

Dodge County Board of Commissioners
Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, July 01, 2024



Commissioners Present:

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

Absent:

Kelly Belflower, District 2

Also Present:

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

The Dodge County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting at the Dodge County Pearl Bates Courthouse Annex Monday, July 01, 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 entitled "Crystal-Clear Goals" and led a prayer.

Public Hearing – Sweet Home Church Road Dumpsters

Chairman McCranie opened the public hearing for the Sweet Home Church Road dumpsters and allowed public comments. One stated the dumpster site has been much cleaner since Milan's dumpsters opened, but the dumpsters obscure the view when turning left off Cook Lane. Also, it was stated that illegal dumping of non-household items is a concern. After public comments, the Chairman stated the board would try to reach a decision by the next meeting in two weeks.

Elected Officials/Department Heads

None present.

Approval of Minutes

A. Minutes – June 17, 2024 Regular Meeting

Commissioner Flanagan stated the minutes should state "three trailers from the company and two from the county." (This was in reference to the tire abatement in the county manager report section.) Commissioner Watkins made a motion to approve the minutes with the correction noted by Commissioner Flanagan. Commissioner Flanagan seconded. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

B. Minutes – June 20, 2024 SPLOST Meeting

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

Old Business

A. Tax Matter

The county attorney, with input from the county manager, stated that the tax assessor's office hadn't made an error in the tax matter. No motion was made.

B. Sweet Home Church Road Dumpsters

Commissioner Cheek made a motion to table the matter of the Sweet Home Church Road dumpsters. Commissioner Flanagan seconded. All voted in favor, and the matter was tabled.

C. Parcel E21 083

As noted at the county’s prior meeting, Manager Bearden received a request to purchase Parcel E21 083 (.14 acres on Mt. Moriah Street), acquired by the county in a tax sale in August 1997. Manager Bearden followed up the board’s request to engage an auctioneer to sale the property. Manager Bearden stated Rebel Auction (Hazlehurst, GA) handles real estate sales, but he has also asked Building Inspector Rob Stanley to contact GTS who conducts the county’s tax sales.

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 \$615,049.37. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

B. 2024 SPLOST Discussion

Chairman McCranie stated the next SPLOST Negotiation meeting will be July 11 at 5 p.m. The cities will be in attendance.

Commissioner Reports

- Commissioner Flanagan reported from the community and economic workforce development meeting that federal funding for the CDBG and HUD would be more strenuous to attain in FY 2025.

County Manager Report: Conner Bearden

County Manager Bearden reported, as follows:

- Local Roads Administration (LMIG supplement grant) bids are due tomorrow, July 2.
- The courthouse committee will be meeting July 8 to discuss and select recommendations from the RFQs.
- The CDBG close-out public hearing will be July 18.

Public Comments

None.

Executive Session

Commissioner Flanagan made a motion to enter executive session at 6:37 p.m. Commissioner Watkins seconded. All voted in favor, and the board went into executive session to discuss legal matters and personnel.

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to reenter the regular meeting at 7:27 p.m. Commissioner Cheek seconded. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

Adjournment

With no further business to address, a motion was made by Commissioner Watkins and seconded by Commissioner Flanagan to adjourn at 7:28 p.m. All voted in favor, and the meeting adjourned.

Attested:

Kimberly Smith-Parkerson, County Clerk

Approved:

Dan McCranie, Chairman