



McDuffie County Board of Commissioners held a Work Session
August 2, 2021, 6:30 PM
Government Center Meeting Room

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Charles Newton, IV, Chairman
Sammie Wilson, Vice Chairman
Gloria Thompson, Commissioner
Frederick Favors, Commissioner
Wm. "Bill" M. Jopling, Commissioner (By Phone)

COUNTY REPRESENTATION:

David Crawley, County Manager
Pam Workman, Finance Director
Nikki Milburn, County Clerk
Stephen Sewell, Fire/EMS

Media: Erin Burditt, McDuffie Progress

Other: 27

COMMISSIONERS' WORK SESSION

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Discussion Concerning One Day Alcohol Permit for Blind Willie Festival.

David advised the Board that this is the annual event for Blind Willie Festival. They are just asking for the one-day permit for the event held off Stagecoach Road.

This item will be added to the next meeting agenda.

2. Discussion Concerning Appointment of Jim Wilson to Land Bank Authority.

David advised that the land bank authority met for its first meeting on July 29th. The authority decided it would be best to add 1 more member. Mr. Jim Wilson was one of the names given by the group and he has agreed to serve in a joint city/county position.

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3. Discussion Concerning Renovation Projects.

David advised that now that the project at the health department is complete and they have returned to their offices. He would like to get started on the mental health building in order to get the public defenders office moved into their half of the space. David advised that he received the estimate from Candler Construction to get half of the building renovated with painting, new flooring, etc. will be \$30,000.

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4. Discussion Concerning Demolition of County Property.

David advised that he is ready to move ahead with demolition of the old state patrol building on Washington Road. All of the asbestos testing came back clear so that building is safe to remove.

This item will be added to the next meeting agenda.

5. Discussion Concerning Fire Fee.

David presented the Board with information regarding the fire fee. There has been discussion between going with a flat fee vs. square foot based. Commissioner Thompson expressed concern about going with the sq. foot based approach and asked that more information or research be done before moving in that direction. Commissioner Favors and Commissioner Jopling both expressed that they didn't want to see a lower sq. foot property have to pay to the same as a higher sq. foot property.

This item will be continued until further information is available.

6. Discussion Concerning Curbside Service.

Chairman Newton addressed the citizens in the audience. He advised that the Board will be addressing questions that have been submitted via the email address set up for curbside pickup. He advised that a letter and the questions and answers will be posted by Friday on the website and also sent as a response to anyone who has emailed. Everything else will be addressed at the public hearing set for August 12th at 6:30pm. Commissioner Favors expressed concerns regarding holding the meeting at the depot due to the rise in covid cases. The Board agreed that the meeting could be held on the front lawn of the government complex. Chairman Newton advised that the changes in location will be sent out to the public.

7. Discussion Concerning FY22 Budget.

David and Pam advised that they are working to get the budget finished up. They will have more information once the information for millage is available.

This item was continued until further information is available.

ADJOURNMENT- 7:20 pm

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Charles G. Newton, IV, Chairman

ATTEST: 
Nikki Milburn, County Clerk