



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

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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

COUNTY REPRESENTATION:

David Crawley, County Manager
Nikki Milburn, County Clerk
Pam Workman, Finance Director
Stephen Sewell, Fire/EMS Chief
Robert Spurlin, IT Director
Chase Beggs, Planning & Zoning

MEDIA: Erin Burditt, McDuffie Progress

Others: 1

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 Thompson and passed unanimously.

Minutes

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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. City of Thomson Police Department: Chief Gale Swearing In Ceremony, Monday, July 12th at 3pm.
2. McDuffie Mixer: August 26, 2021, 5:30 at Hickory Hill.
3. ACCG 2021 Policy Committee Meetings: August 18 – 19 (Gainesville) and August 25 – 26 (Macon).

APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration to Approve Surplus of IT Equipment.

David advised the board that with recent upgrades completed by the IT department, there was equipment no longer usable and IT would like to send them to be disposed of. The list of equipment that needs to be declared surplus was presented to the board members.

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

*Commissioner Favors entered the meeting at 10:05 am.

2. Discussion Concerning Fire Fee.

David presented the board with an update from GMC Consulting regarding the fire fee. They are proposing a "per square foot with a minimum and maximum charge" methodology. This structure is being used in other counties in the state and has been beneficial. This fee would help to generate new stations in areas that don't current have one nearby which would help homeowners with insurance for ISO ratings. This would allow more access to services in rural areas of the county as well. The board agreed to continue moving forward with this.

Rate		
<i>SFR</i>	\$0.03/square foot/yr	Min: \$27; Max \$270
<i>Non-SFR</i>	\$0.03/square foot/yr	Min:\$180; Max: \$3,000
<i>Parcel</i>	\$2.84/acre/yr	Min: \$2.84; Max \$284
Min residential bill		\$ 29.84
Max residential bill		\$ 554.00
Min commercial bill		\$ 182.84
Max commercial bill		\$ 3,284.00
Min undeveloped		\$ 2.84
Max undeveloped		\$ 284.00

3. Discussion Concerning Solid Waste.

David advised that he has a meeting with Waste Management for later in the week and will have more details and a better idea of what to expect if the county chooses to move forward with countywide trash service. Chairman Newton advised the board members that he knows there will be some push back from some residents, so he would like to know if anyone has any concerns or reservations about moving before David puts time into getting an agreement started with Waste Management. There was no opposition from board members, so Chairman Newton advised David to continue moving forward.

4. Discussion Concerning Wrightsboro Road Sewer Expansion Project.

David advised that a meeting was held on June 25th for the residents in the Wrightsboro Road area that are included in the sewer expansion projects. 81 certified letters were mailed to the property owners requesting them to be at the Depot or contact the office to make arrangements to meet to discuss project and complete paperwork. Only 16 people came to the meeting and 2 refused to sign stating they didn't need sewer. David stated that there are a lot more easements to complete before work can begin and he is worried that the project will be

delayed even more. He asked the board if they can reach out to residents that they know in that area and encourage them to contact the office. Chairman Newton stated that making personal contact may encourage more owners to donate the easements so the project can move forward. David advised that Nikki will provide a list of property owners that are remaining to the board members.

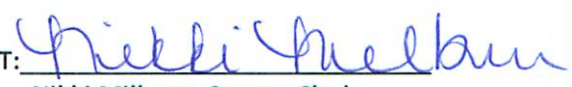
ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Wilson to adjourn the regular meeting at 10:43 am, seconded by Commissioner Jopling and passed unanimously.

MCDUFFIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Charles G. Newton, IV, Chairman

ATTEST: 

Nikki Milburn, County Clerk