



The McDuffie County Board of Commissioners held a Regular Commission Meeting
Wednesday Morning, April 7, 2021, 10:00 am
Government Center Meeting Room

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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

COUNTY REPRESENTATION:

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

MEDIA: Wayne Parham, McDuffie Progress

Others:

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Newton called the meeting to order at 10:01 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.

Commissioner Favors asked that an executive session be added before item #6 is voted on. 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- March 16, 2021

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

INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. DCA Certificate: Broadband Ready Community Designation.
2. Post Legislative Breakfast: April 14th, 8:30am at Augusta Tech Campus (Virtual Option Available). See Nikki to register.
3. Sam Perren: Archway Update

*Commissioner Thompson entered the meeting at 10:12am

APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS

1. Consideration to Approve Appointments to the Recreation Board.

Chairman Newton advised that Charles West has agreed to be appointed to the recreation board at this time. Nikki advised that Trevor never heard back from Jamie Alfriend prior to the meeting.

Commissioner Favors made the motion to appoint Charles West to the recreation board. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson and passed unanimously.

2. Consideration to Approve Reappointment to Community Service Board of East Central Georgia.

Chairman Newton advised that as discussed in the work session, the board has been asked to reappoint Eleanor McMannon to the Community Service Board.

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

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration to Approve Resolution 21-04; ACO Corrections.

Chairman Newton stated that as discussed in the previous work session, this resolution will allow for the continuation of the monthly ACO report and allow for those corrections to be made.

Commissioner Jopling made the motion to approve resolution 21-04. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson and passed unanimously.

2. Consideration to Approve Lowest Responsive & Responsible Bidder for Boneville Pond Road Emergency Repair.

Chairman Newton stated that as discussed in the previous work session, Stacy Phillips had the lowest bid for this project, at \$113,588.36. The board agreed that the paving will wait until the completion for these repairs and just resurface the whole road at one time.

Commissioner Thompson made the motion to approve Phillips Grading for the Boneville road repair. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jopling and passed unanimously.

3. Consideration to Approve Transit Vehicle Retention Letter.

Chairman Newton stated that as discussed in the previous work session, the transit program would like to keep transit van #3194 and pay GDOT in the amount of \$5,500. But that they would like to return transit van #3190 and get a replacement.

Vice Chairman Wilson made the motion to approve the retention letter regarding transit vehicles. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jopling and passed unanimously.

4. Consideration to Approve FY22 MOU for Archway.

Chairman Newton stated that as discussed in the previous work session, this is the annual renewal for the archway partnership. The county portion of the agreement is \$15,000.00 and is a budgeted item.

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

5. Consideration to Approve Budget Amendments.

Pam advised that as discussed in the work session, there are several items that need to be amended in order to balance the budget and close out the year for audits.

Commissioner Thompson made the motion to approve budget amendments. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jopling and Commissioner Favor and passed unanimously.

- 6. Consideration to Approve Authorizing Chairman to Amend County Manager's Contract.**
Chairman Newton asked if there was any further discussion or concerns.

Commissioner Thompson made the motion to approve amending the county manager's contract as discussed in executive session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Favors and passed unanimously.

- 7. Consideration to Approve Cellphone Allowance.**

Chairman Newton stated that as discussed in the previous work session, the board agreed moving ahead with the cellphone allowance for department heads and administration at the rate of \$50.00 monthly.

Commissioner Jopling made the motion to approve the cellphone allowance. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Favors and passed unanimously.

- 8. Consideration to Approve ACO Report for March 2021.**

Stacey presented the ACO report for March 2021. There was a decrease of \$1,544.61 to the property tax digest due to appeals and corrections from the tax assessor's office. There was a decrease of \$1,087.38 to the mobile home digest from homestead exemptions.

Vice Chairman Wilson made the motion to approve the March 2021 ACO report. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson and passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION- Personnel

Entered: Vice Chairman Wilson made the motion to enter executive session at 10:18am. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Favors.

Exited: Commissioner Jopling made the motion to exit executive session at 10:33am and return to regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Wilson.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Wilson to adjourn the regular meeting at 10:34 am, seconded by Commissioner Jopling and passed unanimously.

MCDUFFIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS


Charles G. Newton, IV, Chairman

ATTEST: 
Nikki Milburn, County Clerk