



**The McDuffie County Board of Commissioners held a Regular Commission Meeting
Wednesday Morning, February 3, 2021, 10:00 am
Government Center Meeting Room**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Charles Newton, IV, Chairman
Sammie Wilson, Vice Chairman
Bill Jopling, Commissioner
Fred Favors, Commissioner

COUNTY REPRESENTATION:

David Crawley, County Manager
Nikki Milburn, County Clerk
Pam Workman, Finance Director
Chase Beggs, Planning & Zoning
Stacey Thomas, Tax Commissioner

MEDIA:

Others: 1

Public Hearings

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

1. 1st Reading: Ordinance 21-02; Broadband.

David advised the board this ordinance would allow for our community to be designated as a Broadband Ready Committee, which allows for us to apply the state funds for broadband installation. Chairman Newton asked if there was any questions or concerns, hearing no response this public hearing item was closed.

2. Revolving Loan Fund Review-Thomson Plastics, Inc.

David advised that this is a revolving loan fund review for Thomson Plastics. They are looking at a \$2 million expansion at their current location. This expansion would create 44 full time jobs and bring producing that is currently overseas but to the local plant. The request is for \$125,000.00 from the county. Chairman Newton asked if there was any questions or concerns, hearing no response this public hearing item 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 10:04 am, acknowledged a quorum of commissioners present and welcomed everyone in attendance.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Favors 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 Vice Chairman Wilson to approve the current agenda and was seconded by Commissioner Jopling and passed unanimously.

Minutes

Regular Meeting- January 19, 2021

Work Session- February 1, 2021

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

INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1. State of the Community-February 11th at 1 pm, live stream from Chamber Facebook page and YouTube Channel.**

APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Consideration to Approve Relocation Agreement with Georgia Power.**

Chairman Newton advised that as discussed in the previous work session, this agreement is for the relocation of utilities for the west bypass project. The original agreement was signed in 2018 but terms are only good for 1 year, so the agreement had to be resubmitted. This is a new agreement with Georgia Power for the same relocation of utilities. The price did change from \$189,760.00 to \$210,251.00, which is budgeted into the total project.

Commissioner Jopling made the motion to approve the agreement with Georgia Power. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Wilson and passed unanimously.

- 2. Consideration to Approve RLF Review for Thomson Plastics, Inc.**

Chairman Newton advised that as discussed in the previous work session and public hearing, Thomson Plastics is working on an expansion of their current facility. They have requested use of the revolving loan fund to help with this project.

Vice Chairman Wilson made the motion to approve the RLF for Thomson Plastics. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jopling and passed unanimously.

- 3. Consideration to Approve Service Delivery Strategy.**

David advised the board that as discussed in the previous work session, now that all of the public hearings have been conducted and changes have been made. The updated service delivery strategy is ready for approval. This will be turned in along with the joint comprehensive plan at the end of February for approval by DCA.

Commissioner Jopling made the motion to approve the SDS. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Wilson and passed unanimously.

- 4. Consideration to Approve Budget Amendments.**

David advised the board that as discussed in the previous work session, there are several budget amendments that needed to be approved in order to balance the budget and prepare the annual audit.

Commissioner Jopling made the motion to approve the budget amendments. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Wilson and passed unanimously.

5. Consideration to Approve ACO Report for January 2021.

Stacey Thomas presented the ACO Report for January 2021. There was a decrease of \$569.98 to the property tax digest for ACO's in the tax assessor's office. There was a decrease of \$517.73 to the mobile home digest for ACO's in the tax assessor's office.

Vice Chairman Wilson made the motion to approve ACO Report for January 2021. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jopling and passed unanimously.

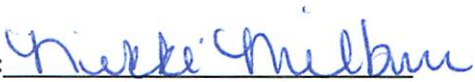
ADJOURNMENT

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

MCDUFFIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Charles G. Newton, IV, Chairman

ATTEST: 

Nikki Milburn, County Clerk