



McDuffie County Board of Commissioners held a Work Session
November 1, 2021, 6:30 PM
Government Center Meeting Room

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Charlie Newton, Chairman
Sammie Wilson, Vice Chairman
Gloria Thompson, Commissioner
Wm. "Bill" M. Jopling, Commissioner
Frederick Favors, Commissioner

COUNTY REPRESENTATION:

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

Media: Erin Burditt, McDuffie Progress

Other:2

COMMISSIONERS' WORK SESSION

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Discussion Concerning Recreation Department.

David advised the board that the recreation has been recognized at the recent GRPA banquet. They were recognized for TMRD - GRPA District 1 Agency of the Year (2021), Trevor Welcher - GRPA District 1 Leadership Award (2021) and Trevor Welcher - GRPA Newly Appointed District 1 Commissioner Elect (2022)

2. Discussion Concerning Work Authorization for Atlas.

David advised that this work authorization is for FY22 road resurfacing projects.

This item will be added to the next meeting agenda.

3. Discussion Concerning EMS.

Stephen advised that Board that AU reached out to him regarding a donation of an ambulance for training purposes for their paramedic program. In exchange for the donation of equipment they will allow 1 spot in their next paramedic class. Stephen advised that Med 9 is at the end of its useful life and the value of the truck is much less than the cost of the class, he feels like it's a good deal.

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4. Discussion Concerning Wrightsboro Road Sewer Project.

David advised that there are still about 20 easements that need to be completed. DCA did accept our request for an extension, which is now April 2022.

5. Discussion Concerning GDOT Lighting Agreement for SR 17 at Wire Road.

David advised that DOT has requesting a lighting agreement for the maintenance of the lights that will be placed at the roundabout project at the intersection of SR 17 and Wire Road. The project will not be completed for a while but this is a part of the process. Also, a resolution will have to be issued stating that McDuffie is responsible for the lights and any cost associated with them.

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6. Discussion Concerning Location Agreement for Tourism.

David advised that The Hill Motion Picture, LLC has reached out regarding the use of Wrightsboro Church for part of the film. The agreement requires that anything moved or changed for filming has to return to its original state once completed. David advised that the Wrightsboro Committee has requested this include any Christmas decorations that may be up during this time.

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7. Discussion Concerning Coroner's Office.

David advised that the coroner has requested that Matthew Johnson be named the deputy coroner. David stated that this is his son and so he has reached out to the county attorney regarding this matter. He will update once he has further information.

8. Discussion Concerning Schedule of Fees.

Pam advised that the schedule of fees will need to be approved along with the budget for the coming year. David advised that there are a few changes that will be made prior to approval. The solid waste hauling will change because the county is having to bid out services and fire fee will be removed since its set by ordinance.

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9. Discussion Concerning FY22 Budget Policy.

David advised that an amendment needs to be approved for the budget policy. The changes include new dates for approval, November 16th meeting will be the 1st public hearing for budget and December 1st will be the 2nd public hearing and approval of FY22 budget.

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10. Discussion Concerning Redistricting.

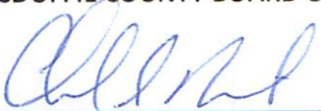
Phyllis presented the proposed new district maps for elections. The changes were drafted by the reapportionment office who made the changes based on the most recent numbers collected by the census. Phyllis advised that she is comfortable with the changes as it cleared up some confusion for her office. With the proposed changes, District 1 would include all of the city of Thomson and also a small portion of Dearing that is currently in District 2. The deadline for map approval is December 1, 2021.

11. Discussion Concerning FY22 Budget

David advised that unless there are any further changes, the budget is completed and ready for approval. He asked the board to let him or Pam know of any other changes, questions or concerns prior to the November 16th meeting, which is when the board will hold its first public hearing for budget.

ADJOURNMENT

MCDUFFIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS


Charles G. Newton, IV, Chairman

ATTEST: 
Nikki Milburn, County Clerk