



**Board of Commissioners
Regular Commission Meeting
MINUTES**

Wednesday, February 5, 2025 at 10:00
AM
Government Complex Commissioner
Room

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Chase Beggs, Chairman
Sammie Wilson, Vice Chair
Fred Favors, Commissioner
Steven Hollimon, Commissioner
W. 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
Elizabeth Vance, Tourism Director
Robert Spurlin, IT Director
Jasmine Green, Chief Appraiser
Matthew Reid, Campground Manager
Paul Johnson, Coroner
Ruthie Thomas, HR Director
Dave Dunaway, County Attorney
Trevor Welcher, Recreation Director
Gina Timmerman, Clerk of Courts

WELCOME & CALL TO ORDER - Chairman Beggs

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVALS

1. Agenda - Current

Chairman Beggs opened the floor for a motion. Commissioner Jopling moved to approve the agenda with one correction to add a Public Input section. Vice Chair Wilson seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

2. Minutes

a. Thomson-McDuffie Joint Session, Friday, January 17, 2025 2:00 p.m.

b. Regular Session, January 28, 2025 6:30 p.m.

Chairman Beggs opened the floor for a motion. Commissioner Hollimon moved to approve both sets of minutes. Vice Chair Wilson seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT

Mrs. Julie Gerlach, Stagecoach Road, addressed the board, raising several concerns: roads in need of repair, replacement of the Georgia flag, and advocating for improved animal control measures. They also recommended introducing employee incentive programs, ensuring there were no mold issues, asking questions regarding unoccupied county buildings, and suggesting the board stream meetings online.

INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS

3. Debris Removal Update

County Manager Crawley provided an update on the debris removal for Hurricane Helene, including the contractors' estimated time of completion.

DIRECTOR REPORTS

Elizabeth Vance, Convention and Tourism Bureau, Director, provided a director's report to include upcoming events and new marketing material.

Robert Spurlin, Information Technology, Director, provided a director's report to include current projects and new IT security measures.

APPOINTMENT/REAPPOINTMENT

4. Consideration of Rock House Committee Appointments by the Board of Commissioners.

Chairman Beggs opened the floor for a motion. Commissioner Jopling moved to approve the appointments. Commissioner Hollimon seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

5. Consideration of the Proclamation for the Dedication of a Liberty Tree by The Captain John Wilson Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution at Thomson Memorial Cemetery on February 8, 2025.

Chairman Beggs opened the floor for a motion. Vice Chair Wilson moved to approve the agenda item. Commissioner Jopling seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

6. Consideration to Amend the Bylaws for the McDuffie County Rock House Property Preservation Advisory Committee.

Chairman Beggs opened the floor for a motion. Commissioner Jopling moved to approve the agenda item. Vice Chair Wilson seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

7. Consideration to Approve the the January ACO Report.

Chairman Beggs opened the floor for a motion. Vice Chair Wilson moved to approve the agenda item. Commissioner Jopling seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

8. Consideration to Approve a Contractual Agreement with CSRARC for the Comprehensive Plan Update

Chairman Beggs opened the floor for a motion. Commissioner Jopling moved to approve

the agenda item. Commissioner Hollimon seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - Pending Litigation and Cybersecurity

Chairman Beggs opened the floor to enter into Executive Session. Vice Chair Wilson made the motion to approve. Commissioner Hollimon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously, and the board entered into session at 10:37 a.m. to discuss pending litigation and cybersecurity.

Chairman Beggs 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 11:20 a.m.

9. Out of Executive Session, the board added the Item: Consideration to Approve IT Cybersecurity contract.

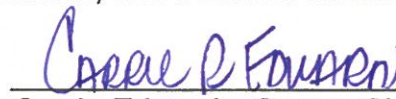
Chairman Beggs opened the floor for a motion. Vice Chair Wilson made the motion to add the item. Commissioner Hollimon seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Beggs opened the floor for a motion. Vice Chair made the motion to adjourn . The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hollimon, and it carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.


Chase Beggs, Chairman


Carrie Edwards, County Clerk

