



MCDUFFIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Commissioner Meeting
Wednesday, September 6, 2023 | 10 am
Government Center Meeting Room

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Charles G Newton, Chairman
Sammie Wilson, Vice Chairman
Gloria Thompson, 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
Paul Johnson, Coroner

MEDIA: McDuffie Progress
Members of the Public

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Newton called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm, acknowledged quorum of commissioners' present and welcomed everyone in attendance.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC INPUT

None

APPROVALS

Agenda

Current

Chairman Newton asked if there were any corrections to the current agenda or minutes. There were none. Vice Chairman Wilson made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jopling. The motion carried unanimously.

Minutes

Regular Meeting – August 15, 2023

Chairman Newton requested motion to approve August 15, 2023 minutes. Commissioner Thompson made the motion to approve minutes with one correction to omission of Commissioner name on new business. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Wilson. The motion carried unanimously.

INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS	None
APPOINTMENT/REAPPOINTMENTS	None
OLD BUSINESS	None



NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration for Temporary Alcohol License – BG Strong Charities Golf Tournament.

County Manager Crawley provided an update on the temporary alcohol license for golf tournament. Chairman Newton requested motion to approve. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Wilson. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Consideration of Alcohol License for Beer and Wine for Molly's Convenience Store.

County Manager Crawley provided an update on the alcohol license. Chairman Newton requested motion to approve. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jopling. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Consideration of Alcohol License for Beer and Wine for One Stop Food Mart.

County Manager Crawley provided an update on the alcohol license. Chairman Newton requested motion to approve. Vice Chair Wilson made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jopling. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Resolution 23-09 Consideration Concerning a Determination to Abandon portions of Ferrous Road no longer utilized by the General Public.

County Manager Crawley provided an overview of Resolution 23-09. 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. Resolution 23-10 Consideration in support of application for a Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program grant for the expansion of the Little River Water Trail.

County Manager Crawley provided an overview of Resolution 23-10. Chairman Newton requested a motion to approve. Commissioner Jopling made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Consideration to Approve first reading to Amend the Fire Fee Ordinance to include Dearing as part of the fire service area.

County Manager Crawley provided an update to approve the first reading of the Fire Fee Ordinance. Chairman Newton requested motion to approve. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Wilson. The motion carried unanimously.



7. Consideration to approve Beam Site Prep, LLC as the most responsive and responsible bidder for Wrightsboro Road Sewer Expansion Project.

County Manager Crawley provided an update on the bid for Wrightsboro Road Sewer Expansion. Chairman Newton requested motion to approve. Vice Chair Wilson made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jopling. The motion carried unanimously.

8. Consideration to Amend Fiscal 2024 Budget Policy.

County Manager Crawley requested to Amend Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Policy. Chairman Newton requested motion to approve. Commissioner Jopling made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Wilson. The motion carried unanimously.

9. Consideration to Appeal the 2022 DOAA Sales Ratio Study.

County Manager Crawley recommended to appeal the 2022 DOAA Sales Ratio Study. Chairman Newton requested motion to approve. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jopling. The motion carried unanimously.

10. Discussion concerning 2023 Millage Rate.

Discussion of FY2023 Millage Rate to presented to the Commission for the Public Hearing. Chairman Newton requested a motion for presentation to public. Vice Chair Wilson made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson. The Public Hearings were scheduled for September 7, 2023 at 10 am and 6:30 pm with final decision on Tuesday, September 19, 2023.

11. Presentation of a Tentative Budget by County Manager and Finance Director

Presentation of Tentative Budget was provided to the Commission.

12. August ACO Report

Tax Commissioner Thomas provided an overview of the August ACO Report. 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.

13. Executive Session

ADJOURNMENT



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A motion was made by Vice Chairman Wilson to adjourn the regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson. The motion carried unanimously.

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Charles G Newton, IV, Chairman

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Carrie Edwards", written over a horizontal line.

Carrie Edwards, County Clerk

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