



**Board of Commissioners
Regular Commission Meeting
MINUTES**

Tuesday, November 19, 2024 at 6:30
PM

Government Center Meeting Room

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Charlie Newton, Chair
Sammie Wilson, Vice-Chair
Fred Favors, Commissioner
Gloria Thompson, Commissioner
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

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

WELCOME & CALL TO ORDER - Chairman Newton

Chairman Newton called the meeting to order, acknowledged a quorum of commissioners present, and welcomed everyone in attendance.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC INPUT A total of three individuals addressed the commission. Below are the highlights of their comments:

1. Eugene Harmon
 - o Topic: Know Rivers Road Abandonment
 - o Comments: Mr. Harmon expressed his concern regarding closing Knox Rivers Road.
2. Waldo Massey
 - o Topic: Knox Rivers Road Abandonment
 - o Comments: Mr. Massey expressed his concern regarding closing Knox Rivers Road.
3. Paul McCorkle
 - o Topic: Knox Rivers Road Abandonment
 - o Comments: Mr. McCorkle expressed his concern regarding closing Knox Rivers Road.

APPROVALS

1. Agenda - Current

Chairman Newton opened the floor for a motion. Commissioner Thompson made the motion to approve the current agenda. Commissioner Jopling seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

2.

Minutes

a. Executive Session Minutes | Tuesday, October 22, 2024

Chairman Newton opened the floor for a motion. Commissioner Jopling made the motion to approve the Executive Session minutes. Vice Chair Wilson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

b. Regular Session Minutes | Wednesday, November 6, 2024

Chairman Newton opened the floor for a motion. Commissioner Jopling made the motion to approve. A roll call vote was held for the motion to approve the Regular Session Minutes for Wednesday, November 6, 2024. The vote proceeded as follows: Yes to the approval was Commissioner Thompson, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner Favors, and Chairman Newton. No, to the approval of the minutes: Vice Chair Wilson.

c. Public Hearing Minutes | Thursday, October 31, 2024

Chairman Newton opened the floor for a motion. Commissioner Jopling made the motion to approve. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Voting Yes: Commissioner Thompson, Commissioner Jopling, Chairman Newton, Voting No: Vice-Chair Wilson and Commissioner Favors.

INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS

3. **2024 ACCG Fall District Meetings | District 7 | November 21st, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. | Washington County**
2024 Newly elected Commissioners Conference | December 4th - 6th | Athens, Georgia

APPOINTMENT/REAPPOINTMENT

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

4. **Consideration to Approve Resolution 24-08 to abandon Portions of Edmonds Road.**

Chairman Newton opened the floor for a motion. Commissioner Thompson made the motion to approve the agenda item. Commissioner Jopling seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Voting Yes: Commissioner Thompson, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner Favors, and Chairman Newton. Voting No: Vice Chair Wilson.

5. **Consideration to Approve Resolution 24-09 to abandon a Portion of Knox-Rivers Road.**

Chairman Newton opened the floor for a motion. Commissioner Thompson made the motion to approve. The motion failed due to lack of a second. The Agenda Item is tabled.

6. Consideration to Approve ACCG Interlocal Risk Management (ACCG-IRMA) First Responders PTSD Application and Participation Agreement.

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

7. Consideration to Approve Resolution 24-10 Authorizing Participation in the ACCG-Interlocal Risk Management Agency Supplemental Medical, Accident, and Disability Fund: First Responder PTSD Program.

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

8. Consideration of Approval for the EagleView Imagery Contract with the Tax Assessor's Department.

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

9. Consideration to Approve Government Windows Agreement for the Recreation Department.

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

10. Consideration to Approve a Building Services Agreement for building automation with Trane for the Government Center.

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

11. Consideration of Approval for Personal Property Reporting Forms Renewal for 2025 with Harris Computer.

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

12. Consideration to Approve Equipment Purchase for the Campground Department.

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

13. Consideration to Approve 2025 Board of Commissioners Meeting Schedule.

Chairman Newton opened the floor for a motion. After a brief discussion, the agenda item

was tabled until the new incoming commissioners received the dates and confirmed that the modified calendar of dates worked with their schedule.

14. Consideration to Approve End of Year Incentive/Supplemental Pay

Chairman Newton opened the floor for a motion. Commissioner Thompson made the motion to approve the item with a modification to remove the Board of Commissioners from the incentive pay. After discussion, the motion was made by Commissioner Thompson and seconded by Commissioner Jopling to approve the agenda item with the modification(s) as described. The motion was approved with a split vote of: Yes, Commissioner Thompson, Commissioner Jopling, and Chairman Newton. No: Vice Chair Wilson Abstain: Commissioner Favors.

15. Discussion on 2025 Schedule of Fees.

16. Monthly Budget Report

County Manager Crawley provided the Monthly Budget Report.

17. Monthly Financial Report

Pam Workman, Finance Director, provided the Monthly Financial Report.

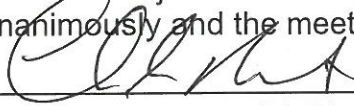
EXECUTIVE SESSION - Property

Chairman Newton opened the floor to enter into the Executive Session. Vice Chair Wilson made the motion to approve. Commissioner Jopling seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously, and the board entered into session at 7:19 p.m. to discuss property and pending litigation.

Chairman Newton opened the floor to exit the Executive Session. Commissioner Jopling made the motion to approve. Vice Chair Wilson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously, and the board exited the Executive Session at 8:00 p.m. No action was taken.

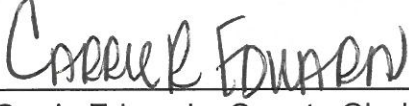
ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Newton opened the floor for a motion to adjourn. Vice Chair Wilson made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Jopling seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned.



Charles G Newton, IV, Chairman

ATTEST:



Carrie Edwards, County Clerk