chairman

ATTEST:



Nikki Milburn, County Clerk