



MCDUFFIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Session Meeting

Wednesday, May 6, 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

Stacey Thomas, Tax Commissioner

Brett Parsons, Community Development Director

Gina Timmerman, Clerk of Superior Court

Catherine Kirby, Animal Services Director

Stephanie Walker, Senior Center and Transit Director

Elizabeth Vance, Tourism Director

Ruthie Thomas, HR Director

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

Pastor of Young Memorial Methodist Church, Ms. Frances Rowell, 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 Commissioner Favors to approve the agenda as written. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Wilson and passed unanimously.

2. Minutes

Regular Session – April 21, 2026

Executive Session – April 21, 2026

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

INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS

3. McDuffie County has been awarded the Georgia GMIS Government to Citizens (G2C) Award
4. The Board of Commissioners scheduled meeting for May 19th will be at the Historic Court House due to Elections using the board room. The meeting will not be live streamed due to the location change.
5. SPLOST VIII Special Election
6. VtheNP Community Health Talk: Break the Silence, Lower the Pressure is scheduled for Saturday,

May 9th from 11am to 1pm.

STAFF REPORTS

7. County Manager Comments –

Mr. Burton attached department head updates in the agenda packet for the Commissioners to read through and review. Mr. Burton reminded the board that Public Works Week will be recognized May 17th – 22nd.

APPOINTMENT/REAPPOINTMENT

8. Consideration to Appoint Tellis Leslie to the DFACS Advisory Board

As discussed in Work Session, the school board's recommendation for this DFACS appointment last month was not applicable due to the person not living in McDuffie County. The new recommendation is Tellis Leslie.

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

OLD BUSINESS

9. Consideration to Approve Resolution 2026-013 Data Center Moratorium

This moratorium is for a period of 90 days from the date of the adoption of the Resolution. The county will not accept any applications for Data Centers for this time period. This gives the Board time to put an ordinance in place for Data Centers. Staff is currently working on the Data Center Ordinance.

Commissioner Favors made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-013. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Wilson and passed unanimously.

10. Consideration to Approve Road Lists for LMIG and LRA 2026

Mr. Burton presented a revised road list for the 2026 LMIG and LRA programs. The total mileage is 5.49 with a cost of \$1,373,000.00. A list of these roads can be found in the agenda packet. The road list was reviewed by ATLAS, the public works director, and the County manager. The mileage listed is not for the full road length, but for different lengths of the roads. Vice Chair Wilson stated that he did not see his list of roads that he has been presenting for the last several years. Chairman Beggs stated that the roads that Vice Chair Wilson mentioned are roads that are not in critical condition, according to ATLAS and the public works director. The deadline for approval on LRA 2026 is in middle June, so we do have more time to discuss.

Commissioner Favors made a motion to table this agenda item until the May 19th meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jopling and passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

11. Special Presentation of House Resolution 1834 by Representative Gary Richardson in Memory of Dorothy "Dot" Cofer

Representative Gary Richardson's wife, Mrs. Ginger, presented this Resolution that was adopted in the House of Representatives in memory of Dorothy "Dot" Cofer. Mrs. Ginger read the Resolution. Mrs. Ginger gave a copy of the Resolution to the family and took a photo with the family. Commissioner Favors spoke to the family on how much he thought of Mrs. Cofer and asked for

everyone to give her applause.

12. Presentation of the Final Broadband/Comcast Project Details

Comcast Manager Takiyah Douse presented the final project details. A copy of this presentation can be found during the live streamed meeting on YouTube. 3,444 homes and businesses have been connected to Xfinity and Comcast Business Services. 271 miles of Comcast's fiber-based network have been deployed across McDuffie County. Chairman Beggs thanked Mrs. Douse for coming and for helping citizens who have needed help with Comcast in the area.

13. ACO REPORT FOR APRIL 2026

The increase to the Property Tax Digest was \$23,986.94 and this is from 2025 appeal settlements and the billing of all but one public utility. There were no changes to the Mobile Home Digest. Commissioner Favors made a motion to approve this ACO report. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jopling and passed unanimously.

14. Consideration to Approve Blind Willie McTell Park Change Order #1

This was discussed at work session. This change order is due to an unknown gas line that was discovered during construction. Commissioner Jopling asked why the city did not take care of the gas line. Mr. Burton stated that the gas line was too much for them to handle and that they would have had to contract the work out.

Commissioner Favors made a motion to approve Change Order #1. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jopling and passed unanimously.

15. Consideration to Approve the Renewal Contract for Probation Supervision Services

This contract was discussed at work session. This is a 12-month term with four automatic renewals.

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

16. Consideration to Approve Memorandum of Understanding Thomson-McDuffie County Archway Partnership 2027

This MOU was discussed during work session. This is the annual agreement.

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

17. Consideration to Approve Resolution 2026-011 to Convey a Certain Tract of Real Property to the McDuffie County Board of Education

This has been discussed in previous meetings and at work session. All legal requirements have been met to convey this property to the Board of Education.

Commissioner Favors made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-011. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jopling and passed unanimously.

18. Consideration to Approve Resolution 2026-012 for Johnny Crutchfield's Retirement

Chairman Beggs read the Resolution for Johnny Crutchfield's retirement. This resolution can be found in the agenda packet.

Vice Chair Wilson made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-012. 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 10:34am. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jopling and passed unanimously.

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Chase N. Beggs, Chairman

ATTEST: 
Ashtyn L. Goodyear, County Clerk