

**Board Meeting Minutes  
Dodge County Board of Commissioners  
Monday, March 06, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.**



**Commissioners Present:**

Chairman Dan McCranie  
Sharon Cobb Flanagan, District 1  
Kelly Belflower, District 2  
Brian Watkins, District 3  
Vice-Chair 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 Monday, March 06, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. with Chairman McCranie presiding. He called the meeting to order and asked for a motion to amend the agenda, as follows:

- Removal - E. Reconstitute Dodge County Development Authority (**O.C.G.A. § 36-62-1**)
- Addition - Executive Session for Legal and Land Acquisition

A motion was made by Commissioner Belflower and seconded by Commissioner Cheek to amend the agenda, as detailed. All voted in favor, and the agenda was amended.

Chairman McCranie then led the Pledge of Allegiance. Afterward, Commissioner Cheek read a devotion from Psalm 68:11 and led a prayer.

**Elected Officials/Department Head**

None present.

**Approval of Minutes**

**A. Minutes – February 20, 2023 Regular Meeting**

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

**Old Business**

**A. Council on Aging Intergovernmental Agreement**

Manager Bearden presented the board with a final copy of the agreement which was passed at the February 20 meeting.

**B. Solar Ordinance**

A motion was made by Commissioner Watkins and seconded by Commissioners Flanagan and Belflower to table the solar ordinance. All voted favorably and the solar ordinance item was tabled.

**New Business**

**A. Approval of Accounts Payable**

A motion was made by Commissioner Belflower and seconded by Commissioner Flanagan to approve the accounts payable report totaling \$164,724.08. With all voting in favor, the motion passed.

## **B. Budget Amendment**

A motion was made by Commissioner Belflower and seconded by Commissioner Cheek to remove \$4,000 from the contingency fund and place it in the Council on Aging utilities fund. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

## **C. Dodge County Eastman Development Authority Invoice**

A motion was made by Commissioner Flanagan and seconded by Commissioner Cheek to table the Dodge County/Eastman Development Authority invoice. All voted in favor, and the item was tabled.

## **D. Dodge County Courthouse**

- **Request for Additional Fees and Services**
- **Next Steps Forward**

No motion was made. Chairman McCranie requested the attendance of Kenneth Spriggs for clarification of additional fees and next steps.

## **Commissioner Reports**

- Chairman McCranie appointed Commissioners Belflower and Cheek to the Road Committee.
- Commissioner Flanagan requested additional copies of the outdoor recreation map and notified the board of broadband meetings taking place in Macon and Vidalia.
- Commissioner Belflower reported the Roddy Fire Department clean-up was a success.

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

Manager Bearden reported discussion with Lori Chaney regarding Studstill Road, and he also updated regarding the Department of Public Health's food truck operating standards.

Next, Manager Bearden reported Dodge County Hospital appointed Dr. Jim Rahn to the hospital authority board.

## **Public Comments**

Cindy Eckles reported reason for delay in county aerial map update.

## **Executive Session**

A motion was made by Commissioner Watkins and seconded by Commissioner Flanagan to enter an executive session to discuss legal matters and land acquisition at 6:41 p.m. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Watkins and seconded by Commissioner Belflower to reenter regular session at 7:03 p.m. All voted favorably, and the motion passed.

## **Adjournment**

With no further business to address, a motion was made by Commissioner Watkins and seconded by Commissioner Flanagan to adjourn at 7:04 p.m. 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