



McDuffie County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Commission Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, August 2, 2023 | 10 am  
Government Center Meeting Room

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

Charles G Newton, Chairman  
Sammie Wilson, Vice Chairman  
Gloria Thompson, Commissioner  
Frederick Favors, Commissioner  
William "Bill" Jopling, Commissioner

**COUNTY REPRESENTATION:**

David Crawley, County Manager  
Carrie Edwards, County Clerk  
Stacey Thomas, Tax Commissioner  
Pam Workman, Finance Director  
Jason Smith, Community Development  
Stephen Sewell, Fire EMS  
Robert Spurlin, IT Director

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MEDIA: McDuffie Progress

Members of the Public

**COMMISSION MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Favors provided invocation.

**APPROVALS**

Agenda

**Current**

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

Minutes

**Regular Meeting – July 18, 2023**

**Work Session – July 31, 2023**

Chairman Newton requested motion to approve Regular Session minutes, July 18<sup>th</sup> and Work Session minutes July 31<sup>st</sup>. Commissioner Jopling made the motion to approve minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wilson. The motion carried unanimously.

**INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. **2023 Legislative Leadership Conference, October 11-13**  
Registration opens in early August

**APPOINTMENT/REAPPOINTMENTS**

Recreation Advisory Board appointment of Carl Gunn and Melody Crenshaw was presented to commissioners. Chairman Newton requested a motion to approve appointments. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve the appointment. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Favors. The motion carried unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

## NEW BUSINESS

- 1) McDuffie County Annual Financial Report, Year Ending December 31, 2022 was presented by The Baird Audit Group, LLC.

The independent auditors provided a thorough synopsis of the FY 2022. They commended McDuffie County on their fiscal responsibility in the matters of debt to income ratio. Furthermore, the auditors stated that the no deficiencies were disclosed during the audit of the financial statements, no instances of noncompliance material and no deficiencies in internal control. Two Recommendations were presented: Policy and Procedure for financial transactions at the Recreation Department and enhanced financial monitoring at the solid waste site once connectivity is possible with broadband. County Manager Crawley stated both were already in progress.

- 2) Consideration to Approve Budget Amendments.

Upon the review of the recommended budget amendments presented on Monday, July 31<sup>st</sup> Work Session Chairman Newton opened the floor for a motion to approve the amendments. Commissioner Jopling made the motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson. The motion carried unanimously.

- 3) Consideration to Approve the Lighting of Sweetwater Park.

Upon the review of the recommendation made by County Manager Crawley, during the Work Session, to utilize SPLOST interest, instead of financing, Chairman Newton requested a motion to approve. Commissioner Jopling made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Wilson. The motion carried unanimously.

- 4) Consideration to Approve IT Surplus.

Upon the review of the recommendation to surplus IT equipment during Work Session, Chairman Newton requested a motion to approve. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jopling. The motion carried unanimously.

- 5) Consideration to Approve the June ACO Report.

Tax Commissioner Thomas provided an overview of the June ACO Report. Chairman Newton requested a motion to approve. Commissioner Favors made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Wilson. The motion carried unanimously.

## ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Newton asked if any other business needed to be presented, with no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

MCDUFFIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Charles G Newton, IV, Chairman

ATTEST:



Carrie Edwards, County Clerk