



McDuffie County Board of Commissioners
Regular Commission Meeting MINUTES
Tuesday Evening, November 21, 2023, 6:30 pm
Government Center Meeting Room

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Charlie G Newton, Chairman
Sammie Wilson, Vice-Chair
William "Bill" Jopling, Commissioner
Gloria Thompson, Commissioner

Absent: Fred Favors, Commissioner

MEDIA: McDuffie Progress
Members of the Public

COUNTY REPRESENTATION:

David Crawley, County Manager
Carrie Edwards, County Clerk
Pam Workman, Finance Director
Jason Smith, Community Development Director
Ruthie Thomas, Human Resources Director
Stephen Sewell, Fire Chief
Matthew Reid, Campground Manager
Janie Peebles, Animal Services Shelter Technician
Robert Spurlin, IT Director
Paul Johnson, Coroner
Dave Dunaway, County Attorney

PUBLIC HEARING

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

- 1) Consideration to rezone 943 Augusta Highway from R-1 to C-1.

Chairman Newton turned it over to County Manager Crawley to provide details.

- 2) Consideration for a special use exemption for 19.27 acres of larger parcel (Parcel 00370001) on Lincolnton Highway.

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REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING

WELCOME & CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Newton

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

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chairman Wilson offered invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC INPUT

Community Citizen Waldo Massey requested update on Wrightsboro Road Sewer Project. Chairman Newton provided an update from October 30th meeting with contractor and start date of March 4th, with supply and demand of material.

APPROVALS

Agenda	Current
Minutes	Regular Meeting <i>October 17, 2023</i>
	Work Session <i>October 30, 2023</i>
	Regular Session <i>November 1, 2023</i>

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



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

Vice Chair Wilson made the motion to approve the three sets of minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jopling. The motion carried unanimously.

INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Town of Dearing Christmas Tree Lighting | Friday, December 1st | 6 PM
- Chamber of Commerce, McDuffie County and City of Thomson Tree Lighting and Snow Party | Thursday, November 30th | 5 PM at the Depot
- ACCG 2023 Winter Board of Managers | December 7th and 8th | Legacy Lodge Hotel, Lake Lanier Islands
- Georgia Clerks Education Institute Advisory Retreat | December 7th and 8th | Athens, Georgia
- Christmas Parade | Saturday, December 9th | 3 – 5 PM
- McDuffie County Christmas Luncheon | Thursday, December 14th | 12:15 pm
- *Addition: West Bypass Ribbon Cutting | Thursday, December 7th | 9:30 am*

APPOINTMENT/REAPPOINTMENT

- Appointment of Historic Preservation Commission Members.
Jason Smith, Community Development Director, provided update on the possible members for the HPC.

OLD BUSINESS | None

NEW BUSINESS

1) Consideration to rezone 943 Augusta Highway from R-1 to C-1.

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

2) Consideration for a special use exemption for 19.27 acres of larger parcel (Parcel 00370001) on Lincolnton Highway.

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

3) Consideration to Approve the Sell of Sheriff Department vehicle(s).

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

4) Consideration to Approve the Appointment of Historic Preservation Commission Members.

The consideration and motion were tabled until prospective members were contacted.

5) Consideration to Approve Employee Education Increase.

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



6) Consideration to Approve the FY2024 Schedule of Fees.

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

7) Consideration to Approve Modifying McDuffie County Landfill Saturday hours.

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

8) Consideration to Approve quote for replacement of bathhouse #1, kiosk, and Day Use Pavilion roof at Big Hart Campground.

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

9) Consideration to Approve quote two storage buildings to house all Big Hart and Raysville Campground outdoor equipment, golf carts, lawnmower, kayaks, etc.

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

10) Consideration to Approve quote for Dog Kennel for specific use of injured, quarantined or birthing dogs.

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

11) Consideration to Approve 2024 Board of Commissioners Meeting Schedule.

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

12) Monthly Budget Report

County Manager Crawley provided the Monthly Budget Report update.

13) Monthly Financial Report

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

The Board Entered into Executive Session.

Vice-Chair Wilson made the motion to enter into executive session, *O.C.G.A. § 50-14-4. Meeting closure and executive sessions procedures.* The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jopling. The board approved unanimously.

- 1) Pending Litigation
- 2) Personnel



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The Board Adjourned the Executive Session.

Commissioner Thompson made the motion to adjourn executive session, *O.C.G.A. § 50-14-4. Meeting closure and executive sessions procedures*. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Wilson. The board approved unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Newton opened the floor for a motion to adjourn. Vice Chair Wilson made a motion to approve. 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 R Edwards, County Clerk