



McDuffie County Board of Commissioners
Regular Commission Meeting
MINUTES

Regular Session, Wednesday 4, 2023, 10:00 am
Government Center Meeting Room

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Charlie G Newton, Chairman
Frederick Favors, Commissioner
William "Bill" Jopling, Commissioner
Gloria Thompson, Commissioner

COUNTY REPRESENTATION:

David Crawley, County Manager
Carrie Edwards, County Clerk
Pam Workman, Finance Director
Jason Smith, Community Development Director
Stephen Sewell, Fire/EMC Chief

MEDIA: McDuffie Progress
Members of the Public

PUBLIC HEARING

Chairman Newton opened the public hearing at 10 am.

1. **Consideration Concerning a Determination to Abandon portions of Ferrous Road no longer utilized by the General Public.**

Chairman Newton turned it over to County Manager Crawley to provide details on the consideration to abandon Ferrous Road. Short discussion ensued and the floor was opened to John Thomas, with GIW, and members of the public.

REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING

WELCOME & CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Favors offered invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVALS

Agenda	Current
Minutes	Regular Meeting- September 19, 2023

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

With no corrections, Commissioner Thompson made the motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jopling. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Thompson made the motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jopling. The motion carried unanimously.

INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Newton presented Information and Announcements.

- **ACCG Legislative Conference: October 10th – 13th, Jekyll Island**



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- **Camellia City Festival and Pink Ribbon One Mile Walk, Saturday, October 21, 2023**
- **ACCG Lifelong Learning Academy November 2023 Leadership Institute November 16-17, 2023**

APPOINTMENT/REAPPOINTMENT

- Reappointment of David Holt to Tax Assessor Board – See Resolution 23-15.
- Appointment of Stephanie Walker to CSRA EOA Board

Chairman Newton opened the floor for a motion the Appointment and Re-Appointment of Stephanie Walker to CSRA EOA Board and David Holt to Tax Assessor Board.

Commissioner Favors made the motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson. The motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Consideration Concerning a Determination to Abandon portions of Ferrous Road no longer utilized by the General Public.**

After discussion regarding the residents on Ferrous Road and GIW concern on safety for all, Commissioner Thompson suggested the board look into alternatives to closing the road.

Chairman Newton opened the floor for motion. Commissioner Favors denied the consideration to abandon portions of Ferrous Road. Commissioner Thompson approved the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The board will look into alternatives to provide a solution for all parties involved.

- 2) Consideration to Approve Resolution 23-15 to reappoint David Holt for Board of Assessors.**

Chairman Newton opened the floor for a motion.

Commissioner Thompson made the motion to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jopling. The motion carried unanimously.

- 3) Consideration to Approve Emergency repair through Utility Asset Management to Stagecoach and Folly Lake.**

County Manager Crawley and Chairman Newton provided details of emergency repair to Folly Lake. The repair quote came in at \$26,698.00 with the county spending up to \$20k out of TIA funds and the Folly Lake Community Residents paying the remaining amount of \$6,698.00.

Chairman Newton opened the floor for a motion.



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Commissioner Thompson made the motion to approve the recommendations and repair. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jopling. The motion carried unanimously.

- 4) Consideration to Enter Contract with CSRA Regional Commission for the for Administration of Paul Bruhn Subgrant Program for DTRP and Enter into Agreement with the CSRA RC to Assure Effective Management of the Project.**

County Manager Crawley provided details on CSRA RC Administrative contract.

Chairman Newton opened the floor for a motion. Commissioner Favors made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson. The motion carried unanimously.

- 5) Consideration to Adopt Resolution 23-14, to Temporarily Suspend the Issuance of Alcoholic Beverage Licenses within McDuffie County, Georgia and for Other Purposes.**

Chairman Newton opened the floor for a motion. Commissioner Favors made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson. The motion carried unanimously.

- 6) Consideration to Approve second reading to Amend the Fire Fee Ordinance to include Dearing as part of the fire service area.**

Chairman Newton opened the floor for a motion. Commissioner Thompson made the motion to approve the amendment. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jopling. The motion carried unanimously.

- 7) Consideration to approve UniFirst Customer Service Agreement.**

County Manager Crawley provided details of Customer Service Agreement for the Roads Department.

Chairman Newton opened the floor for a motion. Commissioner Jopling made the motion to approve the amendment. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Favors. The motion carried unanimously.

- 8) Consideration to Approve Meritain Administrative Services Agreement.**

Chairman Newton opened the floor for a motion. Commissioner Thompson made the motion to approve the amendment. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jopling. The motion carried unanimously.

- 9) Consideration Concerning the Purchase of CivicPlus Management and Meeting software for McDuffie County.**

County Clerk Carrie Edwards provided details of CivicPlus Management and Meeting software that will allow for streamline process and access of all open meetings within in the county.

Chairman Newton opened the floor for a motion. Commissioner Jopling made the motion to approve to approve the software. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Favors. The motion carried unanimously.



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10) Consideration Concerning Purchase of Cameras for Animal Services at the Animal Shelter.

County Manager Crawley provided details of the camera quotes for the Animal Shelter.

Chairman Newton opened the floor for a motion. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Favors. The motion carried unanimously.

11) Consideration to Approve Fall Trash Amnesty Day

Chairman Newton opened the floor for a motion for Trash Amnesty Day to be held on Saturday, October 28th. Commissioner Jopling made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Favors. The motion carried unanimously.

12) Presentation of Schedule of Fees.

The county presented Schedules of Fees.

13) Presentation of 2024 Proposed Budget.

The county presented proposed budget and Public Hearings will be held on October 17th and November 1st at the Regular Session meetings.

14) Presentation of September ACO Report.

County Manager Crawley presented the ACO report.

Chairman Newton opened the floor for a motion. Commissioner Favors made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Newton opened the floor for a motion. Commissioner Jopling made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson. The motion carried unanimously. Adjourned at 10:30 am.

MCDUFFIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Handwritten signature of Charles G. Newton, IV in black ink.

Charles G Newton, IV, Chairman

ATTEST:

Handwritten signature of Carrie Edwards in black ink.

Carrie Edwards, County Clerk