



MCDUFFIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Commissioner Meeting
Wednesday, September 19, 2023 | 6:30 PM
Government Center Meeting Room

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Charles G Newton, Chairman
Sammie Wilson, Vice Chairman
Gloria Thompson, Commissioner
William "Bill" Jopling, Commissioner
Reverend Fred Favors, Commissioner

COUNTY REPRESENTATION:

David Crawley, County Manager
Carrie Edwards, County Clerk
Stacey Thomas, Tax Commissioner
Pam Workman, Finance Director
Stephanie Walker, Senior Center/Transit
Ruthie Thomas, HR Director
Jason Smith, Community Development
Stephen Sewell, Fire EMS
Robert Spurlin, IT Director

PUBLIC

MEDIA: McDuffie Progress
Members of the Public

HEARING

1. FY 2023 Millage Rate

County Manager Crawley presented the proposed FY23 millage rate. He advised the process for millage and what is required for the county to operate. Governor Kemp's one time additional \$18,000 in Homestead Exemptions was discussed.

WELCOME & 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

Darrick Brown requested to speak regarding the Land Bank property and his property that are connected.

APPROVALS

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Agenda

Current

Chairman Newton asked if there were any corrections to the Current Agenda. 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	September 6, 2023
	Executive Session	September 6, 2023
	Special Called	September 7, 2023 10:00 am



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Chairman Newton requested motion to approve August 15, 2023 minutes. Commissioner Jopling made the motion to approve minutes. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Wilson. The motion carried unanimously.

INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Newton reminded everyone of the upcoming Blind Willie Blues Festival weekend being held in Thomson, Saturday, September 23, 2023.

APPOINTMENT/REAPPOINTMENTS	None
OLD BUSINESS	None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration to Approve Resolution 23-11 for FY23 Millage.

County Manager Crawley provided a brief summary on the previously discussed Millage Rate Public Hearings. Chairman Newton opened the floor for discussion and the recommendation to roll back the rate to 7.50. The rate was discussed in length with Commissioner Thompson providing input on the recommendation to remain at 7.809 due to the \$18k additional homestead exemption by the state. Chairman Newton opened the floor for voting. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve the Millage Rate at 7.809. Commissioner Jopling seconded the motion. The motion was motion carried 3-2. Opposed: Chairman Charlie Newton, Commissioner Fred Favors.

2. Consideration to Approve Alcohol License for SAI KRUPA HOTEL LLC.

Community Development Director, Jason Smith provided an update on the alcohol license request. 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 to Approve the Resolution 23-12 for the Wrightsboro Road Sewer Expansion.

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

4. Consideration to Approve Transmittal Letter for FY25 5311 (Transit) Grant.

Chairman Newton requested a motion to approve. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Wilson. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Consideration to Approve Resolution 23-13 Authorizing the Filing of an Application with the Department of Transportation for FY25.



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County Manager Crawley provided an overview of Resolution 23-13. Chairman Newton requested a motion to approve. Vice Chair Wilson made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Consideration to Approve Supplemental Agreement with DOT Concerning Additional Funding for the West Bypass Project.

County Manager Crawley provided an update to request for additional dollars for West Bypass. Chairman Newton requested motion to approve. Commissioner Jopling made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson. The motion carried unanimously.

7. Consideration to Approve McDuffie County Education Salary Increase.

County Manager Crawley, along with HR Director, Ruthie Thomas provided a summary to approve educational salary increase. After thorough discussion regarding two separate employees Chairman Newton requested motion to approve. Commissioner Jopling made a motion to approve one employee based on discussion. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The second was tabled for further information. Vice Chair Vice Chair Wilson made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jopling. The motion carried unanimously. Tabled until further information from employee is obtained.

8. Monthly Budget Report.

County Manager Crawley provided an overview of the monthly budget. No motion required.

9. Monthly Financial Report.

Finance Director, Pam Workman provided an update of the monthly financial report. No motion required.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Charles G. Newton, IV".

Charles G. Newton, IV, Chairman

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carrie Edwards".

Carrie Edwards, County Clerk