MCDUFFIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Work Session Meeting
Monday, June 30, 2025, at 6:30 PM
Second Floor Training Room
MINUTES

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:
Chase Beggs, Chairman
Sammie Wilson Sr., Vice Chairman
Bill Jopling, Commissioner
Fredrick Favors, Commissioner
Steven Hollimon, Commissioner

COUNTY REPRESENTATION:
Dave Headley, Interim County Manager
Ashtyn Goodyear, County Clerk
Ruthie Thomas, HR Director
Pam Workman, Finance Director
Stephen Sewell, Fire/EMS Chief
Trevor Welcher, Recreation Director

MEDIA: None

WELCOME & CALL TO ORDER — **Chairman Beggs**

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE — **Chairman Beggs**

COMMISSIONERS' WORK SESSION

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. **Discussion Concerning the Recreation Advisory Board**

   Trevor presented an update on the Recreation Advisory Board. There are currently 2 sets of Bylaws. One set is from 1990's and the other set is from 2023. The bylaws from 2023 were never officially adopted. The Recreation Advisory Board is currently operating on some of the bylaws from 1990's and some of the bylaws from 2023. We need to make new bylaws by reviewing the ordinances. It was discussed that the board members need to be re-appointed, and it needs to be reviewed how long each board member has been serving. Trevor is to work on creating new bylaws and present at the next work session.

   This item was for information only.

2. **Discussion Concerning Update on Recreation Department**

   Trevor presented an update on the Recreation Department. Trevor recommends bringing Diamond Youth to the Rec. Department for softball and baseball, ran by volunteers and coaches. Commissioner Hollimon states he believes no matter what league we go with, this need to be ran by the county, because we cannot depend on volunteers. The rates for Diamond Youth are the least expensive. Trevor states that if we run this by the county, that we will need more staff to help. Trevor also says that until we get a new facility, we will not be able to make profits. Trevor says the Dixie Youth's first meeting is January 2026. Dave Headley says the purpose of this is to add optics to the board and open dialogue on what's current and what's not.

   This item was for information only.

3. **Discussion Concerning Superior Court Clerk's Office Hours**

   Gina Timmerman presents an update on the Superior Court Clerk's Office hours. Gina says they have been very busy the last six months – closing files, purging, bought new file cabinets to clean up a mess and able to have more room, put a new phone system in, and with help from Pam, they have a security buzzer back in. She is giving a courtesy announcement that she is changing their hours. She has spoke with Dave Dunaway, and he has reassured she has the authority to change these hours. She does not need approval from BOC to do so. The new hours will be 8:30am – 5:00pm with a 30-minute lunch. Gina will advertise this in the newspaper for the entire month of July, and the new hours will begin August 4, 2025. This change in hours will not affect their pay.

   This item will be added to the next meeting agenda.

4. **Discussion Concerning the Consideration of Approval for 2025 LMIG Road Project Bid**

   Pam presented this and states that Alan Smith will be at the next meeting for any questions regarding this item. Atlas recommends the lowest bidder, ER Snell.

   This item will be added to the next meeting agenda.

5. **Discussion Concerning Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Policy**

   Pam presented this budget policy.

   This item will be added to the next meeting agenda.

6. **Discussion Concerning Reserve Funds**

   Pam presented this concern. There was discussion on going to pick up a check, rather than risking it getting lost in the mail.

   This item will be added to the next meeting agenda.

7. **Discussion Concerning CSRA Economic Opportunity Authority**

   Stephanie presented this item.

   This item will be added to the next meeting agenda.

8. **Discussion Concerning AAA FY2026 Cooperative Agreement**

   Stephanie presented this item.

   This item will be added to the next meeting agenda.

9. **Discussion Concerning Rescinding Motion Taken Regarding School Drive at Special Meeting**

   Chairman Beggs presented this by giving a background of how we are trying to get a start on this School Drive project ASAP. We held a special called meeting 6/27/25 in reference to the School Drive bid to try and hurry this process along, before school starts. Prior to the special called meeting, an email was sent out to both companies asking if they can get this road project finished by the start of school. Only one company answered this email. At the special called meeting, Commissioner Hollimon made a motion to approve the higher bid, and Vice Chairman Wilson seconded this motion – due to the need of this job getting done as soon as possible. Since then – the company with the lower bid has reached out stating they did not see the email, but that they can get the work done in the right amount of time. Due to this – Commissioner Hollimon rescinded his motion, and Vice Chairman Wilson also rescinded his motion.

This item will be added to the next meeting agenda

Extra Discussion – Commissioner Favors stated that he has been serving on the recreation advisory board, and that he does not mind giving Commissioner Hollimon is seat on the Recreation Advisory board so both districts are represented.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Jopling to adjourn the work session at 7:17pm, seconded by Commissioner Hollimon

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Chase N. Beggs

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ATTEST: Ashtyn L. Goodyear

Ashtyn L. Goodyear, County Clerk