

**Board Meeting Minutes
Dodge County Board of Commissioners
Monday, August 21, 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:

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

The Dodge County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting at the Dodge County Pearl Bates Courthouse Annex Monday, August 21, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. with Chairman McCranie presiding. He called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Cheek read a devotion from Psalm 100 and prayed.

Elected Officials/Department Heads

Manager Bearden reported the Fire Department's statistics in the absence of Fire Chief Wilkinson. He reported 37 medical calls, 7 motor vehicle crashes, 5 brush fires, 14 downed trees, 2 vehicle fires, 4 structure fires, 2 missing persons, and 6 miscellaneous calls for the month of July.

Chairman McCranie introduced visitor Mike O'Quinn, a consultant with ACCG.

Approval of Minutes

A. Minutes August 07, 2023 Regular Meeting

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

B. Minutes August 10, 2023 Called Meeting

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

Old Business

A. Landfill Mulching

Manager Bearden presented pictures of the mulched limb pile at the landfill and requested a contract on behalf of LRS Management. A motion was made by Commissioner Watkins to approve the contract for the remainder of the year, and then to discuss a new contract next year. Commissioner Belflower seconded the motion. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

B. Fire Station 13

Blake Studstill addressed the board regarding the liquidation clause added to the Fire Station contract. He requested 60 days for construction after the arrival of the metal building before any liquidated damages begin accruing.

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to allow 60 days after the metal building arrives before liquidated damages. Attorney Harrington recommended the motion state “metal building package.” Commissioner Watkins agreed. Commissioner Belflower seconded. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

B. Disaster Relief Legislation

Manager Bearden informed the board that a disaster relief ordinance can be enacted at time of need.

New Business

A. Approval of Accounts Payable

A motion was made by Commissioner Watkins and seconded by Commissioner Belflower to approve the accounts payable report totaling \$566,146.45. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

B. Sean Peacock

Sean Peacock was not in attendance.

C. HVAC Bid

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to allow Manager Bearden to seek bids for an HVAC unit on the court side of the Pearl Bates Annex building. Commissioner Flanagan seconded. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

Commissioner Reports

- Commissioner Flanagan reported from the Heart of GA Altamaha Workforce Development Board. The Coastal Pines Technical College is now offering carpentry skills and basic electrician classes, which may be programs Dodge can offer in the future.
- Commissioner Flanagan reported from the ACCG meeting that there was an update to the model solar ordinance.
- Commissioner Belflower updated from the airport authority meeting. The fly-in was successful. Also, hangers are being built.
- Commissioner Watkins updated that the development authority had donated approximately three acres for the hangers to be built.

County Manager Report: Conner Bearden

Manager Bearden reported the following:

The Board of Education had to change their meeting date to set the millage rate due to errors in the advertisement.

Commissioner Belflower made a motion to set the millage rate at a called meeting on September 11 at 6:30 p.m. to follow the Board of Education’s which is at 5:30 p.m. Commissioner Watkins seconded. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

Manager Bearden updated regarding the cardboard recycling facility, which should be completed soon.

Also, Manager Bearden stated an ingress/egress easement has been filed for Hobb’s Road.



Public Comments

Samuel Rollins requested repairs to Dyal Still Road.

Adjournment

With no further business to address, a motion was made by Commissioner Watkins and seconded by Commissioner Flanagan to adjourn at 6:49 p.m. All voted in favor, and the meeting adjourned.

Attested:

Kimberly Smith-Parkerson, County Clerk

Approved:

Dan McCranie, Chairman