McDuffie County Board of Commissioners held a Work Session
April 5, 2021, 6:30 PM
Government Center Meeting Room

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:
Charles Newton, IV, Chairman
Wm. "Bill" M. Jopling, Commissioner
Sammie Wilson, Vice Chairman
Gloria Thompson, Commissioner
Frederick Favors, Commissioner

COUNTY REPRESENTATION:
David Crawley, County Manager
Pam Workman, Finance Director
Nikki Milburn, County Clerk
Allison Eaddy, UGA Extension
Chase Beggs, Planning & Zoning
Phyllis Brooks, Elections

Media: Erin Burditt, McDuffie Progress

Other: 2

COMMISSIONERS' WORK SESSION

All agenda items are for discussion only. No action was taken during the meeting.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. **Discussion Concerning Building and Space Requirements with Board of Election.**
Elections Supervisor, Phyllis Brooks and members of the Board of Elections presented some of the changes that will be instated with the new SB 202. There was discussions about current polling precincts and possible changes that will need to be made based on the new legislation. As well as changes to the office structure.

   This item will be continued until further information is available.

2. **Discussion Concerning Recreation Board Appointments.**
David advised that there are 2 county seats that need to be filled on the recreation board. Charles West has expressed interest and agreed to serve if appointed. Trevor has been in communication with Jamie Alfriend but has not received a confirmed answer but will try before Wednesday.

   This item will be added to the next meeting agenda.

3. **Discussion Concerning Reappointment for Community Service Board of East Central Georgia.**
David advised that a letter was sent from the Community Service Board asking for the reappointment of Eleanor McMannon, her new term will be July 2020-July 2023.

   This item will be added to the next meeting agenda.

4. **Discussion Concerning Resolution 21-04; ACO Corrections.**
David advised the board that this resolution will be to continue to ACO reports that we currently receive each month. This is a resolution that the state has asked to be completed, it allows for corrections to be made due to homestead exemptions and other adjustments.

   This item will be added to the next meeting agenda.

5. **Discussion Concerning Ordinance Amendment for Mobile Businesses.**

David advised that he would like Chase explain more about this ordinance amendment. Chase advised the board that this amendment would just put stricter conditions on mobile businesses. Currently mobile businesses can operate with little guidelines so this would put something more uniformed in place and make more structure for those wanting to operate food trucks. The proposed changes are more in line of what is being used in other communities around us. There would be a permit put into place for these also. There was some concern from the board about making it too difficult that mobile businesses will not want to do business in the community.

This item will be continued until further information is available.

6. **Discussion Concerning Boneville Pond Road Emergency Repair Bid.**
David advised that there was a mandatory pre bid meeting on March 31st and then a bid opening on April 5th. There were 2 bids placed for the emergency repair for Boneville Pond Road and pond. Stacy Phillips gave a bid of $113,588.36 and Brooks Brothers Construction gave $188,700.00 for their bid. The board discussed holding off on the road paving until after these repairs are made and had time to settle. That will allow for the whole road to be done at one time and not in pieces.

This item will be added to the next meeting agenda.

7. **Discussion Concerning Transit Vehicles.**
David advised that we received a letter for GDOT regarding 2 of the transit vehicles. We have the option to purchase them for $5,500.00 and take ownership or turn them in for replacements. After consulting with Linda Lynch, transit van #3491 she would like to keep for a spare and #3490 she would like to return to surplus.

This item will be added to the next meeting agenda.

8. **Discussion Concerning FY22 MOU for Archway.**
David advised that the annual MOU for Archway Partnership is up for renewal. The county portion of this agreement is $15,000.00 and is a budgeted expense. The board asked if Sam from the Archway office could come do an update. Nikki advised that she would arrange that with Sam.

This item will be added to the next meeting agenda.

9. **Discussion Concerning Land Bank.**
David advised that he still hadn't received an answer from John Wills regarding the land bank. Chairman Newton stated that he will try to contact John Wills also and get an answer.

This item will be continued until further information is available.

10. **Discussion Concerning Budget Amendments.**
Pam advised that she has several departments that has items to amend in order to have a balanced budget and be able to close the books for the year for audit purposes.

This item will be added to the next meeting agenda.

11. **Discussion Concerning SPLOST Update.**
David gave an update on SPLOST projects.

This item was informational only.

12. **Discussion Concerning Travel Allowance.**
David advised that this item was continued from another meeting and he just wanted to see where the board was with this item. Chairman Newton advised that he was still having a hard time with the $200.00 travel allowance and just doesn't see any of the department heads driving that much to justify that monthly. He agrees with the cell phone allowance and doesn't have a problem with that.

Commissioner Jopling advised that he would like to see the cell phone allowance be $50.00. Commissioner Thompson agreed with not being able to justify the $200 monthly travel allowance but does agree with the cellphone allowance.

This item will be added to the next meeting agenda.

13. **Discussion Concerning Bond Ceremony.**
    Chairman Newton advised that he thinks that they should do a small ceremony during the 150th festival in October and allow it to be a part of the celebration. The board agreed that would be a good time to recognize the accomplishment.

Enter: Vice Chairman Wilson made a motion to enter executive session at 7:24 pm. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jopling.

Executive Session- Land Acquisition
Personnel

Exit: Commissioner Thompson made a motion to exit executive session at 7:55 pm and return to regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jopling.

ADJOURNMENT- 7:55 pm

MCDUFFIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Charles G. Newton, IV, Chairman

ATTEST: Nikki Milburn
Nikki Milburn, County Clerk