The McDuffie County Board of Commissioners held a Regular Commission Meeting
Tuesday Evening, June 15, 2021, 6:30 pm
Government Center Meeting Room

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

COUNTY REPRESENTATION:
David Crawley, County Manager
Nikki Milburn, County Clerk
Pam Workman, Finance Director
Stephen Sewell, Fire/EMS
Allison Eaddy, UGA Extension
Chase Beggs, Planning & Zoning

MEDIA: Erin Burditt, McDuffie Progress

Others: 5

Public Hearing

1. **Request for Special Exception: 4592 Wrightsboro Road, Thomson, GA 30824, parcel 00170014.** Chase presented the request to the board, Dina and Ty Abero have requested a special exception for their property at 4592 Wrightsboro Road for a future wedding venue. They have met with health inspector and have a plan to get the facility in order for a venue. The planning board recommended approving this request. Chairman Newton asked if there were any questions, hearing none this item was closed.

2. **Request to Rezone: 3165 Augusta Highway, Dearing, GA 30808, parcel 00640098 from R-1 to C-2.**
Chase presented the request to the board, Mary Radford is requesting that this property be approved to change from R-1 to C-2 to allow some gentleman to open a car wash at the property. She explained that this has always been a commercial property but was changed years ago when the building became vacant. She would like to allow these young men to have a place for their business. Planning board recommends approving this request. Chairman Newton asked if there were any further questions, hearing none this item was closed.

   Chairman Newton asked if there were any further public hearing items at this time, hearing no response the public hearing portion of the meeting was closed.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Newton called the meeting to order at 6:42 pm, 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.

PUBLIC INPUT

1. Jalah Morris- Ms. Morris spoke on behalf of the residents of the Wrightsboro Road area. She advised that she had written a letter to the commissioners in 2018 requesting help regarding

the sewer issues in that area. She advised that she doesn't feel like they are being heard and no progress is being made to rectify the problems. Chairman Newton advised that staff has been working to set up a meeting for the property owners in order to gather the signatures and paperwork for this project. He advised that the project is moving ahead and these types of project take time in order to get the correct engineering completed.

2. Henry Blount-Mr. Blount advised that he was happy to hear the update and will be glad to help however he can. Chairman Newton advised that encouraging all his neighbors to come sign the documents so the project doesn't get delayed any further.

APPROVALS

Agenda (Current)

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

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

Minutes

Regular Meeting- ***June 2, 2021***
Executive Session- ***June 2, 2021***

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

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

INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS

APPOINTMENT/REAPPOINTMENT

OLD BUSINESS
None

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Consideration to Approve Special Exception Request for 4592 Wrightsboro Road.**
   Chairman Newton asked if there were any further questions or concern regarding this request.

   Commissioner Thompson made the motion to uphold the planning board recommendation and approve this request. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jopling and passed unanimously.

2. **Consideration to Approve Rezoning Request for 3165 Augusta Highway.**
   Chairman Newton asked if there were any further questions or concern regarding this request.

   Commissioner Jopling made the motion to uphold the planning board recommendation and approve this request. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Wilson and passed unanimously.

3. **Consideration to Approve Lowest Responsive & Responsible Bidder for 2021 LMIG Resurfacing Projects.**
   David advised that the bid opening was held and bids have been reviewed by Atlas Consulting. C&H Paving came in with the lowest bid at $1,325,039.55, this is an LMIG project.

Commissioner Jopling made the motion to approve C&H Paving for 2021 Road Resurfacing. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson and passed unanimously.

4. **Consideration to Approve Natural Gas Line Relocation for West Bypass Expansion Project.**
David advised that this is an approval of the relocation of the natural gas lines as part of the West Bypass Project. The funding for this portion of the project is from TIA.

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

5. **Consideration to Approve FY22 Drug Court Sub Grant.**
David advised that this is the annual agreement with the drug court to continue operations. This is the standard agreement and has been reviewed by the county attorney.

   Vice Chairman Wilson made the motion to approve the FY22 Drug Court Sub Grant. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Favors and passed unanimously.

6. **Consideration to Approve Resolution 21-06; SPCR (State Paid County Reimbursed) Contract for District Attorney's Office.**
David advised that this resolution is for the DA's office and will allow all employees to receive the same benefits as the state employees. The cost of this will be shared within the 6 counties that reside within the Toombs Judicial Circuit.

   Vice Chairman Wilson made the motion to approve Resolution 21-06. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson and passed unanimously.

7. **Consideration to Approve FY22 Budget Policy.**
David presented the FY22 budget policy. He advised the board that the policy includes the timeline that will be followed in ordered to pass the budget for FY22.

   Commissioner Jopling made the motion to approve FY22 Budget Policy. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Wilson and passed unanimously.

8. **Monthly Budget Report**
David presented the month budget report.

9. **Monthly Financial Report**
Pam presented the monthly financial report.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Wilson to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:08 pm, seconded by Commissioner Jopling and passed unanimously.

MCDUFFIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Charles G. Newton, IV, Chairman

ATTEST: Nikki Milburn

Nikki Milburn, County Clerk