

**Board Meeting Minutes
Dodge County Board of Commissioners
Monday, October 17, 2022, at 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

Also Present:

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

Absent:

Karen Cheek, District 4

The Dodge County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting at the Dodge County Pearl Bates Courthouse Annex Monday, October 17, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. with Chairman McCranie presiding. He called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Afterward, Commissioner Niblett led the prayer.

Elected Officials/Department Head

A. Michael Johnson – EMS Update

EMS Director Michael Johnson reported revenues of \$84,448 for September. Year-to-date totaled \$149,686. The contract with Elevos should be ending November 6.

B. Jamey Wilkinson – Fire Update

Fire Chief Wilkinson was unable to attend.

Approval of Minutes

A. Minutes – October 03, 2022 Regular Meeting

A motion was made by Commissioner Watkins and seconded by Commissioner Niblett to approve the regular meeting minutes as published. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

B. Minutes – October 13, 2022 Called Meeting to Set Millage Rate

A motion was made by Commissioner Niblett and seconded by Commissioner Flanagan to approve the called meeting minutes as published. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

Old Business

A. Proposed Policy for the BOC – Attorney Guidance

In the prior meeting on October 3, Chairman McCranie had recommended the County Attorney review the proposed policy for adherence to state law.

Attorney Harrington stated the first paragraph was not in violation of state law; however, the second paragraph should have further clarification to reiterate a commissioner would not be restricted from voting in a matter.

Proposed BOC Policy for Board Meetings

All requests for funding (e.g., SPLOST, TSPLOST) shall be presented from someone representing the organization/authority, other than a commissioner appointed by the Dodge County Board of Commissioners, or otherwise, to that organization/authority.

Any Board of Commissioner motions made regarding such funding requests must be from a commissioner other than a commissioner appointed to that organization/authority, whether by the Board of Commissioners or otherwise. (This isn't intended to prevent a commissioner appointed to another organization/authority from voting on any related issue.)

B. Road Department Brush Cutter

The County Manager reported quotes were pending. Commissioner Watkins made a motion to table with Commissioner Niblett seconding. All voted to table until more information could be obtained.

New Business

A. Approval of Accounts Payable

A motion was made by Commissioner Niblett and seconded by Commissioner Flanagan to approve the accounts payable report totaling \$88,067.64. With all voting in favor, the motion passed.

B. Adjoining Subdivision Road Discussion

County Manager Bearden requested discussion in regard to high-density developments whose roadways will adjoin county roadways and the necessity of the developer's providing watershed impact studies. He informed the Board one such potential subdivision to be discussed in the City of Eastman's Planning and Zoning meeting was on Orphan Cemetery Road. Chairman McCranie requested Manager Bearden attend the next City Council meeting for more information.

C. Appoint 2023 Budget Committee

The board agreed to set a work session to discuss the 2023 budget.

Commissioner Reports

- Commissioner Flanagan reported attending the NACO Community Economic Workforce Development Committee meeting. The Chips and Science Act for revitalizing domestic manufacturing was a topic of discussion.
- Commissioner Flanagan reported attending the Regional Workforce Development Board and several economic development meetings.
- Commissioner Niblett reported the Airport has completed all paperwork for the \$4.5 million grant.

County Manager Report: Conner Bearden

Manager Bearden reported the following:

- The tax digest was accepted by the DOR. Tax bills originated October 14 and will be due December 20. (According to state law, there must be 60 days between billing date and due date.)
- Department of Community Affairs scheduled an award ceremony for the Community Development Block Grant on November 1 in Forsyth. The County Manager will attend.
- The 2023 LMIG list was submitted.

- The recreation department was awarded top honors by the Georgia Parks and Recreation Association (GRPA).
- A motor grader caught fire and was a total loss.



Public Comments

None presented.

Adjournment

With no further business to address, Commissioner Watkins made a motion to adjourn at 6:45 p.m. Commissioners Flanagan and Niblett seconded; all voted in favor, and the meeting adjourned.

Attested:

Kimberly Smith-Parkerson, County Clerk

Approved:

Dan McCranie, Chairman