



MCDUFFIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Session Meeting
Wednesday, July 2, 2025, at 10:00 AM
Government Complex Commissioner 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
Robert Spurlin, IT Director
Trevor Welcher, Recreation Director
Catherine Kirby, Animal Services Director
Torrie Battle, Public Works Director
Stacey Thomas, Tax Commissioner

MEDIA: None

WELCOME & CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Beggs called the meeting to order at 10:00 am, acknowledged a quorum of commissioners present and welcomed everyone in attendance. Commissioner Bill Jopling attended this meeting via phone.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Sergeant Nelson from New Thomson United Methodist Church offered the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVALS

Agenda (Current)

Chairman Beggs 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 Hollimon and passed unanimously.

Minutes

Regular Session – June 17, 2025

Executive Session – June 17, 2025

Special Called Session – June 27, 2025

Work Session – June 30, 2025

Chairman Beggs asked if there were any corrections to the minutes. Vice Chairman Wilson made a motion to approve all sets of the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hollimon and passed unanimously.

INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENT

1. City and County Employment Appreciation Day will be held Thursday, July 3, 2025, at Sweetwater Park in the gymnasium, 9:00am – 1:00pm. All employees must sign in and out!
2. County and City offices will be closed July 3rd and July 4th in Observance to Independence Day.

3. Superior Court Clerk's Office has new hours. Gina Timmerman, Clerk of Court, came to the work session and discussed the law that allows her to be open 8:30am – 5pm. These hours will go into effect August 4, 2025.

APPOINTMENT/REAPPOINTMENT None

OLD BUSINESS None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration to Approve Bid for 2025 LMIG Road Project

Pam presented this bid information. The bid opened June 24, 2025, and there were three bids. ER Snell (\$2,699,393.40), Reeves Construction (\$2,906,325.75), and Southern Asphalt (\$3,186,788.55). Alan and Jerry from Atlas were present, if anyone had any questions about these bids. Atlas recommended that McDuffie County go with the low bidder. Chairman Beggs explained that this 2025 LMIG Road project will be funded with LMIG, LRA, The GDOT Special Funding for the storm (\$500,000), and some TSPLOST funds. Commissioner Hollimon asked when the GDOT funding will be available. Chairman Beggs explained that the GDOT funding will be available as soon as the approved bid documents are sent to them.

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

2. Consideration to Approve School Drive Bid

Pam presented this bid information. The bid opened June 20, 2025, and there were two bids. Allstar Concrete (\$474,929.96) and Beams Construction (\$499,947.67). Atlas recommended to go with the low bid from Allstar concrete.

Commissioner Hollimon made a motion to approve the bid. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jopling and passed unanimously.

3. Consideration to Approve CSRA Economic Opportunity Authority

Chairman Beggs explained we received this from Stephanie Walker and asked if the staff had anything to add.

Vice Chairman Wilson made a motion to approve this. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Favors and passed unanimously.

4. Consideration to Approve AAA FY2026 Cooperative Agreement

Chairman Beggs asked if there any updates from staff. Pam said there is a county match, and that these are budgeted a little extra to make sure its covered. This is included in the budget.

Vice Chairman Wilson made a motion to approve this agreement. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hollimon and passed unanimously.

5. Consideration to Approve Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Policy

Pam presented this at our work session. Pam explained that we will have a kickoff meeting July 10, 2025 to get the 2026 Budget started.

Commissioner Jopling made a motion to approve this policy. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Wilson and passed unanimously.

6. Consideration to Approve the use of Reserve Funds

Pam asked the board for approval to move \$500,000 from Atlanta down to our operating fund for operations in the county.

Commissioner Favors made a motion to approve this. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hollimon and passed unanimously.

7. ACO report for June 2025

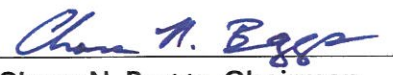
Stacey Thomas, Tax Commissioner, presented this. She states she moved \$7,449.96 from the property tax digest from appeals still being settled from 2023 and 2024. From her knowledge, these are all the appeals for these tax years. There were no changes in the mobile home digest.

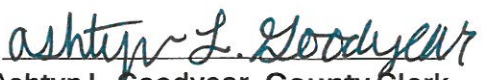
Commissioner Hollimon made a motion to approve this report. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Wilson and passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Wilson to adjourn the regular meeting at 10:12am, seconded by Commissioner Hollimon and passed unanimously.

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Chase N. Beggs, Chairman

ATTEST: 
Ashtyn L. Goodyear, County Clerk