



MCDUFFIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Session Meeting

Tuesday, September 16, 2025 at 6:30 PM

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
Pam Workman, Finance Director
Robert Spurlin, IT Director
Leslie Walker, Planning & Zoning Director
Chief Sewell, Fire & EMS
Trevor Welcher, Recreation Director
Stephanie Walker, Senior Center & Transit Director
Kenya Calhoun, President/CEO Chamber of Commerce

MEDIA: McDuffie Progress

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Application for Personal Care Home by Special Exception 1161 Wrightsboro Rd Parcel Number 0T11049.
2. Application for a Special Exception Request for a Subdivision of a Single Family Detached Homes with Variances Called Ansley Village
3. Application for a Variance Request for Minimum Road Frontage, 3705 Cedar Rock Rd, Parcel Number 00100037 Annie Ruth Wright

WELCOME & CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Beggs called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm, acknowledged a quorum of commissioners present and welcomed everyone in attendance.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Reverend Tracy Ivester from Fort Creek Baptist Church offered the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC INPUT

1. Waldo Massey – Mr. Massey is concerned about a new speed limit sign installed that states the speed limit is 50mph rather than 45mph. His concern is due to children at play. This is on Wrightsboro Rd. Chairman Beggs informed Mr. Massey that these signs were installed from the state due to a safety grant the County received. We informed Mr. Massey we would investigate the speed limit change.
2. Terry Rayford – Mr. Rayford lives on Royal Street and is having an issue with his yard retaining water. Interim County Manager said he will get in touch with the public works director and come visit again.

APPROVALS

Agenda (Current)

Chairman Beggs asked if there were any corrections to the current agenda or minutes. Agenda Items number 10 and 13 will be tabled.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Wilson to approve the current agenda as written and was seconded by Commissioner Jopling and passed unanimously.

Minutes

Regular Session – September 3, 2025

Special Called Session – September 8, 2025

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

INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Stagecoach Rd Project is getting a later start than anticipated due to the contractors having a broken part on equipment.
2. The government center is being pressure washed.

APPOINTMENT/REAPPOINTMENT None

OLD BUSINESS None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration to Approve Application for Special Event at 511 Main Street Property

Director Welcher presented this item. Coolie Myrick applied for a special event permit and spoke to the board as well. Mr. Myrick is wanting to have a tailgate for the Burke County game. Mr. Myrick assured the board he will do what he's supposed to do to keep the area clean. Director Welcher is fine with this event taking place. The agreed price is \$125, \$50 of this amount is a clean-up fee that is refundable. Commissioner Jopling recommended that there should be security for this event – Mr. Myrick said that he has spoken to some officers about the matter. Commissioner Hollimon asked how many will be attending, Mr. Myrick responded that it should be approximately 100 people attending.

Commissioner Hollimon made the motion to approve this event under the stipulation of the form being filled out completely, security and sheriff's approval. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jopling and passed unanimously.

2. Consideration to Approve Hosting the Camellia City Festival on the Government Complex Grounds

President Kenya Calhoun presented this item. This is an annual event that consists of a live band, vendors and food trucks. This will be held on Saturday, October 25, 2025, from 10am – 3pm.

Commissioner Jopling made a motion to approve the festival being held on the Government Complex Grounds. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Wilson and passed unanimously.

3. Consideration to Approve McDuffie Transit Agreement for FY 2027

Director Walker presented this item. She is asking that the board approve her budget for FY 2027 grant. The DOT pays 50% of this portion, and the rest is split between the city, Dearing, and the County.

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

4. Consideration to Approve McDuffie Transit DHS Temporary Provider Agreement

This Agenda item was tabled for a later date.

5. Consideration to Approve Wrightsboro Road Sewer Extension Change Order #4

Chairman Beggs stated that this is from Linda at Regional Commission. This is to be signed for the second phase of this project. This should be about a 60-day process getting the bid documents and other paperwork together. Then a 6-month actual construction timeline.

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

6. Consideration to Approve Personal Care Home by Special Exception 1161 Wrightsboro Rd Parcel Number 0T11049

Director Walker presented this item during public hearing. The recommendation from the Planning Board is to approve.

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

7. Consideration to Approve a Special Exception Request for a Subdivision of a Single Family Detached Homes with Variances called Ansley Village

This Agenda item was tabled for a later date.

8. Consideration to Approve a Variance Request for Minimum Road Frontage, 3705 Cedar Rock Rd, Parcel Number 00100037 Annie Ruth Wright

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

9. Consideration to Approve Blind Willie Park Construction Contract

Interim County Manager Dave Headley gave a few updates from Cranston. The Blind Willie Park will be constructed of the amphitheater and the restrooms only to stay in budget. The playground and splash pad are planned to be added at another date.

Commissioner Favors made a motion to approve the contract. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Wilson and passed unanimously, except Commissioner Hollimon voting in opposition.

10. August Budget Report

Finance Director Workman presented this item. These numbers can be found in the agenda packet.

Vice Chairman Wilson made a motion to approve the budget report. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jopling and passed unanimously.

11. August Financial Report

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Commissioner Favors made a motion to approve this financial 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 7:24pm. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hollimon and passed unanimously.

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Chase N. Beggs, Chairman

ATTEST: 
Ashtyn L. Goodyear, County Clerk