Thomson McDuffie County, Georgia

The McDuffie County Board of Commissioners held a Regular Commission Meeting
Wednesday Morning, October 6, 2021, 10:00 am
Government Center Meeting Room

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:	COUNTY REPRESENTATION:
Charles Newton, IV, Chairman	David Crawley, County Manager
Gloria Thompson, Commissioner	Nikki Milburn, County Clerk
Fred Favors, Commissioner	Chase Beggs, Planning & Zoning
Bill Jopling, Commissioner	Robert Spurlin, IT Director
Sammie Wilson, Vice Chairman	Stephen Sewell, Fire/EMS Chief
	Gail Newsome, Code Enforcement

MEDIA: Erin Burditt, McDuffie Progress

Others: 1

Public Hearing

1. **1st Reading- Ordinance Amendment 21-05; Private Wells.**
Chase advised the board that as discussed at the previous work session. He is requesting the that the ordinance be amended to reflect that sharing of private wells are not allowed. He stated this can just become an issue if something was to happen with family who share wells or if an owner sells their property. He stated that moving forward he would like for the ordinance to reflect that this is not allowed within the county and not cause confusion.
Chairman Newton asked if there was any other comments or concerns, hearing none the public hearing portion of the meeting was closed.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Newton called the meeting to order at 10:02 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.

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-*September 21, 2021*

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

INFORMATION & ANNOUCEMENTS

1. **Breast Cancer Walk: Saturday, October 9, 8am-10am at Government Complex.**
2. **Employee Flu Shots: October 22nd and October 25th, 9am-1pm. Admin Suite**
3. **Camellia City Festival: October 23rd, 10am-7pm.**
4. **Trunk or Treat: Thursday, October 28th, 4pm-8pm at Sweetwater.**
5. **ACCG Reconnect Conference: November 12-15, Savannah.**

*Commissioner Thompson entered the meeting at 10:04 am

APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS
None

OLD BUSINESS
None

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Consideration to Approve One Day Alcohol Permit for Chamber Golf Classic.**
   Gail advised the board that Debbie Jones has submitted the application on behalf of the Chamber for the annual golf tournament. All requirements have been met for the application.

   Commissioner Thompson made the motion to approve the permit for the chamber golf classic. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jopling and passed unanimously.

2. **Consideration to Approve Voting Delegate for ACCG ReConnect Conference.**
   Chairman Newton advised that as discussed at the previous work session, Vice Chairman Wilson agreed to be the voting delegate for the conference.

   Commissioner Jopling made the motion to approve Vice Chairman Wilson for voting delegate. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Favors and passed unanimously.

3. **Consideration to Approve Road Acceptance for Bordeaux.**
   Chase advised that Mark Hurbert is requesting the acceptance of the storm drainage and water distribution system, sewerage system and the roads to the county. This is for phase 1 of the Bordeaux project.

   Vice Chairman Wilson made the motion to accept phase 1 of the Bordeaux project. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jopling and passed unanimously.

4. **Consideration to Approve Amendment to FY2022 Budget Policy.**
   David advised that dates need to be changed for the budget policy approval. This will allow more time to finish the salary changes and time for the board to review budget.

   Commissioner Thompson made the motion to approve amending the FY22 budget policy. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jopling and passed unanimously.

5. **Consideration to Approve Signage Proposal for Raysville Fire Station.**
   David advised the Finuf Signs has submitted a proposal for the sign at Station 4, Raysville. This sign will be more in line with the proposed signage by Archway. The cost of this sign is proposed

at $12,750.00 with funding coming out of SPLOST. David advised that the cost will go down some because the county is tax exempt and there will not be a need for permit fees.

Commissioner Thompson made the motion to approve the signage that doesn't exceed $10,500.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jopling and passed unanimously.

6. **Consideration to Approve Purchase of Fire Equipment.**
   David advised that as discussed at the previous work session, the fire department is requesting the purchase of 2 rescue pumpers. The turnaround time is next year so they would like to move ahead with the purchase. The cost of the 2 pumpers is $866,646.00 and will be funded through SPLOST VI and VII.

   Commissioner Thompson made the motion to approve the purchase of fire equipment. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Wilson and passed unanimously.

7. **Consideration to Approve UST (Underground Storage Tank) Removal Proposal for Former State Patrol Post.**
   David advised that as discussed at the previous work session, there is an underground storage tank that will need to be removed in order to demo the old state patrol building. American Environmental & Construction Services has submitted a proposal of $5,500 for removal and cleanup of the tank. Funding will come from contingency for now and hopefully will be reimbursed by Land Bank Authority once property is sold.

   Vice Chairman Wilson made the motion to approve the proposal for removal of tank. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jopling and passed unanimously.

8. **Consideration to Approve Changes for West Bypass Project.**
   David advised that as discussed in the previous work session, Reeves Construction has submitted a change to the west bypass project regarding waterlines. The increase in price for the change will be $12, 137.42, this change is due to the addition of water lines that were not apart of the original proposal.

   Commissioner Jopling made the motion to approve the change order. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Wilson and passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Wilson to adjourn the regular meeting at 10:25 am, seconded by Commissioner Thompson and passed unanimously.

MCDUFFIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Charles G. Newton, IV, Chairman

ATTEST: Nikki Milburn

Nikki Milburn, County Clerk