



The McDuffie County Board of Commissioners held a Regular Commission Meeting  
Wednesday Morning, May 3, 2023, 10:00 am  
Government Center Meeting Room

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

Charles G. Newton, Chairman  
Sammie Wilson, Vice Chairman  
Gloria Thompson, Commissioner  
Frederick Favors, Commissioner

**COUNTY REPRESENTATION:**

David Crawley, County Manager  
Nikki Milburn, County Clerk  
Jason Smith, Community Development  
Stacey Thomas, Tax Commissioner  
Stephen Sewell, Fire/EMS Director  
Paul Johnson, Coroner  
Wendy Ivey, Animal Service

**MEDIA:** McDuffie Progress

**Others:** 4

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Newton called the meeting to order at 10:00 am, acknowledged a quorum of commissioners present and welcomed everyone in attendance.

**INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Favors offered the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVALS**

Agenda (Current)

Chairman Newton asked if there were any corrections to the current agenda or minutes.

David advised that we will not have Executive Session due to the county attorney not being available for meeting time.

Vice Chairman Wilson made the motion to approve the current agenda as written with the removal of Executive Session and was seconded by Commissioner Thompson and passed unanimously.

Minutes

*Regular Meeting- April 18, 2023*

Vice Chairman Wilson made the motion to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson and passed unanimously.

**INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. McDuffie Mixer: May 4<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 at Dearing Community Center

**APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS**

None

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Consideration to Approve Shelter Pro Software.**

David advised that as discussed at the previous work session, animal services is requesting a software that enables the shelter to have better record keeping and services tracking as they prepare to reopen services. Wendy is only requesting the most needed modules at the time but would add more in the future. The board advised that they are willing to move forward with all modules since it comes with some cost savings by bundling them. The total cost for all modules is \$2395.00.

Vice Chairman Wilson made the motion to approve this purchase. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson and passed unanimously.

**2. Consideration to Approve Purchase Request of Surplus Vehicle.**

David advised that as discussed at the previous work session, Ronnie Pilgrim is requesting to purchase this ambulance for \$500 to use for parts. The county has been unable to sell or auction this ambulance due to a title issue in the past.

Commissioner Thompson made the motion to approve the sell of this ambulance to Ronnie Pilgrim. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Wilson and passed unanimously.

**3. Consideration to Approve FY24 MOU Archway.**

David advised that as discussed at the previous work session, this is the annual MOU for Archway Partnership. The county's portion for this agreement is \$15,000.

Commissioner Thompson made the motion to approve this MOU with Archway. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Wilson and passed unanimously.

**4. Consideration to Approve Vehicle Purchase.**

David advised that as discussed at the previous work session, staff is recommending the purchase of an additional Promaster City van. This vehicle is intended for the janitorial staff and their current vehicle will be moved to the Coroner for his use. This cost of this vehicle is \$34,854.

Commissioner Thompson made the motion to approve this purchase. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Wilson and passed unanimously.

**5. Consideration to Approve Solid Waste Rates.**

David advised that as discussed at the previous work session, staff is recommending to increase rates to \$80 in order to help offset the increased cost in hauling rates. Solid waste is currently operating at a deficit due to the added fuel surcharge with Waste Management. David advised that he is meeting with a different hauling company later to discuss potential options.

Commissioner Thompson made the motion to approve the rate increase for Solid Waste. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Wilson and passed unanimously.

**6. Consideration to Approve Tax Matter for 1041 Wrightsboro Road.**

David advised that the board discussed the property owned by Evelyn Hatcher at the March 21<sup>st</sup> meeting. The board requested that staff research potential refunds for Ms. Hatcher's property, since she was being taxed incorrectly. Stacey presented the board with the calculation of refund amount based on the mil rates and property portion, the total would be \$414.90 for the county. David advised that staff will also help Ms. Hatcher seek refund for her school portion from those same years.

Commissioner Thompson made the motion to approve refunding Ms. Evelyn Hatcher \$414.90 for taxes incorrectly billed. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Favors and passed unanimously.

**7. Consideration to Approve ACO Report for March 2023.**

Stacey presented the March 2023 ACO Report. There was a decrease to the property tax digest of \$7,197.14 from settled appeals and a decrease of \$54.96 to mobile home digest from granted exemptions.

Commissioner Favors made the motion to approve ACO Report for March 2023. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Wilson and passed unanimously.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION- Pending Litigation**

\*This was cancelled due to county attorney not being available.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Wilson to adjourn the regular meeting at 10:16 am, seconded by Commissioner Thompson and passed unanimously.

**MCDUFFIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**



Charles G. Newton, IV, Chairman

ATTEST:   
Nikki Milburn, County Clerk