



**MCDUFFIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**Regular Session Meeting**  
Wednesday, October 1, 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:**

Brandon Burton, County Manager  
Ashtyn Goodyear, County Clerk  
Pam Workman, Finance Director  
Robert Spurlin, IT Director  
Leslie Walker, Planning & Zoning Director  
Chief Sewell, Fire & EMS  
Paul Johnson, Coroner  
Stephanie Walker, Senior Center & Transit Director  
Gina Timmerman, Clerk of Superior Court  
Logan Marshall, Sheriff

**MEDIA:** McDuffie Progress

**PUBLIC HEARING**

1. **Application for a Special Exception Request for a Subdivision of a Single Family Detached Homes with Variances Called Ansley Village.**

It was recommended by the Planning and Zoning Director to postpone this public hearing until October 21<sup>st</sup> meeting, to give the commission longer to collect more information. No public hearing was held.

**WELCOME & CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Beggs called the meeting to order at 10:01 am, acknowledged a quorum of commissioners present and welcomed everyone in attendance.

**INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner 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. Agenda Item number 18 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 16, 2025

**Work Session** – September 29, 2025

**Executive Session** – September 29, 2025

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

## **INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. Farewell to Interim County Manager, Dave Headley
2. Youth Basketball & Cheer 2026 - Early Registration Begins October 5th - 19th, Regular Registration October 20th - December 8th.
3. National Night Out - October 7th, 2025 from 6:00pm-8:00pm at 4685 Augusta Hwy
4. ACCG Conference in Jekyll Island from October 8th-10th
5. CSRA Economic Opportunity Authority, INC will be having a Diaper and Wipes Giveaway at Thomson Housing Authority parking lot on Friday, October 17, 2025, starting at 10:00 AM
6. Power of Pink Breast Cancer Walk is October 18th, from 8am-9am at the McDuffie County Court House
7. Camellia City Festival - Saturday, October 25, 2025 from 10am-3pm at the Government Complex
8. Trick or Treat at the Sweetwater Ballpark on October 30th from 5pm-9pm
9. The Toombs Judicial Circuit District Attorney's office will be having a Record Clearing Event at the Thomson Housing Authority on Saturday, November 22, 2025, starting at 11:00 AM.
10. Fall Baseball/Softball Camp - November 13th - December 11th - Registration is Open
11. Director's Report from Bayi Pogon in regards to the 2024 Audit
12. Comments from the County Manager, Brandon Burton

## **APPOINTMENT/REAPPOINTMENT**

1. **Consideration to Appoint Mary Sherrer to the Board of Assessors**  
Commissioner Hollimon made a motion to approve this appointment. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Wilson and passed unanimously.
2. **Consideration to Appoint Jason Cranford to the Recreation Advisory Board**  
Commissioner Jopling made a motion to approve this appointment. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hollimon

**OLD BUSINESS** None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

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

This item has been tabled until October 21<sup>st</sup>.

**2. Consideration to Approve 2026 Juneteenth Celebration**

Planning and Zoning Director Walker presented this agenda item. This event is held annually at the Government center by the NAACP. The event will be 2:30pm – 10:00pm. Organizers will provide appropriate insurance information and the number of vendors by May 2026. The organizers are requesting to close Railroad Street and Greenway Street. The staff recommends approval. The city has not yet approved, but their meeting is not until October 9<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Jopling made a motion to approve the celebration being held on the Government Complex Grounds. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Favors and passed unanimously.

**3. Consideration to Approve Application for Class Reunion at Property Across from Brickyard**

Chairman Beggs reminded the board that this was discussed in our work session. There has been conversation about putting a policy into place about renting this property due to football traffic and safety concerns. However, this application was received prior to conversation regarding a new policy for the property.

Commissioner Hollimon made a motion to approve this application with a condition. Commissioner Hollimon's condition is that we should not intake anymore applications for this property, until the policy is in place. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Favors and passed unanimously.

**4. Consideration to Approve 2026 CDBG**

Chairman Beggs asked if there was a motion to approve using the regional commission for CDBG 2026. There was discussion on what option we will take for the 2026 CDBG. The options that are available will be discussed at a later meeting.

Commissioner Jopling made a motion to approve using the regional commission for 2026 CDBG. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Wilson and passed unanimously.

**5. Consideration to Approve American Red Cross Facility Use Agreement**

Chief Sewell presented this item. He explained that this agreement is a formality we must do every couple of years with Red Cross. This agreement does not say we are obligated to use the gym incase of an emergency, but if we do, this agreement allows Red Cross to have all the proper documentation incase of a disaster.

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

**6. Consideration to Approve GMASS Contract**

Chairman Beggs reminded the board that we discussed this in work session. The contract at work session had the incorrect pricing. The contract has been corrected. There is no change from the former 3-year contract, the annual cost is \$160,000.

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

**7. Consideration to Approve Hurricane Helene Damage Bids**

Finance Director Workman presented this item. We advertised four different bids due to Hurricane Helene damages. The first bid was for Big Hart Campground for Pavilion roof damage. The only bid received was from Cottonwood Exteriors. The staff recommends approving this bid for \$8,425. The second bid was for Vonteeego Park for bath house roof damages, two bids were received, staff recommends going with the lower bid from Cottonwood Exteriors for \$2000. The third bid was for William Eubank Park for fencing, we received three bids, staff recommends going with the lowest bid from Amigo Fence and Stain for \$5,853. The fourth bid was for the Government Center Complex, there were two bids, the staff recommends going with the lowest bid from CRT home renovations for \$18,690. The county has received funds from insurance to complete these damages, the difference will be made up in FEMA funds once receipts are turned in for reimbursement.

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

**8. Consideration to Approve Surplus Vehicles List**

Clerk Goodyear presented this item. The surplus list is ready with all titles minus one. The sale will be with Sunset Auction in November. It was noted that in the past, Sunset takes 5% of sales.

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

**9. Consideration to Approve Fall Trash Amnesty Day**

Chairman Beggs presented this item. We have a trash amnesty day twice a year. The date recommended is for October 18<sup>th</sup>. The cost associated is from \$6,000-\$8,000,

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

**10. Consideration to Approve Deeding Parcel #00290034 to the Land Bank Authority**

Chairman Beggs presented this item and reminded the board this was discussed in work session. This is a parcel that was acquired by the County for the West Bypass project. The land bank is willing to accept the property if the County so wishes.

Commissioner Jopling made a motion to approve deeding this parcel to the Land Bank Authority. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Favors and passed unanimously.

**11. Consideration to Approve Verida Transit Agreement**

Senior Center Director Walker presented this item. She explained that Verida is going to be our new transit contract provider. DHS, who is who we have used for temporary transit, found Verida after a previous company, Georgia Health, decided it was too much to take on. Verida will pay \$18 per trip which is an increase from Deanna that paid only \$8 per trip. This agreement is renewed yearly.

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

## **12. Consideration to Approve the use of Reserve Funds**

Director Worman asks to move \$490,000 from reserve funds for the County to use until we receive insurance premium tax around October 15<sup>th</sup>. The purpose of needing to do this is because payroll is due at the beginning of the week, before we receive insurance premium tax. Director Workman gave an update that prior to the storm the County had 5.5 million in reserves, once all our money is restored from FEMA, our reserve funds will be back to where it was prior to the storm.

Vice Chairman Wilson made a motion to approve this use of reserve funds. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jopling and passed unanimously.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION – PERSONNEL**

Enter: Commissioner Hollimon made a motion to enter executive session at 10:36am. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Wilson and passed unanimously.

Exit: Commissioner Jopling made a motion to exit executive session at 11:03am. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hollimon and passed unanimously.

## **REGULAR SESSION CONTINUED**

There was no further discussion after executive session.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Wilson to adjourn the regular meeting at 11:03am. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jopling and passed unanimously.

## **MCDUFFIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

  
Chase N. Beggs, Chairman

ATTEST:   
Ashtyn L. Goodyear, County Clerk

