



The McDuffie County Board of Commissioners held a Regular Commission Meeting
Wednesday Morning, May 5, 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
Paul Johnson, Coroner
Stacey Thomas, Tax Commissioner

MEDIA: Erin Burditt, McDuffie Progress

Others:

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Newton called the meeting to order at 10:00 am, acknowledged a quorum of commissioners present and welcomed everyone in attendance.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chairman Wilson 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- April 20, 2021

Executive Session- April 20, 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. Chamber Banquet: May 25, 2021, 5:30pm at Belle Meade.
2. COVID Restriction Update.

APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration to Approve Contract with CSRA Probation Services.

Chairman Newton stated this item was discussion during previous work session, he asked if there were any further questions or discussion needed.

Commissioner Thompson made the motion to approve contract with CSRA Probation Services. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jopling and passed unanimously.

2. Consideration to Approve GDOT Reimbursement Grant.

3. Chairman Newton stated this item was discussion during previous work session, he asked if there were any further questions or discussion needed. David reminded the board that the city/county portion of this is \$9,527.87.

Vice Chairman Wilson made the motion to approve the reimbursement grant for GDOT. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson and passed unanimously.

4. Consideration to Approve Canceling May 31st and July 5th Meetings.

David advised the board as discussed at the work session, the June and July work sessions will fall on holidays. He suggest cancelling the meetings and the board can have special called meetings if something comes up that needs immediate attention.

Commissioner Jopling made the motion to approve canceling May 31st and July 5th meetings. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Wilson and passed unanimously.

5. Consideration to Approve Equipment Surplus.

David advised that the board has previously agreed to trade the John Deere wheel loader in when the new one was purchased earlier this year. The dealership advised that the county would do better by placing it on Gov Deals and setting a reserve. So the equipment needs to be added to surplus.

Date	5/5/2021
Equipment	Road Dept.
ID #:	
VIN/Serial:	124566
Make:	John Deere
Model:	544J Loader

Commissioner Thompson made the motion to approve surplus of equipment. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jopling and passed unanimously.

6. Consideration to Approve ACO Report for April 2021.

Stacey presented the ACO report for April 2021. There was a decrease to the property tax digest of \$29,439.96 for appeals and corrections in tax assessor's office. There was a decrease of \$239.70 to mobile home digest for homestead exemptions granted.

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

7. Consideration to Approve Land Acquisition.

Chairman Newton asked if there was any further discussion or question that need to be addressed in executive session. Hearing no response, the board continued with regular session. Chairman Newton stated that the opportunity to purchase 96 acres of land adjacent to Sweetwater Recreation Facility for \$384,000.00. David advised that he did present the sellers with the offer from the board but they were firm with the price set by the appraisal. Commissioner Thompson did express that she did wish the seller would consider the other offer more due to not having to pay realtor fees but that she is willing to move forward with the current offer.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION-Land Acquisition

Executive Session was cancelled, no further discussion was needed.

Commissioner Jopling expressed concerns regarding the recreation department with all of the bad press it has been getting lately in the community. He stated that he hates to see programs going to Columbia County and also residents going there for recreation. Chairman Newton advised that he feels like the baseball/softball programs had a rough start but seems to be moving in the right direction now and with changes to facilities that it will only get better. He also stated that the recreation department isn't going to turn around overnight but that the community needs to work together with the directors to get things going in a good direction.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Wilson to adjourn the regular meeting at 10:31 am, seconded by Commissioner Jopling and passed unanimously.

MCDUFFIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Charles G. Newton, IV, Chairman

ATTEST: 

Nikki Milburn, County Clerk