



McDuffie County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Commission Meeting MINUTES  
Tuesday Evening, January 16, 2024, 6:30 pm  
Government Center Meeting Room

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

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

**Absent:**

Gloria Thompson, Commissioner  
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  
Stephen Sewell, Fire Chief  
Matthew Reid, Campground Manager

**PUBLIC HEARING**

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

- 1) Consideration to approve variances and a special exemption for properties at 168 Branan Street and 166 Honey Hole Road.

Chairman Newton turned it over to the County Manager and Community Development Director, Jason Smith.

**REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING**

**WELCOME & CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Newton

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

**INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**APPROVALS**

Agenda	Current
Minutes	Regular Meeting January 3, 2024

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

In addition to adding the February 5<sup>th</sup> Work Session and Regular Session to New Business, Vice Chair Wilson made the motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jopling. The motion carried unanimously.

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

**INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Annual Chamber Banquet | Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup> beginning at 5:30 p.m. | Bordeaux Event Center
- 2)2024 Annual ACCG Conference | Savannah, Georgia | April 25<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> | Registration to be announced.

**APPOINTMENT/REAPPOINTMENT**      None

**OLD BUSINESS** | None



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**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Consideration to accept the Planning Commission recommendation for approval of variances and a special exemption for properties at 168 Branan Street and 166 Honey Hole Road.**

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

2. **Consideration to Approve Modifications to Schedule of Fees**
  - **Animal Services, Campground, and Planning & Zoning**

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

3. **Consideration to Approve ARPA Blind Willie McTell Park and Amphitheater Grant Agreement, between the OPB and McDuffie County.**

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

4. **Consideration to Combine Wednesday, February 6<sup>th</sup> Regular Session to February 4<sup>th</sup> Work Session for Regular Session Meeting due to leadership conflict.**

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

5. **Monthly Budget Report**

6. **Monthly Financial Report**

Chairman Newton opened the floor for a motion to approve Monthly Budget and Financial Report. Vice Chair Wilson made the motion to approve the agenda item. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jopling. The motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned.

MCDUFFIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Charles G. Newton, IV, Chairman

ATTEST:

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

Carrie R Edwards, County Clerk