

Regular Meeting Minutes
Dodge County Board of Commissioners
May 03, 2021

Present:

Dan McCranie, Chairman
Sharon Cobb Flanagan, District 1 Commissioner
Terry L. Niblett, Vice-Chairman, District 2 Commissioner
Brian Watkins, District 3 Commissioner
Karen Cheek, District 4 Commissioner

Also Present:

John P. Harrington, County Attorney
Conner Bearden, County Manager
Kimberly Smith-Parkerson, County Clerk

The Dodge County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting at the Dodge County Pearl Bates Courthouse Annex at 6:00 p.m. on **Monday, May 03, 2021**. Chairman McCranie led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a devotion from Commissioner Cheek entitled *Jesus' Unpopular Ideas* from Matthew 5:33-48. Afterward, she gave the invocation.

Elected Officials/Department Heads

A. EMS Director Shannon Weston

Director Weston reported 9,694 miles in April with 270 calls. May is National *Stop the Bleed* month, and Director Weston plans to offer a class to the community on May 20. The new ambulance is scheduled to arrive at the end of May. Weston also reported 74 overdoses in Dodge County from Jan 1 to current month of May.

B. Fire Coordinator Jamey Wilkinson

Fire Coordinator Wilkinson reported volunteer fire department calls in March and April as below. Statistics were garnered from Dodge/Wilcox E911.

March -

Total Dispatched Calls: 102
Fire Calls: 34
Rescue Calls: 68
Non-response: 24

April –

Total Dispatched Calls: 90
Fire Calls: 34
Rescue Calls: 56
Non-response: 29

C. Mitchell Volunteer Fire Department SPLOST Request

On behalf of Mitchell RFD, Manager Bearden presented a request for \$10,575.00 for a Holmatro EVO 3 GCT 5160 Heavy Rescue Tool Package from Georgia Fire Rescue Supply. His packet also included a quote for a Holmatro EVO 3 Cutter and Spreader Rescue Package for \$17,589.00. Manager Bearden reported \$12,745.18 available in the 2013 SPLOST for Mitchell.

Commissioner Niblett approved the request for the Heavy Rescue Tool Package for \$10,575.00 from Georgia Fire Rescue Supply. Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion; all voted in favor and the motion passed.

Approval of Minutes

A. April 19, 2021 – Regular Meeting

Commissioner Niblett made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Flanagan seconded. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

Old Business

A. Road Abandonment – Fall Drive, Cadwell Lane

Chairman McCranie announced the intention of the County to abandon a portion of Fall Drive extending from its intersection at Golf Course Road on one end and Indigo Lane at the other. Also, the County will abandon Cadwell Lane from State Highway 117 to its intersection at Cadwell Road. County Attorney Harrington reported checking the titles at both properties and verifying no private residents in either case. Also, the abandonment will not

interfere with thru roads or stop access. Chairman McCranie opened the floor for public comments. None were rendered.

Commissioner Niblett made a motion to approve the abandonment of Fall Drive and Cadwell Lane. Commissioner Watkins seconded. All voted in favor with the exception of Commissioner Flanagan who abstained.

New Business

A. Approval of Accounts Payable

Commissioner Niblett made a motion to approve the Accounts Payable list totaling \$177,335.73 with Commissioner Watkins seconding. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

B. Aging Advisory Committee Appointments

In response to the correspondence from the Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Commission requesting new appointments for the Aging Advisory Committee, Commissioner Niblett noted Mr. Printis Thomas Jr. rotated off last year, which is why his meeting attendance was zero (0).

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to table the appointments and advertise for interested applicants. Commissioner Niblett seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Reports

None submitted.

County Manager Report: Conner Bearden

- Manager Bearden reported the tire abatement event is scheduled for May 19 through June 1 at the Transfer Station.
- Updated ordinances have been submitted to Municode, and they anticipate giving a response in 60 to 90 days.
- Gresston Rural Fire Department wants to pursue a dumpster placement and an MOU is in progress. All rural fire departments have been asked to consider dumpster placements, as well.

Public Comments

Susan Coffee indicated Lisa Livingston as the point of contact for Manager Bearden on the Aging Advisory Committee.

Executive Session

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 6:27 p.m. to discuss legal matters. Commissioner Niblett seconded and all voted unanimously. The motion passed.

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to end the Executive Session at 7:03 p.m. and Commissioner Cheek seconded. The vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Once in the public session, Chairman McCranie opened the floor for any further business. The following items were voted upon:

- Commissioner Watkins made a motion to enter into an agreement with Hofstadter & Associates for engineering services for the FY 2021 CDBG project. Commissioner Flanagan seconded the motion. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.
- Commissioner Niblett made a motion to approve a Resolution to apply for the FY 2021 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). Commissioner Flanagan seconded, and all voted in favor. The motion passed.
- Commissioner Watkins made a motion to end the contract with Southern Correctional Medicine for inmate medical services. Commissioner Cheek seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

- Commissioner Watkins made a motion to enter into contract with Dodge County Hospital for inmate medical services. Commissioner Niblett made the second, and all voted in favor. The motion passed.

Adjournment

With no further business to address, Commissioner Niblett made a motion to adjourn at 7:07 p.m. Commissioner Watkins seconded; all voted in favor, and the meeting was adjourned.

Attested:

Kimberly Smith-Parkerson, County Clerk

Approved:

Dan McCranie, Chairman