



**Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
Dodge County Board of Commissioners  
Monday, February 21, 2022, 6:00 p.m.**

**Commissioners Present:**

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

**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 on **February 21, 2022**. Chairman McCranie presided and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Chairman McCranie led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a devotion from Commissioner Cheek entitled *Feeling Fatigued* from Psalm 37 and Psalm 46:10. Afterward, she prayed.

**Elected Officials/Department Head**

**A. Dodge County Proclamation**

Chairman McCranie presented a plaque to Leonard Floyd and read the following proclamation:

**Whereas**, the Dodge County Board of Commissioners is proud to recognize the achievements of a citizen of our community; and

**Whereas**, Leonard Cornelius Floyd attended Dodge County High School in Eastman, Georgia, where he played football and participated in track; and

**Whereas**, Leonard Floyd attended Hargrave Military Academy; and

**Whereas**, Leonard Floyd committed to play college football at the University of Georgia in April 2011. He was a true freshman in 2013 and started 8 of 13 games. He played 11 games his sophomore season and played 13 games his junior year. After his junior year, he announced his intentions to enter the 2016 NFL Draft; and

**Whereas**, the Chicago Bears selected Leonard Floyd in the first round, ninth pick of the 2016 NFL Draft. He signed a four-year contract with the Chicago Bears on May 27, 2016; and

**Whereas**, Leonard Floyd signed a one-year contract with the Los Angeles Rams on April 24, 2020. On March 15, 2021, Floyd signed a four-year contract extension with the Rams; and

**Whereas**, on February 13, 2022, Leonard Floyd represented our community in Super Bowl LVI, where the Los Angeles Rams played against the Cincinnati Bengals; and

**Whereas**, on February 13, 2022, the Los Angeles Rams won Super Bowl LVI by a score of 23 to 20 against the Cincinnati Bengals; and

**Whereas**, it is proper that our community appropriately recognize and honor such an athlete;

**Now therefore**, the governing officials of Dodge County, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, February 22, 2022, as **Leonard Floyd Day**. So proclaimed this 21st day of February, 2022.



On motion of Commissioner Niblett and seconded by Commissioner Watkins, the proclamation was approved as presented. With all voting in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

### **Approval of Minutes**

#### **February 07, 2022 – Regular Meeting**

On motion of Commissioner Niblett and seconded by Commissioner Watkins, the minutes were approved as published. With all voting in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

### **Old Business**

#### **A. Joint Development Authority of Bleckley County and Dodge County**

On motion of Commissioner Niblett and seconded by Commissioner Watkins, Kennon Graham was nominated for reappointment to the Joint Development Authority of Bleckley County and Dodge County. With no other nominations forthcoming, on motion of Commissioner Watkins and seconded by Commissioner Cheek, nominations were closed. Kennon Graham was reappointed by acclamation.

### **New Business**

#### **A. Approval of Accounts Payable**

On motion of Commissioner Niblett and seconded by Commissioner Cheek, the accounts payable report totaling \$200,969.00 was approved as presented. With all voting in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

#### **B. West Chicken Road Repair**

A motion was made by Commissioner Niblett to approve the West Chicken Road repair bid package utilizing the 50-year event with three (3) 72" pipes with a headwall at an estimate of \$297,937.45. Commissioner Watkins seconded. With all voting in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

#### **C. Grant Writer**

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to approve a retainer agreement with public safety grant writer Bonnie Kelly for \$500 monthly. Commissioner Flanagan seconded. All voted favorably, and the motion passed.

### **Commissioner Reports**

Nothing presented.

### **County Manager Report: Conner Bearden**

Manager Bearden updated regarding House Bill 1329, which specifically addresses an increase in the coroner's salary.

### **Public Comments**

Citizen Larry Johnson addressed the board regarding animal control issues at his residence on Ocmulgee Church Road.

Susan Coffee discussed the challenges of the CDBG online survey.



**Executive Session**

Commissioner Niblett made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss legal matters and land acquisition at 6:45 p.m. Commissioner Watkins seconded. With all voting in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to return to the regular session at 7:18 p.m. Commissioner Niblett seconded. With all voting in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

Chairman McCranie gave opportunity for motions to come before the Commission. Commissioner Watkins made a motion for the County to purchase and survey two (2) acres of land in the southern part of the county. Commissioner Niblett seconded the motion. With all voting in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

**Adjournment**

With no further business to address, Commissioner Watkins made a motion to adjourn at 7:19 p.m. Commissioner Niblett seconded; all voted in favor, and the meeting adjourned.

Attested:

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Kimberly Smith-Parkerson, County Clerk

Approved:

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Dan McCranie, Chairman