



MCDUFFIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Session Meeting

Wednesday, September 3, 2025, at 10:00 AM

Government Complex Commissioner Room

MINUTES

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Chase Beggs, Chairman

Bill Jopling, Commissioner

Fredrick Favors, Commissioner

Steven Hollimon, Commissioner

COUNTY REPRESENTATION:

Dave Headley, Interim County Manager

Ashtyn Goodyear, County Clerk

Pam Workman, Finance Director

Robert Spurlin, IT Director

Leslie Walker, Planning & Zoning Director

Paul Johnson, Coroner

Chief Sewell, Fire & EMS

Elizabeth Vance, Tourism Director

Stephanie Walker, Senior Center/Transit Director

Catherine Kirby, Animal Services Director

Phyllis Brooks, Elections Director

Gina Timmerman, Clerk of Superior Court

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.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Fredrick Favors 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 Commissioner Hollimon to approve the current agenda as written and was seconded by Commissioner Jopling and passed unanimously.

Minutes

Regular Session – August 19, 2025

Executive Session – August 19, 2025

Work Session – August 25, 2025

Executive Session – August 25, 2025

Chairman Beggs asked if there were any corrections to the minutes. Commissioner Favors 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. Elections Director Phyllis Brooks presented a director's report. Director Brooks has been the Elections Director since February of 1991, with two breaks and one retirement, she is still working with the County. The elections office is currently getting ready for the November 4th Municipal and Special elections. There will be five elections going on at the same time: The City of Thomson, Town of Dearing, SPLOST, FLOST, Public Service Commission election. Director Brooks is looking for poll workers and asked if anyone knows of anyone interested to please contact her. Next year will be a major election year they are already starting to work on. Chairman Beggs thanked Director Brooks for her long service to McDuffie County.

APPOINTMENT/REAPPOINTMENT

None

OLD BUSINESS None

NEW BUSINESS

1. ACO Report for July 2025

Tax Commissioner Stacey Thomas presented this report. She removed from the property tax digest 2,829.38 from appeals still being settled from the BOE. No changes for the mobile home digest. Commissioner Jopling asked if Stacey could go ahead and present the next ACO Report. For the **August 2025 ACO report** Tax Commissioner Thomas removed \$10.49 from the property tax digest for a bill that did not have mineral rights, and no changes for the mobile home digest.

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

2. ACO Report for August 2025

Read above.

3. Consideration to Approve the use of Construction Manager at Risk Delivery Method for the Baseball Complex at Sweetwater Park

Chairman Beggs reminded the board that we discussed this in our work session. Chairman Beggs asked Interim County Manager Headley and Finance Director Workman if there were any new details on the matter. Interim County Manager Headley said this is up to the board's desire. Commissioner Jopling asked if we had any candidates for this job, ICM Headley said no that we have not went forward yet. Commissioner Jopling asked was just preliminary, so we can get this done. ICM Headley said yes.

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

4. Consideration to Approve the Exchange Agreement for Georgia Forestry Commission

Chairman Beggs reminded the board we discussed this at the work session. This is regarding the land swap on Warrenton Hwy. This agreement was sent to us by the state and reviewed by our county attorney.

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

5. Consideration to Approve Third Wave Opioid Settlement

Chairman Beggs said that this settlement is like our other opioid settlements we have approved recently. We are in with multiple counties across the state. We are not aware of how much the settlement is, but there is \$720 million that will be dispersed by the manufactures. The county attorney's recommendation is to approve this.

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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Hollimon to adjourn the regular meeting at 10:09AM. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jopling and passed unanimously.

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Chase N. Beggs, Chairman

ATTEST: 
Ashtyn L. Goodyear, County Clerk