



The McDuffie County Board of Commissioners held a Public Hearing
Thursday Evening, August 12, 2021, 6:30 pm
Government Center Front Lawn

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Charles Newton, IV, Chairman
Sammie Wilson, Sr., Vice Chairman
Bill Jopling, Commissioner
Gloria Thompson, Commissioner

COUNTY REPRESENTATION:

David Crawley, County Manager
Nikki Milburn, County Clerk
Chase Beggs, Planning & Zoning

MEDIA: Erin Burditt, McDuffie Progress

Others: 134

WELCOME & CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Newton called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm, acknowledged a quorum of commissioners present and welcomed everyone in attendance.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Newton asked Vice Chairman Wilson to give the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Hearing

1. Proposed Countywide Curbside Service.

Chairman Newton addressed the audience and gave instructions regarding the conduct and procedures that will be followed for the public hearing. He advised that everyone would be allowed 3 minutes to speak and that everyone would be respectful of the members of the Board and audience. There were 28 individuals who spoke in opposition of the mandated trash services for reasons of not wanting more government control over their right to choose what service they want, not wanting to have Waste Management who has provided inadequate services in the past and opposed to additional fees for those on low or fixed incomes. Many also expressed concerns regarding the problem with littering being mostly large items like furniture and tires that wouldn't fit in curbside cans, which wouldn't be addressing the main problem. Lastly, a large portion of speakers expressed dislike that going with a large company would put a smaller, local trash service out of business. Chairman Newton added that no decisions have been made and there are more details that would go into the final outcome of this decision.

ADJOURNMENT

MCDUFFIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS


Charles G. Newton, IV, Chairman

ATTEST: 
Nikki Milburn, County Clerk