

Dodge County Board of Commissioners
Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 03, 2024



Commissioners Present:

Chairman Dan McCranie
Sharon Cobb Flanagan, District 1
Kelly Belflower, District 2
Vice-Chair Brian Watkins, District 3
Karen Cheek, District 4

Also Present:

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

The Dodge County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting at the Dodge County Pearl Bates Courthouse Annex Monday, June 03, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. with Chairman McCranie presiding. He called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Next, Commissioner Cheek gave a devotion on love being demonstrated by our actions and led a prayer.

Elected Officials/Department Heads

None present.

Approval of Minutes

A. Minutes – May 20, 2024 Regular Meeting

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. DFCS Board Appointment

Applications received: Michael McClinton and Janine Beck

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to open nominations with incumbent Michael McClinton. Commissioner Flanagan seconded the nomination.

With no other nominations forthcoming, Commissioner Cheek made a motion to close nominations. Commissioner Watkins seconded. All voted in favor.

Chairman McCranie stated Michael McClinton was appointed by acclamation.

B. Council on Aging Board Appointment

Application received: Willie M. Nash

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to open nominations with Willie M. Nash. Commissioner Cheek seconded the nomination.

With no other nominations forthcoming, Commissioner Flanagan made a motion to close nominations. Commissioner Belflower seconded. All voted in favor.

Chairman McCranie stated Michael McClinton was appointed by acclamation.

C. SPLOST Request – Sheriff’s Office

Manager Bearden presented a SPLOST request from the Sheriff’s Office to upgrade the control stations for the jail doors by South Western Communications in the amount of \$42,021. Commissioner Belflower made a motion to approve the SPLOST request. Commissioner Flanagan 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 Commissioners Belflower and Watkins to approve the accounts payable report totaling \$193,193.19. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

B. Recreation Board Appointment

Manager Bearden submitted a resignation from recreation board member Kori Peterson and announced he would be advertising to fill the position.

C. WIOA CLEO Board

Dan McCranie stated he would attend the WIOA CLEO Board Zoom meeting June 10, at 10:30 a.m.

D. City Annexation

- **James Property – Annexation of .37 acres, more or less, Land Lot No. 308, 16th Land District, Dodge County Map/Parcel E23 033; Petitioner: Marqual James – 5400 Dodge Avenue, Eastman, GA 31023**

Commissioner Flanagan made a motion to approve the petition for annexation. Commissioner Cheek seconded. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

- **Dodge County Hospital – Annexation of 9.14 acres, more or less, Land Lot No. 8, 15th Land District, Dodge County Map/Parcel E13 025C; Petitioner: Dodge County Hospital Authority – 901 Griffin Avenue, Eastman, GA 31023**

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to approve the petition for annexation. Commissioner Flanagan seconded. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

E. Tax Matter

Commissioner Belflower spoke on behalf of Evelyn R. Jessup, who requested penalties be waived on two tax bills not mailed to the correct address. The board requested the county manager research the matter and provide more information at the next meeting.

Commissioner Reports

- Commissioner Flanagan reported the city has the old Goody’s building open for bids. Also, she reported highlights from a workforce development zoom meeting and GEMA presentation.

County Manager Report: Conner Bearden

County Manager Bearden reported, as follows:

- The solar meeting convened, and EDP requested clarification about the ordinance.
- The LRA grant was submitted for approval.
- Tire abatement will go through June 16.
- SPLOST negotiation meeting will be June 20 at 6 p.m.
- The surplus auction brought in approximately \$48,000.

Public Comments

Susan Coffee reported the cardboard recycling bin in the old Goody's parking lot had the lid open, and she wasn't able to close it due to the height of the bin.

Adjournment

With no further business to address, a motion was made by Commissioner Watkins and seconded by Commissioner Cheek to adjourn at 6:31 p.m. All voted in favor, and the meeting adjourned.

Attested:

Approved:

Kimberly Smith-Parkerson, County Clerk

Dan McCranie, Chairman