

**Board Meeting Minutes  
Dodge County Board of Commissioners  
Monday, August 07, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.**



**Also Present:**

Ron Daniels, Assistant County Attorney  
Conner Bearden, County Manager  
Kimberly Smith-Parkerson, County Clerk

**Absent:**

John P. Harrington, County Attorney  
Vice-Chair Karen Cheek, District 4

**Commissioners Present:**

Chairman Dan McCranie  
Sharon Cobb Flanagan, District 1  
Kelly Belflower, District 2  
Brian Watkins, District 3

The Dodge County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting at the Dodge County Pearl Bates Courthouse Annex Monday, August 07, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. with Chairman McCranie presiding. He called the meeting to order, led the Pledge of Allegiance, and prayed.

**Elected Officials/Department Heads**

Nothing presented.

**Approval of Minutes**

**A. Minutes – June 17, 2023 Regular Meeting**

Commissioner Flanagan made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes with no amendments. Commissioner Belflower seconded. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

**Old Business**

**A. Fire Station 13 Bid Results**

The following bids met requirements and held current licenses and certificates of insurance:

- WBM Construction at \$492,000
- McWright at \$392,200
- Graham & Studstill at \$191,000

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to accept the low bid from Graham & Studstill at \$191,000. Commissioner Belflower seconded the motion.

After discussion, Commissioner Watkins moved to amend the motion by adding a \$250 per day penalty for late fees to the contract. Commissioner Belflower seconded the amendment. All voted in favor to pass the amended motion to accept the low bid from Graham & Studstill with a \$250 per day penalty for late fees added to the contract.

**B. Farmer's Market Board Appointment**

Chairman McCranie opened the floor for nominations to the Farmer's Market Board. Commissioner Belflower made a motion to nominate Alisha Hall Cheek. With no other nominations forthcoming, Commissioner Watkins made a motion to close nominations. Commissioner Flanagan seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Chairman McCranie stated Alisha Hall Cheek was appointed to the Farmer's Market Board by acclamation.

### **C. Ocmulgee Regional Library Board Appointment**

Chairman McCranie opened the floor for nominations to the Ocmulgee Regional Library Board. Commissioner Watkins made a motion to nominate incumbent Maria G. Williams. With no other nominations forthcoming, Commissioner Belflower made a motion to close nominations. Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Chairman McCranie stated Maria G. Williams was appointed to the Ocmulgee Regional Library Board by acclamation.

### **New Business**

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Flanagan and seconded by Commissioner Watkins to approve the accounts payable report totaling \$161,666.53. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

#### **B. ACCG Legislative Appointment**

Chairman McCranie opened the floor to appoint a county delegate to attend the ACCG 2023 Legislative Leadership Conference. Commissioner Belflower made a motion to nominate Commissioner Flanagan. With no other nominations forthcoming, Commissioner Watkins made a motion to close nominations. Commissioner Belflower seconded the motion. Both Commissioners Watkins and Belflower voted in favor. (For the record, Commissioner Flanagan stated an abstention in the voting procedure.)

Chairman McCranie stated Commissioner Flanagan was appointed by acclamation.

#### **C. FY 2025 5311 Grant Resolution**

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to approve the resolution authorizing the filing of an application with DOT and GDOT for a 5311 Grant. Commissioner Belflower seconded the motion. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

#### **D. FY 2023 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Financials**

Chairman McCranie opened the floor to the county manager to discuss 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter financials.

#### **E. Road Work Orders for 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter**

Chairman McCranie opened the floor to the county manager to discuss road work orders for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter.

#### **F. Disaster Relief Legislation**

Chairman McCranie opened the floor for the county manager to discuss the disaster relief legislation, which allows local governments to extend temporary tax reliefs in disaster areas. After discussion, Chairman McCranie and the board requested to see a model ordinance before taking any action.

### **Commissioner Reports**

- Commissioner Belflower invited Assistant Fire Chief Joe Jarrell to update the board.
- Chairman McCranie informed the board about the Aviation Day Fly-In on Saturday, August 19 at the Heart of Georgia Regional Airport.

**County Manager Report: Conner Bearden**

Manager Bearden reported the following:

- The Gresston dumpster site building is in place and awaiting inspection from the building inspector.
- No committee meetings will take place this month due to ACCG policy meetings.
- Millage rate meetings will be held this month.

**Public Comments**

Nothing presented.

**Adjournment**

With no further business to address, a motion was made by Commissioner Watkins and seconded by Commissioner Belflower to adjourn at 6:48 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