



MCDUFFIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Called Regular Session Meeting
Monday, March 2, 2026, at 6:00 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

MEDIA: McDuffie Progress

WELCOME & CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Beggs called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm, acknowledged a quorum of commissioners present and welcomed everyone in attendance.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Rev. Fred 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 or minutes. A motion was made by Commissioner Hollimon to approve the current agenda as written and was seconded by Vice Chair Wilson and passed unanimously.

2. Minutes

Regular Session – February 17, 2026

Executive Session – February 17, 2026

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

INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 3. 2026 ACCG Capitol Connection Conference – March 4-5, 2026**
- 4. Spring sports registration**

STAFF REPORTS

5. County Manager Report –

County Manager Brandon Burton had no comments at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

6. Consideration to Approve SPLOST VIII Project List

Chairman Beggs stated there was one change in this list. County Manager Burton made a slight adjustment after discussion with the city. He reallocated \$1,000,000 into economic and community development/land purchases/redevelopment, water/sewer work can be done under this category. There is also \$500,000 in public facilities subcategory public utilities and water/sewer work can be done under this category as well. Mr. Burton asked if the board would review the project list to reallocate some funds for IT. \$50,000 has been indicated under network refresh, however, IT could use the additional \$50,000 if the commissioners agreed to move some funds around. Chairman Beggs asked about our patch truck and how old it was – it is in the mid 2000's and recently had a part replaced. It has been hard to get parts for the chassis and the engine itself. The new equipment would be an actual asphalt patching rig instead of just tar/gravel and should hold up better. Chairman Beggs asked about FIRE/EMS and about the new ambulances and the remounts, Chairman Beggs commented that it's been many years since FIRE/EMS has updated these vehicles. Finance Director and Mr. Burton stated that there is a new ambulance on order now. Commissioner Jopling stated that he thinks IT is too low in this SPLOST, especially at the rate of IT equipment going up. Commissioner Jopling asked the IT director if this number was suitable for him, with an additional \$50,000. Director Spurlin stated that he has budgeted his line of items well, and that he thinks the money will keep us going forward with what we have but will not buy newer equipment. Commissioner Hollimon asked what the difference between equipment is listed for FIRE/EMS that is the same but at different prices – County Manager Burton said this is due to the rate of inflation through the next several years. Chairman Beggs stated to move the \$50,000 from the shop expenses and to move to IT. This project list can be found in the resolution and on the website.

Commissioner Hollimon made a motion to approve this SPLOST VIII project list with moving \$50,000 from shop extension to IT network refresh. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jopling and passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

7. Consideration to Approve Spring Trash Amnesty Day

The board was presented with two different dates for Spring Trash Amnesty Day, March 21st or March 28th. Chairman Beggs suggested March 21st. Chairman Beggs added that we would accept tires this day and use funds from the Tire Grant. County Manager Burton said we can ask for the funds, but that for Earth Day we are planning to have a day to dispose of tires.

Commissioner Hollimon made a motion to approve spring trash amnesty day being March 21st. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jopling and passed unanimously.

8. Consideration to Approve Resolution 2026-006 SPLOST VIII

County Manager Burton this is authorizing the Chairman to sign the IGA.

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

9. Consideration to Approve Resolution 2026-007 Call for Election SPLOST VIII

Chairman Beggs asked if there were any changes to this. County Manager Burton said the only changes were moving the funds from the Shop Extension to the IT Network Refresh.

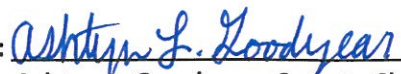
Commissioner Jopling made a motion to approve this resolution with the amendment to project list line items. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hollimon and passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Wilson to adjourn the regular meeting at 6:24 pm. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jopling and passed unanimously.

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Chase N. Beggs, Chairman

ATTEST: 
Ashtyn L. Goodyear, County Clerk