



MCDUFFIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Work Session Meeting

Monday, March 2, 2026 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:

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 6:30 pm, acknowledged a quorum of commissioners present and welcomed everyone in attendance.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The invocation and pledge of allegiance was given in the called regular session prior to this session.

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 Commissioner Favors and passed unanimously.

INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS

2. 2026 ACCG Capitol Connection Conference – March 4-5, 2026
3. Springs Sports Registration

STAFF REPORTS

4. County Manager Report –

County Manager Burton gave some updates. We have issued a Notice of Award for the Raysville Fire Station and roof replacements for public works and the elections building. An invitation to bid will be sent out for empire median cut, this is an economic development project. The Big Hart bathhouse was damaged during the storms in 2024, which we received insurance money for, and an invitation to bid will be going out to have this fixed as well. The baseball tower construction is starting to begin, the building will be stripped of damage, and then a second phase will begin which will be gutting the top of the building and removing offices that are up top and being an open area mirroring the softball tower. ADA restrooms will be added to baseball tower from the outside and roll up doors for concessions. The timeline on this is about a month before the second phase begins. The Wrightsboro Road phase 2 – all of the right of way conflicts have been resolved with the designers. A site visit is planned for Monday, the bid documents, the drawings, the spec packages have all been approved – so once the site visit is completed, we can also have this out for invitation to bid. The FY25 Audit closes on Friday, and we will start reviewing the proposals and bringing them back to board. The Rock House Road project we are still waiting on final confirmation from the army core of engineers, we have sent the pollution drawings

off to Georgia Soil and Water and are waiting for their approval. The notice of intent has been filed with the EPD. The Rock House building project is still in the hopper to develop the RFQ to find someone with historical preservation and knowledge to do this work. We have received some quotes for the HR handbook, a company out of Atlanta gave us a good estimate of around \$5,000, so this project should be turned around quickly. Archway is interested in working on our comp study and are going to get us a quote for this work. The notification system for the emergency services, Code Red, has data integrity issues and people are moving away from them. We are looking at the company Columbia County uses and some nearby counties. The time clock system we currently have is breaking down and roughly \$3,000 a piece to replace. We are looking at a previous company the county uses, TMS, and they have a web version that would be accessible by tablets and apps on employees' phones. The app has a geo map which would prevent employees from clocking in and not being at work. This would also let employees ask for leave through the app. The city is on the same system as the county is and is in agreement with this change. There is some USDA funding that is potentially available with the CSRA-RC that we could possibly use towards the morgue for equipment, we are exploring more ways to find funds for the coroner's morgue. However, with the situation the federal government is in, it is unsure if this funding will be available. The letters that were on the side of the Sweetwater Gym building are now off. Staff have found someone to pressure wash the building, sidewalks, and some of the bleachers, and the small fencing that fences off the electrical components. The damaged electrical wire has been taken care of, and the field is able to be used.

NEW BUSINESS

5. Government Center and Old Court House Landscaping/Lawncare

Chairman Beggs stated that in the agenda packet there is a layout of the government center for landscaping plans that was done before his time in office. These landscaping plans were added to the Blind Willie Park bid, and the low bid came in at \$470,000 which is way over the budget. Chairman Beggs and Burton have discussed taking some of the locations that need attention, and having staff write up bid specs and go out for bid to see what the cost would be for landscaping. Commissioner Jopling asked if we had talked to Archway about the landscaping we want done. Burton will reach out to them to see how they can help.

Discussion only. This will be added to future agenda.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – LITIGATION

Enter: Commissioner Hollimon made a motion to enter executive session at 6:49 pm. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jopling and passed unanimously.

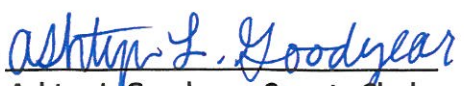
Exit: Commissioner Jopling made a motion to exit executive session at 7:32 pm. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hollimon and passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Vice Chair Wilson to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:33 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