



The McDuffie County Board of Commissioners held a Regular Commission Meeting  
Tuesday Evening, November 16, 2021, 6:30 pm  
Government Center Meeting Room

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

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

**COUNTY REPRESENTATION:**

David Crawley, County Manager  
Nikki Milburn, County Clerk  
Pam Workman, Finance Director  
Stephen Sewell, Fire/EMS  
Chase Beggs, Planning and Zoning  
Allison Eaddy, UGA Extension  
Phyllis Brooks, Elections Supervisor

**MEDIA:** Erin Burditt, McDuffie Progress

**Others:** 7

**Public Hearing**

**1. FY22 Budget.**

David presented the FY22 proposed budget. Chairman Newton asked if there were any questions regarding the budget, hearing no response this item was closed.

**2. Variance Request: Flag Lot at 1608 Moose Club Road.**

Chase advised that Melissa Thornton is requesting a flag lot in order for her and her brother to be able to split the lot for their families. The Planning Board recommended to deny the request due to the county ordinance. Chairman Newton asked if there was any further questions or comments. Hearing no response this item was closed.

**3. Special Exception: Private Family Cemetery at 2721 Wire Road.**

Chase advised that Buddy Dallas is requesting the special exception in order to have a family cemetery located at the family farm. The family currently owns 730 acres and would like to cut a one-acre lot along the property line for cemetery. The Planning Board recommended approving this request. Chairman Newton asked if there was any further questions or comments. Hearing no response this item was closed.

**4. Proposed County Commissioner District Map**

Commissioner Favors was running late so the board moved into regular meeting and will come back to this item (6:40pm)

Commissioner Favors arrived so the Board returned to the public hearing to address the proposed district map (6:51pm) Chairman Newton advised that the reappointment office issued this proposed map that shows the redistricting lines for the county commissioners. He stated that the Board of Education have reviews their map and are satisfied with the new districts and plan to move forward. He advised that the board has a short amount of time to review map and get it submitted by the December 1<sup>st</sup> deadline. Commissioner Favors expressed concerns regarding the process of redistricting as recommended by ACCG. He advised that the Board was not given ample opportunity to review map and have discussions about the pros and cons. He would like to have more discussions about the map before moving forward. Discussions continued with board members about the proposed map. Phyllis Brooks addressed questions

and comments from board members regarding the map and what changes would come for the election's office with the redistricting. Chairman Newton asked if there was any further questions or comments. Hearing no response, the public hearing portion of the meeting was closed.

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Newton called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm, 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.

## **PUBLIC INPUT**

1. Waldo Massey-Mr. Massey expressed concerns over a booth that was located at the Camellia City Festival. He stated that he was offended that the Sons of Confederate Soldiers were allowed to have a booth that displayed confederate flags. He stated that the county needs to make progress and not allow this at public events.
2. Butch Blount- He wanted to get an update for the Wrightsboro Road project. Chairman Newton advised that there are only 16 easements left and at this point it may be left up to legal to handle them and get everything finished.

\*Commissioner Favors entered meeting at 6:43pm.

## **APPROVALS**

### **Agenda (Current)**

Chairman Newton asked if there were any corrections to the current agenda. David advised that there is a resolution for the opioid settlement that needs to be added as #7.

Commissioner Thompson made the motion to approve the current agenda with the addition of #7. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jopling and passed unanimously.

### **Minutes**

Work Session- November 1, 2021

Regular Meeting- November 3, 2021

Commissioner Thompson made the motion to approve minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Wilson and passes unanimously.

## **INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. County Thanksgiving Lunch: November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 12-2pm at the Depot (pick-up)

## **OLD BUSINESS**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Consideration to Accept Planning Board Recommendation for Variance Request at 1608 Moose Club Road.

Chairman Newton asked if there was any further discussion for this request. There was no response.

Commissioner Jopling made the motion to reverse the planning boards recommendation and approve the flag lot request. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson and passed unanimously.

**2. Consideration to Accept Planning Board Recommendation to Special Exception Request for 2721 Wire Road.**

Chairman Newton asked if there was any further discussion for this request. There was no response.

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

**3. Consideration to Approve Resolution 21-13; County Commissioner District Map Support.**

Commissioner Favors expressed that he would like to take more time to review and discuss this map before pushing it through. He stated that there is still time to make changes if desired. Commissioner Thompson agreed that she would like to continue for review.

Commissioner Favors made the motion to continue this item for further discussion. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Wilson. Commissioner Jopling opposed.

**4. Consideration to Approve Title VI Plan.**

David advised that the Title VI Plan is the annual plan renewed for transit operations.

Vice Chairman Wilson made the motion to approve the Title VI Plan. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jopling and passed unanimously.

**5. Discussion Concerning Christmas Holiday.**

David advised that the city is planning to observe their Christmas holidays on the Friday and Monday. He asked the Board would they like to change our dates to reflect the same as the city. The board agreed to keep everything consistent that would probably be best.

**6. Discussion Concerning Holiday Supplement.**

David advised the board that in years past employees were given the holiday supplement at the Thanksgiving lunch. He asked the board would they like for finance to disburse those to employees Monday during the luncheon. The board agreed that would be best.

Commissioner Thompson made the motion to approve holiday supplements. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Wilson and passed unanimously.

**7. Consideration to Approve Resolution 21-14; Opioid Settlement Agreement.**

David advised that the attorneys have reached a settlement agreement in the opioid cases that were started 2019. In order for the county to receive the settlement, the board has to approve the presented resolution.

Commissioner Thompson made the motion to approve Resolution 21-14. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Wilson and passed unanimously.

**8. Monthly Budget Report.**

David presented the monthly 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 7:42 pm, seconded by Commissioner Thompson and passed unanimously.

**MCDUFFIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

  
Charles G. Newton, IV, Chairman

ATTEST:   
Nikki Milburn, County Clerk