



Board Meeting Minutes

Dodge County Board of Commissioners

Monday, November 07, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. – FINAL APPROVED MINUTES

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:

Conner Bearden, County Manager
Kimberly Smith-Parkerson, County Clerk

Absent:

John P. Harrington, County Attorney

The Dodge County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting at the Dodge County Pearl Bates Courthouse Annex Monday, November 7, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. with Chairman McCranie presiding. He called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Afterward, Commissioner Cheek led a devotion, entitled "Gratitude is Medicine for Your Soul," from Psalm 100. Afterward, she prayed.

Elected Officials/Department Head

A. Jamey Wilkinson – Fire Update

EMS Jamey Wilkinson reported 126 total fire calls for October with no non-response calls from the county.

Approval of Minutes

A. Minutes – October 17, 2022 Regular Meeting

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

Old Business

A. Road Department Brush Cutter

County Manager Bearden presented quotes, as follows:

- John Deere 6105E with 22' Samurai and 60" rotary head - \$174,125.00
- John Deere 6110 M with 24' Maverick and 60" rotary head - \$238,506.54
- John Deere Mulch Head from Blanchard Equipment - \$32,000
- Massey Ferguson 5711D Tractor with 22' Side Boom Mower - \$165,096.40

In the 2019 SPLOST equipment funds, the county has \$1,669,739.49 available, Bearden reported.

A motion was made by Commissioner Watkins and seconded by Commissioner Niblett to purchase the John Deere 6105 E for \$174,125.00. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

No motion was made on the mulch head.

B. 2023 Budget Work Session

The board set the work session for Tuesday, November 15 at 6:00 p.m.

New Business



A. Approval of Accounts Payable

A motion was made by Commissioner Flanagan and seconded by Commissioner Niblett to approve the accounts payable report totaling \$501,783.67. With all voting in favor, the motion passed.

B. USDA Grant Resolution

Cindy McQuaig detailed the requirements of the USDA Community Facilities Grant in the amount of \$41,000 to leverage with a county portion of \$33,711 to purchase fire hoses and nozzles. A motion was made by Commissioner Watkins and seconded by Commissioner Niblett to approve the USDA grant resolution. All voted favorably, and the motion passed.

C. Eight Circuit Public Defender Contract

A motion was made by Commissioner Watkins to approve the 2023 portion of the public defender contract in the amount of \$84,345.42. Commissioner Flanagan seconded and all voted in favor. Motion passed.

D. Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Commission – 3rd Member Reappointment

A motion was made by Commissioner Watkins and seconded by Commissioner Niblett to table the reappointment of the 3rd appointment until the next meeting. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

E. Eighth Circuit District Attorney Grant Approval

A motion was made by Commissioner Flanagan and seconded by Commissioner Watkins to retroactively accept the Oconee Judicial Circuit 2022 Grant C21-8-001 in the amount of \$93,998.00 and B50-8-128 in the amount of \$42,120.00. All voted agreeably, and the motion passed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cheek and seconded by Commissioner Niblett to accept the FY 2023 Oconee Judicial Circuit grants in the amounts of \$91,642 and \$42,120. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Watkins and seconded by Commissioner Cheek to authorize District Attorney Timothy G. Vaughn as the signing authority for all submissions and documents pertaining to the Dodge County Oconee Judicial Circuit Victim Witness Assistance Program for the 2022-2023 grant year. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

F. Upcoming Board Appointments

- Airport Authority Board Member Neil Spradley resigned.
- Recreation Board Member Kenton Haley resigned.

G. Proposed Subdivision

County Manager Bearden reported he was assured by the developer of the proposed subdivision that EPD requires studies which will address storm water displacement.



Manager Bearden showed excerpts of minutes from the City of Eastman regarding annexations into the city limits in 2002 and 2003. City Manager Spence Barron and City Engineer Jesse Bearden were in attendance and concurred with the information.

Commissioner Reports

None presented.

County Manager Report: Conner Bearden

Manager Bearden reported the following:

- Manager Bearden, Chairman McCranie, and Commissioner Flanagan attended DCA's award ceremony for the CDBG award of \$634,730.00.
- The Recreation Board voted in Wynnon Pittman as the new chair.

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 seconded; all voted in favor, and the meeting adjourned.

Attested:

Kimberly Smith-Parkerson, County Clerk

Approved:

Dan McCranie, Chairman