



MCDUFFIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Emergency Called Meeting
Saturday, January 24, 2026 at 4:30 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:

Brandon Burton, County Manager
Ashtyn Goodyear, County Clerk
Pam Workman, Finance Director
Robert Spurlin, IT Director
Chief Sewell, Fire & EMS
Chief Thigpen, Fire & EMS
Bill Doupe, District Attorney
Sheriff Logan Marshall
Kenya Calhoun, Chamber of Commerce Director
Alicia Adair, County Finance

MEDIA: McDuffie Progress

WELCOME & CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Beggs called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm, 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

1. Agenda (Current)

Chairman Beggs asked if there were any corrections to the current agenda. A motion was made by Vice Chair Wilson to approve the current agenda as written and was seconded by Commissioner Hollimon and passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

2. Consideration to Approve Resolution 2026-004 Local State of Emergency

Chairman Beggs gave the floor to County Manager Burton. Burton said this resolution will encompass Agenda item 2 and 3. The City of Thomson met at 3pm and instituted the same language that is before the Board of Commissioners. The resolution text is following the Governor's orders to declare a local state of emergency. When this is done there are certain protections in place that enables the local authority to have lenience in some areas and this also establishes a curfew. Burton spoke with the Sheriff yesterday and he has reviewed it. The curfew is from 8pm – 7 am from Saturday until Tuesday morning at 7am. Exempt individuals will include ones traveling to and from employment with appropriate identification, individuals traveling to a medical facility, and individuals engaging in their employment. There has been word from the government offices that they have chosen to close the state offices on Monday; Judge Hammond has issued an order to close as well. Burton will be proposing to close the Government Center Monday as well. Dearing is also looking to do the same as the City of Thomson and McDuffie County. Chairman Beggs thanked Burton for his proactiveness. Chairman Beggs asked if there was a motion to approve items 2 and 3.

Commissioner Hollimon made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-004. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Wilson and passed unanimously.

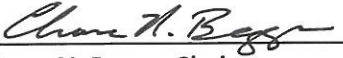
3. Consideration to Approve Curfew

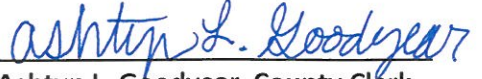
This item was voted on above.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Hollimon to adjourn the regular meeting at 4:34 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Favors and passed unanimously.

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Chase N. Beggs, Chairman

ATTEST: 
Ashtyn L. Goodyear, County Clerk