



**McDuffie County Board of Commissioners
Regular Commission Meeting
MINUTES**

Tuesday, Evening, October 17, 2023, 6:30 pm
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

MEDIA: McDuffie Progress
Members of the Public

PUBLIC HEARING

Chairman Newton opened the public hearing at 6:30 pm.

1. FY23 Budget Hearing

Chairman Newton turned it over to County Manager Crawley to provide details on the FY24 Budget.

2. Consideration to approve the rezoning of property at 5538 Lincolnton Highway (Parcel 00360003), from residential use to commercial use.

Chairman Newton turned it over to County Manager Crawley to provide details on the consideration to approve the rezoning.

3. Consideration to approve a variance of the distance requirements within O.C.G.A. § 16-12-215 to allow Barney's Pharmacy to dispense medical cannabis less than 1,000 feet from a church, 1682 Washington Road, Parcel Number OT080071)

Chairman Newton turned it over to County Manager Crawley to provide details on the consideration to approve the variance.

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	Work Session, October 2, 2023
	Regular Meeting, October 4, 2023



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

With no corrections, Vice Chair Wilson 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 both sets of the minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Favors. The motion carried unanimously.

INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Newton presented Information and Announcements.

- Camellia City Festival and Pink Ribbon Walk | Saturday, October 21st | 10am-5pm | Depot
- Trunk or Treat 2023 | Tuesday, October 31st | 5 pm – 8 pm | McDuffie County Sheriff's Office
- ACCG Fall Regional Meeting | Augusta | November 6th
- ACCG 2023 Winter Board of Managers | December 7th and 8th | Legacy Lodge Hotel, Lake Lanier Islands
- **Addition** Trash Amnesty Day | October 28th | 8 pm – 12 pm

APPOINTMENT/REAPPOINTMENT None

OLD BUSINESS None

NEW BUSINESS

1) Consideration to Approve ARPA Broadband Administrative Agreement.

Chairman Newton opened the floor for motion. Commissioner Thompson approved the motion for the agreement. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jopling. The motion carried unanimously.

2) Consideration to Approve Request for Qualifications for Design of Amphitheater and Park.

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.

3) Consideration to Approve Proclamation stating November 4th as Georgia Military Veterans' Hall of Fame, Inc. Day

Chairman Newton read the proclamation aloud and opened the floor for a motion. The motion was approved by Vice Chair Wilson. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jopling. The motion carried unanimously.

4) Consideration to Approve Resolution 23-16 Urging the Governor and General Assembly of Georgia to Continue Efforts to Reform and Improve Mental Health Services for the Citizens of Georgia.



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Chairman Newton opened the floor for approval of resolution. Commissioner Favors made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Wilson. The motion carried unanimously.

- 5) **Consideration to approve the rezoning of property at 5538 Lincolnton Highway (Parcel 00360003), from residential use to commercial use.**

Chairman Newton provided the information that the Planning Board's recommendation was to deny the rezoning. He opened the floor for a motion to accept the Planning Board's recommendation or reverse the Planning Boards decision. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to accept the Planning Board's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Favors. The motion to deny rezoning was carried unanimously.

- 6) **Consideration to approve a variance of the distance requirements within O.C.G.A. § 16-12-215 to allow Barney's Pharmacy to dispense medical cannabis less than 1,000 feet from a church, 1682 Washington Road, Parcel Number 0T080071)**

Chairman Newton opened the floor after sharing that the Planning Board made a motion to approve request. Commissioner Jopling made a motion to approve variance. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson. The motion carried unanimously.

- 7) **Monthly Budget Report**

County Manager Crawley provided the Monthly Budget Report update.

- 8) **Monthly Financial Report**

Pam Workman, Finance Director, provided the Monthly Financial Report.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Newton opened the floor for a motion. Vice Chairman Wilson made a motion to approve adjournment. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.

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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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