

Dodge County Board of Commissioners
Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 03, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.



Commissioners Present:

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

Also Present:

Conner Bearden, County Manager
Kimberly Smith-Parkerson, County Clerk
Ron Daniels, County Attorney

The Dodge County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting at the Dodge County Pearl Bates Courthouse Annex Tuesday, September 03, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. with Chairman McCranie presiding. He called the meeting to order and asked for a motion to amend the agenda to add an executive session for legal matters after public comments. Commissioner Watkins made the motion, and Commissioner Flanagan seconded. All voted in favor; the motion passed, and the agenda was amended. Next, Chairman McCranie led the Pledge of Allegiance. After that, Commissioner Cheek gave a devotion from Psalm 100 and led a prayer.

Elected Officials/Department Heads

Nothing presented.

Approval of Minutes

A. Minutes - August 19, 2024 Regular Meeting

Commissioner Flanagan made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes with no additions, corrections or deletions. Commissioner Cheek seconded. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

B. Minutes – August 23, 2024 Work Session

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to approve the work session minutes with no additions, corrections or deletions. Commissioner Cheek seconded. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

C. Minutes – August 29, 2024 Called Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to approve the called meeting minutes with no additions, corrections or deletions. Commissioner Cheek seconded. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

Old Business

A. Financial Software

Manager Bearden updated the board regarding the Edmunds and BS&A contract renewal rates after the first year. Edmunds' payment schedule is set for five years without an increase; whereas, BS&A has an annual increase of 5% unless the consumer price index is higher. Commissioner Watkins requested Manager Bearden continue researching available options.

B. Board of Elections

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to table the Board of Election appointments. 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 Commissioner Watkins to approve the accounts payable report totaling \$106,734.68. All voted in agreement, and the motion passed.

B. Dodge County UGA Extension

Commissioner Flanagan made a motion to approve the addition of a Family and Consumer Sciences Agent to the Dodge County Extension. Commissioner Cheek seconded. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

C. Sales Ratio Study

Manager Bearden discussed the sales ratio studio. The equalized ratio was 36.64% with 98 samples in the study.

D. Courthouse Project Discussion

The board discussed the courthouse project. Chairman McCranie requested the county manager compile information from the three construction groups to present at the next meeting.

Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Flanagan reported from several meetings, including the NACO Agricultural and Rural Affairs meeting and the ACCG policy meetings.

County Manager Report: Conner Bearden

County Manager Bearden reported the following:

- House Bill 581 training for the floating homestead exemption will be available in Tifton on October 1st.
- The Georgia Chamber's Rural Prosperity Summit is October 2nd and 3rd. It's also in Tifton.
- ACCG's Regional meeting for District 9 will be October 28th in Metter, GA.
- The auditor is conducting the county's audit for FY '23.
- The Transit Trust Fund allocation for Dodge County for next year is \$157,268 and requires no match.

Public Comments

None given.

Executive Session

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

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to return to regular session at 6:46 p.m. Commissioner Cheek seconded. All voted in favor, and the board returned to regular session.

Adjourn

With no other business to come before the board, Commissioner Watkins made a motion to adjourn at 6:47 p.m. Commissioner Cheek seconded, and all voted in favor. The meeting adjourned.

Attested:

Approved:

Kimberly Smith-Parkerson, County Clerk

Dan McCranie, Chairman