



**Board of Commissioners
Regular Commission Meeting
MINUTES**

Wednesday, November 6, 2024 at 10:00
AM

Government Center Meeting Room

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Charlie Newton, Chairman
Sammie Wilson, Vice-Chairman
Fred Favors, Commissioner
Gloria Thompson, Commissioner
Bill Jopling, Commissioner

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

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, Director of IT
Catherine Bohler, Animal Services
Director
Matthew Reid, Campground Manager
Stacey Thomas, Tax Commissioner

WELCOME & CALL TO ORDER - Chairman Newton

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVALS

1. Agenda - Current

Chairman Newton opened the floor for a motion. Commissioner Jopling motioned to approve the current agenda, with one correction: moving the approval of the Executive Session minutes to the Regular Session on Tuesday, November 19th. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Wilson and carried unanimously.

2. Minutes

a. Regular Session | Tuesday, October 22, 2024

b. Executive Session | Tuesday, October 22, 2024

c. Work Session | Monday, November 4, 2024

Chairman Newton opened the floor for a motion. Commissioner Thompson made the motion to approve the two sets of minutes for October 22nd and November 4th. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jopling and carried unanimously.

INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 3. ACCG 2024 Fall District Meetings | District 7 | Washington County, November 21st from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.**

2024 Newly Elected Commissioners Conference | December 4th-6th | Athens, Georgia

In addition to the agenda items, Brian Beard, with FEMA Small Business, provided information on Hurricane Helene SBA Loans.

APPOINTMENT/REAPPOINTMENT

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

- 4. Consideration to Approve FEMA Grant for Sweetwater Gym Emergency Generator.**

Chairman Newton opened the floor for a motion. Commissioner Thompson made the motion to approve the item with funding from Public Safety SPLOST. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Favors and carried unanimously

- 5. Consideration to Approve State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program.**

Chairman Newton opened the floor for a motion. Commissioner Jopling made the motion to approve the item. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Wilson and carried unanimously

- 6. Consideration to Approve McDuffie County Transit Grant Management Policies and Procedures.**

Chairman Newton opened the floor for a motion. Commissioner Jopling made the motion to approve the item. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Favors and carried unanimously

- 7. Consideration to Approve the Financial Policies.**

Chairman Newton opened the floor for a motion. Commissioner Thompson made the motion to approve the item. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jopling. The motion carried with the following votes: Voting in favor: Commissioner Thompson, Commissioner Jopling, and Chairman Newton. Voting Opposed: Vice Chair Wilson and Commissioner Favors. The motion carried with a split vote of three in favor and two opposed.

- 8. Consideration to Approve the October ACO Report.**

Chairman Newton opened the floor for a motion. Commissioner Thompson made the motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jopling and carried unanimously

- 9. Consideration of Approving the Waiver of Building Permit Fees for Repairs Due to Hurricane Helene Damage.**

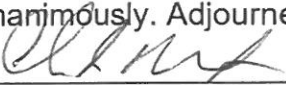
Chairman Newton opened the floor for a motion. Commissioner Jopling made the motion to approve for ninety days, with documentation that clearly states it is for Hurricane Helene repair. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson and carried unanimously. The ninety days will end on February 4, 2025.

10. Consideration to Approve the McDuffie County Transit Americans with Disabilities Act Plan.

Chairman Newton opened the floor for a motion. Vice Chair Wilson made the motion to approve the item. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jopling and carried unanimously.

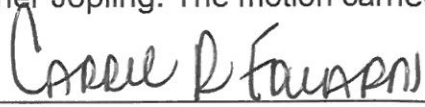
ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Newton opened the floor for a motion. Vice Chair Wilson made the motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jopling. The motion carried unanimously. Adjourned at 10:19 a.m.



Charles G Newton, IV, Chairman

ATTEST:



Carrie Edwards, County Clerk

