



MCDUFFIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Session Meeting
Wednesday, April 1, 2026, 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
Paul Johnson, Coroner
Trevor Welcher, Recreation Director
Valerie Burley, Probate Judge
Stacey Thomas, Tax Commissioner
Brett Parsons, Community Development Director
Gina Timmerman, Clerk of Superior Court

MEDIA: McDuffie Progress

WELCOME & CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Beggs called the meeting to order at 10:00 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

1. Agenda (Current)

Chairman Beggs asked to strike Agenda item 8, since County Manager Burton was unable to attend the meeting. A motion was made by Commissioner Hollimon to approve the agenda with the amendment. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jopling and passed unanimously.

2. Minutes

Regular Session – March 17, 2026
Executive Session – March 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. Spring Sports Opening Day
4. TMRD Day with the Augusta Greenjackets – April 19th at 1pm.
5. Thomson High School Baseball – Recreation Night is Friday, April 3rd between 4-6pm.
6. ACCG 2026 Annual Conference in Savannah is April 23-25, 2026.
7. The County Offices and Court House will be closed in observance of the State Holiday on Friday, April 3, 2026.

STAFF REPORTS

8. County Manager Report

APPOINTMENT/REAPPOINTMENT

9. Consideration to Appoint Mrs. Chele DuTeau to the DFACS Board

This was discussed at work session. Angie Rogers has resigned from the Board, and recommends Mrs. Chele DuTeau, the director of student services.

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

NEW BUSINESS

10. ACO Report for March 2026

Tax Commissioner Stacey Thomas presented this report. She removed \$2009.09 from the property tax digest. This decrease is due to appeals being settled for 2023, 2024, and 2025. There were no changes to the mobile home digest.

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

11. Consideration to Approve Memorandum of Understanding between McDuffie County and UGA Extension Office

This was discussed at work session. This is our annual MOU and there have been no changes. The amount of this department is \$124k, and UGA Extension pays all the salaries, we just give an allocation.

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

12. Consideration to Approve Resolution 2026-008 Regarding Vital Records Fees for Probate Court and Probate Judge's Fees

Probate Judge Burley presented this item. Before now, she would report these numbers to the state, but the state wants them to get a resolution with the County to have something in writing on the vital records fees. After talking with the finance director, Judge Burley stated that money will go into a county fund. This will benefit the County rather than the state.

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

13. Consideration to Approve Resolution 2026-009 Agreeing to Participate in the National Remnant Opioid Settlement

This was discussed at work session. This is another federal lawsuit like the ones we have joined in the past.

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

14. Consideration to Approve Resolution 2026-010 Data Center Moratorium

The resolution prepared needs more corrections. The County Attorney has recommended we table this item until April 21st.

Vice Chair Wilson made a motion to table this item until April 21st. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Favors and passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Vice Chair Wilson to adjourn the regular meeting at 10:09am. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jopling and passed unanimously.

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Chase N. Beggs, Chairman

ATTEST: 
Ashtyn L. Goodyear, County Clerk