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County, Georgia

The McDuffie County Board of Commissioners held a Regular Commission Meeting
Wednesday Morning, December 1, 2021, 10:00 am
Government Center Meeting Room

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

COUNTY REPRESENTATION:
David Crawley, County Manager
Pam Workman, Finance Director
Nikki Milburn, County Clerk
Stacey Thomas, Tax Commissioner
Stephen Sewell, Fire/EMS Chief
Gail Newsome, Code Enforcement
Chase Beggs, Planning & Zoning

MEDIA: Erin Burditt, McDuffie Progress

Others: 4

Public Hearing

1. FY22 Budget
   David presented the proposed FY22 budget. He advised that the proposed FY22 budget has an operating budget of $38,737,715 of which $13,988,980 is general fund.

   Chairman Newton asked if there were any questions or comments regarding the proposed budget, hearing no response this item and the public hearing portion was closed.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Newton called the meeting to order at 10:03 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 as written and was seconded by Commissioner Thompson and passed unanimously.

Minutes

Regular Meeting-*November 16, 2021*
Work Session- *November 29, 2021*

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

INFORMATION & ANNOUCEMENTS

1. **Pre-Legislative Luncheon: December 15th, 11:30am at FUMC Family Life Center.**
2. **Employee Christmas Luncheon: December 20th, 12-2 at Depot.**

APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS
None

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Consideration to Select Legislative Sponsor for Redistricting Process.**
   Chairman Newton advised that he spoke with all of the area representatives and Max Burns was the only one who has expressed interest in being the sponsor for McDuffie for the redistricting map in Legislation.

   Commissioner Jopling made the motion to approve moving forward with Max Burns as the legislative sponsor for the proposed redistricting map. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson and Chairman Newton. Vice Chairman Wilson and Commissioner Favors opposed.

2. **Consideration of Map Provided by the Reapportionment Office.**
   David presented the proposed map, labeled as MC-2021.
   Commissioner Jopling made the motion to table item #1 and #2 until the end of the meeting. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Wilson.

   Vice Chairman Wilson and Commissioner Favors expressed concerns about moving forward with this map and would like to reach back out to the reappointment office for more options.

   Vice Chairman Wilson made the motion to continue items #1 & #2 as related to the proposed redistricting map. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Favors and passed unanimously.

3. **Consideration to Approve Resolution 21-13; Redistricting Map**
   Vice Chairman Wilson made the motion to continue items #1 & #2 as related to the proposed redistricting map. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Favors and passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Consideration to Approve Alcohol License for Bordeaux Event Center LLC. and Bordeaux Steak & Seafood LLC.**
   Gail presented the request for Bordeaux Event Center LLC and Bordeaux Steak & Seafood LLC. This request is for the alcohol licenses pending the completion of the Certificate of Occupation in anticipation of the January opening.

   Commissioner Thompson made the motion to approve the licenses pending the completion of requirements for CO. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Wilson and passed unanimously.

2. **Consideration to Approve Alcohol License for 1011 White Oak Road.**
   Gail presented the request on behalf of Mr. Patel for 1011 White Oak Road, Whiteoak Mart. All requirements have been met for the license application.

   Commissioner Thompson made the motion to approve alcohol license for 1011 White Oak Road. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jopling and passed unanimously.

3. **Consideration to Approve Resolution 21-15; FY22 Budget.**
David advised this is the standard resolution setting the annual budget.

Commissioner Thompson made the motion to approve Resolution 21-15. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Wilson and passed unanimously.

4. **Consideration to Approve Updated GDOT Policy for Transit.**
David advised that GDOT has requested an update of the drug and alcohol policy for transit. He advised that we will continue with a zero-tolerance policy.

Commissioner Jopling made the motion to approve the updated policy for transit. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Wilson and passed unanimously.

5. **Consideration to Approve Schedule of Fees.**
Pam advised that there are 3 updates to the schedule of fees. The campground fee went up to $30/daily when the county took over Big Hart. And Chase is requesting a change in fees for Planning and Zoning. They are requesting wholesale package (beer and wine) change from $300 to $350 annually. And they are asking for a reduction of fees for construction work without permits from $1000 plus double permit fees back to $200 plus double permit fees for commercial and $500 plus double permit fees back to $100 plus double permit fees for residential. Chase advised that the former director implemented the current fee structure but never notified officer personnel so it hasn't been enforced. He feels that this fee structure is quite excessive and would like to go back to original fees which are more in line with surrounding counites.

Commissioner Jopling made the motion to approve schedule of fees as requested. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Wilson and passed unanimously.

6. **Consideration to Approve COVID Related Accumulated Leave Disbursement.**
Chairman Newton advised that per discussion at the previous work session, the board would like to have a one-time disbursement of COVID related accumulated leave. This would be staff with more than 320 hours of leave. The one-time disbursement would be for 80 hours and the cost for the disbursement is $41,014.51.

Commissioner Jopling made the motion to approve the one-time disbursement. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Wilson and passed unanimously.

7. **Consideration to Approve ACO for November 2021.**
Stacey presented the ACO Report for November 2021. There was a decrease of $21,705.59 to property tax digest due to settled appeals from tax assessor's office. There was no change to the mobile home digest.

Vice Chairman Wilson made the motion to approve the November 2021 ACO Report. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson and passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Wilson to adjourn the regular meeting at 10:13 am, seconded by Commissioner Jopling and passed unanimously.

MCDUFFIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:

Charles G. Newton, IV, Chairman

Nikki Milburn, County Clerk