



**Dodge County Board of Commissioners
Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 19, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.**

Commissioners Present:

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

Also Present:

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

Absent:

Karen Cheek, District 4
Vice-Chair Brian Watkins, District 3

The Dodge County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting at the Dodge County Pearl Bates Courthouse Annex Monday, February 19, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. with Chairman McCranie presiding. He called the meeting to order, led the Pledge of Allegiance, and said a prayer.

Elected Officials/Department Heads

A. EMS Director Michael Johnson

Not in attendance.

B. Fire Chief Jamey Wilkinson

Fire Chief Jamey Wilkinson reported 55 calls in January with 0 non-response.

Executive Session

Commissioner Flanagan made a motion to enter executive session at 6:04 p.m. to discuss a legal matter. Commissioner Belflower seconded the motion. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

Commissioner Belflower made a motion to return to regular session at 7:00 p.m. Commissioner Flanagan seconded the motion. All voted in favor, and the regular meeting continued.

Approval of Minutes

A. Minutes – February 05, 2024

Commissioner Flanagan made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes. Commissioner Belflower seconded. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

Old Business

A. Joint Work Session

Commissioner McCranie stated he was working with the chairman of the city council on dates for a joint work session and would have dates soon.

B. Dodge County Courthouse RFPs

Manager Bearden stated he had completed the courthouse RFP and had forwarded it to the county attorney for review.

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 \$283,518.91. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

B. John B. McCranie Road

Manager Bearden discussed the matter of John B. McCranie Road, specifically a prescriptive easement portion of the road which needs gravel. The board had no objections.

C. West Chicken Road

Manager Bearden reported he’s working with the property owner at West Chicken Road about a concrete spillway for the pond.

D. Old Giddens School Trustees

Manager Bearden shared that the Old Giddens School Trustees had one surviving member. And, he had been approached by persons interested in being appointed. Attorney Harrington noted that the Superior Court Judge notifies those individuals.

E. 2024 4th Quarter Financials

The board reviewed the unaudited 4th Quarter financials, as detailed below. Manager Bearden stated the information would be published in the newspaper.

Dodge County Commissioners
Statement of Revenue and Expenditures by Source QTR 4 FY2023

Unaudited

REVENUES:	Collected	Expenditure
Taxes:	\$ 5,023,094.36	_____
Permits and Licenses:	14,119.29	
Intergovernmental:	1,090,080.31	
Charges for Services:	423,263.72	
Judicial Fees and Charges:	156,420.08	
Special Revenue Charges:	218,716.17	
 EXPENSES:		
Board of Commissioners		\$ 37,966
Office of Co. Commissioner:		77,661.64
CTHSE EXP. (PUBLIC BLDGS. & ANNEX)		45,538.08
Election Expense:		17,574.45
Registrar:		19,551.68
Office of Tax Commissioner:		64,862.06



Tax Assessor and Appraiser:	80,236.26
Superior Court	64,101.65
District Attorney	14,799.21
Clerk of Superior Court	69,639.62
Magistrate:	47,261.83
Probate Court	50,734.88
Sheriff:	978,457.64
Coroner:	14,720.62
E-911:	110,943.64
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES:	445,178.00
PS* RFD* RURAL FIRE DEPT&OTHER EXP.MPS	(3,322.50)
Dodge County Fire Department/ EMA	81,076.47
Oconee Drug Task Force	56,697.00
Roads	173,853.58
Sanitation	233,983.42
HEALTH AND WELFARE:	16,819.51
Nutrition Center:	12,578.12
RECREATION & CULTURE:	58,701.71
Building Inspection:	22,375.67
Other Dev. & Haus.	6,549.99
County Agent	18,813.90
Transit	54,661.89
Misc Community Service	82,303.84
Board of Equalization	825.00
Group Ins/Ret.*Co.Share	3,240.80
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 6,925,693.93
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	2,958,385.90

F. 2023 Financials (General Fund)

The board reviewed the unaudited general fund financials for 2023. He noted for 2023 that total revenues were \$13,208,740 and total expenditures were \$13,530,406, creating a deficit of \$321,666. Manager Bearden stated that the unaudited numbers didn't include a million dollars of revenues from the tax commissioner's office, which was deposited in the general fund the first week in January.

G. 4th Quarter Road Work Order Report

Manger Bearden reviewed the road work order report and noted the average completion time was 16 days.

Commissioner Reports

- Commissioner Flanagan reported from Workforce Development Board regional meeting and noted Swainsboro and Dublin have displaced workers.
- Commissioner Flanagan also reported on the NACO Legislative conference, and they're strongly suggesting a holistic approach to economic development.
- Commissioner Belflower reported from Airport Authority meeting.

County Manager Report: Conner Bearden

- County Manager Bearden reported the new LMIG funding would not require a local match and applications for the funding must be received by June 30.
- Next, he gave a legislative update.
- Manager Bearden noted the TSPLOST account had been compromised, so the account was closed. And there would be a new account opened.
- Attorney Harrington noted there was a Georgia Opioid Settlement in which the county may want to appoint a delegate.

Public Comments

Nothing commented.

Adjournment

With no further business to address, a motion was made by Commissioner Belflower and seconded by Commissioner Flanagan to adjourn at 7:38 p.m. All voted in favor, and the meeting adjourned.

Attested:

Approved:

Kimberly Smith-Parkerson, County Clerk

Dan McCranie, Chairman