



**Board of Commissioners
Regular Commission Meeting
MINUTES**

Tuesday, August 20, 2024 at 6:30 PM
Government Center Meeting Room

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Charlie Newton, Chairman
Fred Favors, Commissioner
Gloria Thompson, Commissioner
Sammie Wilson, Vice Chair
W. Bill Jopling, Commissioner

COUNTY REPRESENTATION:

David Crawley, County Manager
Carrie Edwards, County Clerk
Pam Workman, Finance Director
Jason Smith, Community Development
Director
Stephen Sewell, Fire/EMC Chief
Robert Spurlin, Information Technology

**MEDIA: McDuffie Progress
Members of the Public**

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Consideration of a Variance request related to a hydroponics farm on residential property on Hwy 221 (Parcel 00760006)

WELCOME & CALL TO ORDER - Chairman Newton

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC INPUT

APPROVALS

2. **Agenda - Current**

Chairman Newton invited a motion. Vice Chair Wilson proposed the motion to approve, and Commissioner Thompson seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

3. **Minutes**

- a. **Wednesday, August 7, 2024**

Chairman Newton invited a motion. Commissioner Jopling proposed the motion to approve, and Commissioner Favors seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS

4. **Upcoming Board of Commissioner Conference and Training
Federal Policy Committee Meeting August 26, 2024 | 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. |
Savannah Rapids Pavilion
Georgia Clerks Education Institute Fall Conference 2024 September 8-10,**

2024 | Athens, Georgia

2024 Legislative Leadership Conference October 9-11, 2024 | Athens, Georgia

5. **Labor Day Holiday and Cancellation of Work Session, Monday, September 2, 2024**

APPOINTMENT/REAPPOINTMENT - None

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

6. **McDuffie County Audit Presentation by The Baird Audit Group, LLC**

Baird provided the Audit Presentation.

7. **Consideration of a Variance request related to a hydroponics farm on residential property on Hwy 221 (Parcel 00760006)**

Chairman Newton invited a motion. Commissioner Favors proposed the motion to approve, and Vice Chair Wilson seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

8. **Consideration to Approve Commissioner, Vice-Chair Wilson as 2024 Legislative Leadership Delegate for Business Session on October 10, 2024.**

Chairman Newton invited a motion. Commissioner Jopling proposed the motion to approve, and Commissioner Thompson seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

9. **Consideration to approve Ordinance Amendment 24-01 to establish revised fees for Lighting Districts.**

No Action on this Agenda Item.

10. **Consideration of Education Salary Increase Fire Department**

Chairman Newton invited a motion. Commissioner Thompson proposed the motion to approve, and Commissioner Jopling seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

11. **Consideration of Education Salary Increase Sheriff's Department**

Chairman Newton invited a motion. Commissioner Thompson proposed the motion to approve, and Commissioner Jopling seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

12. **Budget Report**

County Manager Crawley provided overview of the Budget Report.

13. **Financial Report**

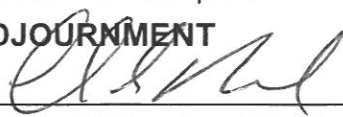
Pam Workman, Finance Director, provided an overview of the Financial Report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - Personnel

Chairman Newton opened the floor for a motion. Vice Chair Wilson made the motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Joplong. The motion carried unanimously, and the board entered into session at 7:17 p.m. to discuss personnel.

Chairman Newton open the floor for a motion to exit the Executive Session. Commissioner Thompson made the motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Wilson. The motion carried unanimously, and the board exited the Executive Session at 7:32 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT



Charles G Newton, IV, Chairman

ATTEST:



Carrie Edwards, County Clerk

