

**Board Meeting Minutes
Dodge County Board of Commissioners
Tuesday, September 18, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.**



Commissioners Present:

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

Also Present:

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

Absent:

Vice-Chair Karen Cheek, District 4

The Dodge County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting at the Dodge County Pearl Bates Courthouse Annex Tuesday, September 18, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. with Chairman McCranie presiding. He called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Watkins led a prayer.

Elected Officials/Department Heads

A. EMS Director Michael Johnson

Director Johnson reported August cash revenues at \$135,371.19, and call volume for the month at 391 calls.

B. Fire Chief Jamey Wilkinson

Fire Chief Wilkinson reported 94 calls in August with 550 totaling thus far for the year.

Approval of Minutes

A. Minutes – September 05, 2023 Regular Meeting

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

B. Minutes – September 11, 2023 Called Meeting

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

Old Business

A. SPLOST Request – Sanitation

Manager Bearden requested up to \$4,500 on behalf of the City of Rhine for a building and the cost to run electricity to it for their manned dumpster site. Commissioner Watkins made a motion to approve the SPLOST request. Commissioner Belflower seconded. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

New Business

A. Approval of Accounts Payable

A motion was made by Commissioner Flanagan and seconded by Commissioner Belflower to approve the accounts payable report totaling \$95,675.91. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

B. CDBG – LAP Approval

Commissioner Belflower made a motion to approve the Language Access Plan for the FY 2022 Community Development Block Grant as prepared by the Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Commission. Commissioner Watkins seconded. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.



C. TSPLOST Project

Manager Bearden reported \$1.2 million in district TSPLOST funds had been granted to the county due to excess funds in the prior 10-year TSPLOST. (The excess funds were distributed to 17 counties and the municipalities.)

Manager Bearden discussed a recommendation from the Road Committee to use the funds to pave WPA Road to Jay Bird Springs. Engineers estimated the project at \$1,514,240.00. Bearden reported \$2,361,756.90 in the TSPLOST account with \$2,061,756.90 available after earmarked funds. He requested permission from the Board to move the project to the bid phase.

Commissioner Watkins made the motion to solicit bids for the WPA road project. Commissioner Belflower seconded. Manager Bearden reported the road would have a 4" graded aggregate base with triple-surface paving at 18' wide requiring a 35-45 mph speed limit. All voted favorably, and the motion passed.

Commissioner Reports

- Commissioner Belflower reported the airport authority had signed an agreement with American Airlines.

County Manager Report: Conner Bearden

Manager Bearden reported the following:

- The road committee discussed the TSPLOST project, 2024 LMIG, Dyal Still Road, and a potential update to the road ordinance.
- Audit is nearing completion. Some leases are pending from some offices.
- A courthouse abatement check was received in the amount of \$248,916, and that project is complete.
- Music on Main is scheduled for Oct. 14.
- CDBG grant bid opening is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 26.
- Fire Station 13's land has been graded, and the building has been ordered.
- RWD grant quarterly reporting is due at the end of the month.

Public Comments

Nothing presented.

Adjournment

With no further business to address, a motion was made by Commissioner Watkins and seconded by Commissioner Flanagan to adjourn at 6:28 p.m. All voted in favor, and the meeting adjourned.

Attested:

Approved:

Kimberly Smith-Parkerson, County Clerk

Dan McCranie, Chairman