

**Board Meeting Minutes  
Dodge County Board of Commissioners  
Tuesday, January 17, 2023 - 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 Tuesday, January 17, at 6:00 p.m. with Chairman McCranie presiding. He called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Afterward, Commissioner Cheek gave a devotion from John 11, entitled *Never Late*, and led the prayer.

**Elected Officials/Department Head**

**A. Michael Johnson – EMS Update**

EMS Director Michael Johnson reported, as follows:

- An EMS Trauma Grant of \$4,500 was awarded to the EMS Department.
- Paramedic classes will begin March 9.
- An education coordinator has been hired.
- December revenues were approximately \$51,000. (Now billing in-house.)

**B. Jamey Wilkinson – Fire Update**

Fire Chief Jamey Wilkinson updated, as follows:

- 54 calls for December with 10 fire and 2 county service calls.
- 4 firemen are retiring from our jurisdiction.
- He inquired regarding the progress of Station 13's land purchase. Attorney Harrington advised completion of his part in the proceedings.

**Approval of Minutes**

**A. Minutes – January 03, 2023 Regular Meeting**

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

**Old Business**

**A. Department of Public Health – Proposed Fees for Food Trucks**

Rachel Templeman with South Central Health in Dublin joined the meeting virtually and addressed the board. House Bill 1443, effective January 1, permits food trucks to obtain a permit in the county of origin only; whereas, before the bill, a mobile food truck had to obtain permits in every county in which it operated. Additionally, the bill indicates mobile food trucks must obtain an authorization to operate in every county where they do business.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cheek and seconded by Commissioner Flanagan to approve an inspection fee of \$75 and a mobile unit authorization fee of \$75 for mobile food trucks. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.



## **B. Dodge County Board of Health Reappointment**

Chairman McCranie opened the floor for nominations for the Dodge County Board of Health's Consumer Advocate. Commissioner Cheek nominated Ms. Mallory Guyton. With no other nominations forthcoming, Commissioner Watkins made a motion to close nominations. Commissioner Flanagan seconded. All voted unanimously to close nominations.

Ms. Mallory Guyton was appointed Consumer Advocate for the Dodge County Board of Health by acclamation.

## **C. Oconee Judicial Circuit Grants**

- Grant C22-8-076
- Grant C18-8-566

A motion was made by Commissioner Watkins and seconded by Commissioner Belflower to approve the Oconee Judicial Circuit Grants C22-8-076 in the amount of \$114,553.00 and C18-8-566 in the amount of \$46,400.00. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

## **New Business**

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Watkins and seconded by Commissioner Flanagan to approve the accounts payable report totaling \$380,701.64. With all voting in favor, the motion passed.

### **B. Motor Grader Engine Replacement**

A motion was made by Commissioner Watkins and seconded by Commissioner Belflower to approve \$44,466.71 to replace a motor grader's engine utilizing property and liability insurance funds recouped (\$74,633) from the motor grader which burned. CAT will provide the repair with a 60-day turnaround. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

### **C. Probate Court – JAG Agreement**

A motion was made by Commissioner Watkins and seconded by Commissioner Belflower to approve the JAG Probation Services Agreement with the addition of magistrate, if allowable. All voted favorably, and the motion passed.

### **D. 2023 LMIG Bids**

A motion was made by Commissioner Watkins and seconded by Commissioner Flanagan to approve the low bid from Scruggs in the amount of \$1,587,242.55. All voted in favor, and the motion passed. The county's match will be approximately \$655,149.42.

### **E. Recreation Department Bylaws**

A motion was made by Commissioner Watkins and seconded by Commissioner Flanagan to approve the bylaw amendments, as detailed below, with Attorney Harrington's insertion of the correct Georgia code. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

- Meetings will be bi-monthly and no longer quarterly.
- Recreation Board Commissioners shall be appointed by the Dodge County Board of Commission.

- The Board of Commissioner Ex-Officio member may be the BOC Chairman or his/her designee.



**F. Tax Matter – Denton Coleman**

1. A motion was made by Commissioner Belflower and seconded by Commissioner Watkins to refund 2018 and 2019 taxes to Mr. Denton Coleman due to a billing error by the county. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.
2. A motion was made by Commissioner Watkins and seconded by Commission Flanagan to refund the Tax Commissioners’ office for Mr. Coleman’s prior refund for 2020 and 2019 given by the Tax Commissioners’ office. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.
3. A motion was made by Commissioner Belflower and seconded by Commissioner Flanagan for the Tax Assessor’s Office to properly assess Mr. Denton Coleman’s property and for the Tax Commissioner’s Office to issue a tax bill to the correct party. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

**G. Airport Authority Board Appointment – Commissioner**

The commissioner appointment will be discussed at the next meeting. No motions were made.

**Commissioner Reports**

Nothing reported.

**County Manager Report: Conner Bearden**

Manager Bearden reported on the following:

- County has received notice of bridge replacement on Airport Road over Alligator Creek.
- State legislature is back in session.
- Aerial photography meeting with the Board of Tax Assessors.
- Court reporter excess monies refunded to the county in the amount of \$16,811.

**Public Comments**

None presented.

**Adjournment**

With no further business to address, Commissioner Watkins made a motion to adjourn at 7:41 p.m. Commissioner Belflower 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