

**Dodge County Board of Commissioners
Public Hearing/Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 18, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.**



Commissioners Present:

Chairman Dan McCranie
Sharon Cobb Flanagan, District 1
Leigh Ann Greene, District 2
Vice-Chair Brian Watkins, District 3
Karen Cheek, District 4

Also Present:

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

The Dodge County Board of Commissioners held a public hearing in conjunction with their regular meeting at the Dodge County Pearl Bates Courthouse Annex Monday, November 18, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. with Chairman McCranie presiding. He called the public hearing/meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. After that, Commissioner Cheek gave a devotion from John 14 and led a prayer.

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to amend the agenda to add an executive session for legal matters after public comments. Commissioner Cheek seconded. All voted in favor, and the agenda was amended.

The county manager presented and discussed the proposed county budgets, as detailed below. The floor was opened for public comments. Susan Coffee inquired as to the library budget allocations. The public hearing ended at 6:08 p.m.

Dodge County Commissioners 2025 BUDGET	
Revenues	
Taxes:	9,236,243.00
Permits and Licenses:	38,500.00
Intergovernmental:	1,790,356.00
Charges for Services:	2,126,929.00
Judicial Fees and Charges:	507,000.00
Special Revenue Charges:	655,000.00
TOTAL REVENUE	14,354,028.00
Expenditures	
Board of Commissioners	146,494.00
Office of Co. Commissioner	383,771.00
CTHSE EXP. (PUBLIC BLDGS. & ANNEX)	319,684.00
Group Ins/Ret.* Co. Share	64,124.00
Board of Elections	130,192.00
Office of Tax Commissioner	248,349.00
Tax Assessor and Appraiser	423,443.00
Equalization Board	750.00
Superior Court	384,061.00
District Attorney	67,550.00
Clerk of Superior Court	324,963.00
Magistrate	219,013.00
Probate Court	236,865.00
Sheriff	2,237,673.00
Jail	1,900,584.00
Coroner	43,194.00
E-911	669,245.00
Emergency Medical Services	1,801,169.00
Other Public Safety	20,000.00
Fire / EMA	707,200.00
Oconee Drug Task Force	204,397.00
Roads	1,867,010.00
Sanitation	815,146.00
Health & Welfare	67,155.00
Nutrition Center:	55,563.00
Recreation & Library	246,307.00
Building Inspection	105,354.00
Other Dev & Housing	24,288.00
County Agent	106,532.00
Transit	399,933.00
Misc Community Service	134,019.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 14,354,028.00

Dodge County, Georgia 2025 Budget E-911 Special Revenue Fund		
Revenues:		
	Charges for Services	\$ 500,000.00
	Dodge County Contribution	\$ 169,245.00
	Total Revenues	\$ 669,245.00
Expenditures:		
	E911 Operations	437234.00
	E 911 * SALARIES *	437234.00
	E 911 * HEALTH INS	93663.00
	E 911 * PR TAXES	33448.00
	E 911 * RETIREMENT	8000.00
	E 911 * W/COMP	750.00
	E 911 * GTA * TECHNICAL SUPPORT	500.00
	E 911 * DRUG & ALCOHOL TESTING	200.00
	E 911 * RADIO CONTRACT	0.00
	E 911 * VEH. R&M * & INSURANCE	1000.00
	E 911 * BLDG. & EQUIP R&M * MAINT	10000.00
	E 911 * COST RECOVERY CELL PH COMPANY	0.00
	E 911 * SOFTWARE 24/7 SUPPORT	2000.00
	E 911 * PROPERTY INSURANCE	900.00
	E 911 * TELEPHONE	61000.00
	E 911 * UNEMPLOYMENT	100.00
	E 911 * REIMB.MILAGE TRAVEL&LODG	2000.00
	E 911 * MISC. GDOC OTHER EXP	0.00
	E 911 * ADDRESS SIGN SUPPLIES	1500.00
	E 911 * CLEANING SUPPLIES	750.00
	E 911 * OFFICE SUPPLIES	3500.00
	E 911 * UNIFORMS	1000.00
	E 911 * ALL UTIL.SEE SUB CATEG.	8000.00
	E 911 * WATER	1450.00
	E 911 * VEH. FUEL TIRES & OIL	750.00
	E 911 * OFFICE R&M	0.00
	E 911 * COPY LEASE	1500.00
	Total E-911	669245.00
Excess (Deficiency) Revenues over Expenditures		0

<u>2025 Budget TSPLOST</u>	
<u>Revenues</u>	
Sales Tax Receipts	\$720,000.00
<u>Expenditures</u>	
Road Improvements	\$720,000.00
Excess/Deficiency Revenues over Expenditures	\$ -
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<u>2025 Budget 2019 SPLOST</u>	
<u>Revenues</u>	
Sales Tax Receipts	\$2,400,000.00
<u>Expenditures</u>	
Payments to Entities	\$1,008,000.00
Roads, Buildings, Equipment	\$1,197,600.00
Economic Development	\$72,000.00
Recreation Department	\$26,400.00
Rural Fire Departments	<u>\$96,000.00</u>
Total Expenditures	\$2,400,000.00
Excess/Deficiency Revenues over Expenditures	\$ -
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<u>2025 Budget Law Library</u>	
<u>Revenues</u>	
Judicial Fees and Charges	\$8,000.00
<u>Expenditures</u>	
Public Safety	\$8,000.00
Excess/Deficiency Revenues over Expenditures	\$ -
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<u>2025 Drug Education Fund</u>	
<u>Revenues</u>	
Judicial Fees and Charges	\$12,000.00
MISC	
<u>Expenditures</u>	
Public Safety	\$12,000.00
Excess/Deficiency Revenues over Expenditures	\$ -

2025 Budget Sheriff's Office Internal Accounts		
<u>Account</u>	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>
Cash Bonds	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 75,000.00
Equipment	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
Sheriff's Fees	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 28,000.00
Deposit Account Fraud	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00
Condemnation	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Bond Fee	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Commissary	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 75,000.00
Vending	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
TOTAL	<u>\$ 253,500.00</u>	<u>\$ 253,500.00</u>

The board continued the regular meeting.

Elected Officials/Department Heads

EMS Director Michael Johnson reported 366 calls in October with revenues of \$123,660.80, which was a 61% collection rate.

In the absence of Fire Chief Wilkinson, Director Michael Johnson also reported 97 calls for the fire department in October.

Approval of Minutes

A. Minutes – November 04, 2024 Regular Meeting

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

Old Business

A. Eastman Downtown Development Authority (DDA)

DDA Chair Paula McCain requested funds for a downtown ice skating event. At the prior meeting, the board tabled this request until liability could be determined. Paula McCain stated the City of Eastman would cover liability. No motion was made.

B. Solar Ordinance

County Manager Bearden reviewed the updates made to the solar ordinance which added definitions, added noise restrictions, detailed visual buffers, established setback barriers, and surety bond requirements. Commissioner Watkins made a motion to approve the ordinance after amending Section 5B, subsection C to set the surety bond in the amount of \$15,000 per acre with a yearly increase as determined by the consumer price index. Commissioner Flanagan seconded the motion.

After discussion and input from Attorney Harrington, Commissioner Watkins amended his motion to approve the ordinance after amending Section 5B, subsection C to state that the applying party should provide an assessment by an independent third party for decommissioning costs to the Board of Commissioners for approval to be used in setting the bond amount. Over the life of the project, the bond amount may be adjusted using the Consumer Price Index, or other inflationary measurements. Commissioner Flanagan amended her second to the same. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

The solar ordinance, as amended, is spread upon the minutes below:

AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE THE DODGE COUNTY, GA CODE TO PROVIDE COMPREHENSIVE GUIDELINES FOR THE SAFE AND ORDERLY DEVELOPMENT OF SOLAR ENERGY IN DODGE COUNTY.

WHEREAS it is in the best interest of Dodge County to facilitate the siting, construction, installation, and decommissioning of solar energy systems (SESs) in Dodge County in a manner that encourages local economic development and protects the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Dodge County, and at the same time mitigates any adverse impacts to wildlife, agricultural lands, forests, and other natural landscapes; and

WHEREAS the intent of Dodge County is to increase energy security and diversify the energy portfolio, to promote the use of Georgia-based energy resources, to decrease the cost of energy, to bolster local economic development and employment prospects, to increase consumers' choices in energy consumption, to encourage the use of a renewable energy resource, to support Georgia's sustainability agenda, and to reduce air and water pollution; and

WHEREAS the intent of Dodge County is not to compromise or contradict the health, safety, or environmental requirements contained in other federal, state, and local laws, nor is it to create heightened standards for the siting, construction, installation, and decommissioning of SESs that would discriminate against SESs relative to other similar commercial, industrial, or utility projects within Dodge County;

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of Dodge County as follows:

Definitions

- **Solar Energy System (SES)** means a device or structural design feature that provides for the collection of solar energy for electricity generation, consumption, or transmission, or for thermal applications.

- **Structure** means a preexisting building.
- **Integrated Solar Energy System** means an SES where solar materials are incorporated into building materials, such that the two are reasonably indistinguishable, or where solar materials are used in place of traditional building components. An Integrated SES may be incorporated into, among other things, a facade, skylight, shingles, canopy, light, parking meter, driveway lighting, or any small self-contained solar powered device.
- **Rooftop Solar Energy System** means an SES that is structurally mounted to the roof of a house, building, or other structure and does not qualify as an Integrated SES.
- **Ground Mounted Solar Energy System** means an SES that is structurally mounted to the ground and does not qualify as an Integrated SES. The **Footprint** of a Ground Mounted SES is calculated by drawing a perimeter around the outermost SES panels and any equipment necessary for the functioning of the SES, such as transformers and inverters. The Footprint does not include any visual buffer or perimeter fencing. Transmission lines (or portions thereof) required to connect the SES to a utility or consumer outside the SES perimeter shall not be included in calculating the Footprint. Ground Mounted SESs shall be delineated by size as follows:
 - **Small Scale Ground Mounted Solar Energy System (Small Scale SES)** means a Ground Mounted SES with a total project footprint up to 49.9 acres.
 - **Intermediate Scale Ground Mounted Solar Energy System (Intermediate Scale SES)** means a Ground Mounted SES with a total project footprint from 50 acres to 199.9 acres.
 - **Large Scale Ground Mounted Solar Energy System (Large Scale SES)** means a Ground Mounted SES with a total project footprint of 200 acres or more.

Section 1. – Applicability

- (a) This article applies to the siting, construction, installation, and decommissioning of any new SES to be constructed or installed after April 1, 2023 within the jurisdiction of Dodge County.
- (b) Any SES that, prior to April 1, 2023:
 1. is in operation;
 2. is being lawfully sited, constructed, or installed; or
 3. has caused the incurrence of substantial liabilities relating to siting, construction, or installation;
 shall be exempt from complying with this ordinance, unless the surface area of an Integrated SES or Rooftop SES or the Footprint of a Ground Mounted SES is increased by more than 5 – 25% after April 1, 2023.
- (c) Unless otherwise expressly stated herein, an SES shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, including the requirements of the Dodge County and applicable building, fire, electric, and plumbing codes. If a provision in this ordinance directly conflicts with a requirement of Dodge County, this ordinance shall control.

Section 2. – Requirements for Integrated Solar Energy Systems

- (a) **Solar Access.** Consistent with O.C.G.A. § 44-9-20 *et seq.*, a property owner may obtain a solar easement from another property owner for the purpose of ensuring the Integrated SES adequate exposure to sunlight.

Section 3. – Requirements for Rooftop Solar Energy Systems

- (a) **Solar Access.** Consistent with O.C.G.A. § 44-9-20 *et seq.*, a property owner may obtain a solar easement from another property owner for the purpose of ensuring the Rooftop SES adequate exposure to sunlight.
- (b) **Height.** A Rooftop SES shall not vertically exceed the highest point of the roof to which it is attached as set by applicable federal and state and regulations. Further, a Rooftop SES shall not be constructed in such a manner as to interfere with the use of adjacent property.

- (c) **Airports.** Any system proposed within a three (3) mile radius of an airport or helipad shall present evidence that they have consulted with the appropriate authority regarding the solar energy system before construction and completed a review process with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). This review from the FAA shall indicate that the proposed facility shall not interfere with the normal operation of aircraft in the area. Systems shall not be placed in the vicinity in a manner that would interfere with the airport flight patterns.

Section 4. – General Requirements for All Ground Mounted Solar Energy Systems

The following requirements apply to all Ground Mounted SESs, in addition to the specific requirements in this ordinance that apply to Intermediate and Large Scale SESs respectively.

- (a) **Solar Access.** Consistent with O.C.G.A. § 44-9-20 *et seq.*, a property owner may obtain a solar easement from another property owner for the purpose of ensuring a Ground Mounted SES adequate exposure to sunlight.
- (b) **Impervious Surface.** Ground mounted structures and components of the Ground Mounted SES, including transformers and foundations, shall be considered impervious. However, the panels of a Ground Mounted SES shall be considered pervious if they maintain sheet flow and allow for water to infiltrate under and around them through a pervious surface and into the subsoil.
- (c) **Lighting.** To reduce light pollution, lighting of a Ground Mounted SES shall:
 - 1. be limited to the minimum reasonably necessary for its safe operation;
 - 2. be directed downward where reasonably feasible;
 - 3. incorporate full cut-off fixtures; and
 - 4. reasonably utilize motion sensors.
- (d) **Decommissioning.** Unless otherwise approved by the Board of Commissioners, decommissioning shall begin no later than 12 months after a Ground Mounted SES has ceased to generate electricity or thermal energy:
 - 1. for a Ground Mounted SES allowed without a permit, within 6 months of the beginning of decommissioning, the SES and all structures associated with it shall be removed, all materials shall be recycled or otherwise reused to the extent reasonably practicable, and the property shall be returned to its condition prior to the installation of the SES or to some other condition reasonably appropriate for the designated land use; and
 - 2. for a Ground Mounted SES allowed with a permit, the SES shall be decommissioned in accordance with the most recent decommissioning plan approved by the Board of Commissioners.
- (e) **Airports.** Any system proposed within a three (3) mile radius of an airport or helipad shall present evidence that they have consulted with the appropriate authority regarding the solar energy system before construction and completed a review process with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). This review from the FAA shall indicate that the proposed facility shall not interfere with the normal operation of aircraft in the area. Systems shall not be placed in the vicinity in a manner that would interfere with the airport flight patterns.
- (f) **Noise.** Systems must adhere to the noise standards to avoid contribution to excessive noise pollution. The following noise limits shall apply:
 - 1. The continuous sound level generated by the system shall not exceed thirty-five (35) decibels, measured at a distance of twenty-five (25) feet from the property line of the operation.
- (g) **Signage.**
 - 1. shall display signs (a) stating the risks that may result from contact with a SES, (b) identifying the owner or operator of the SES, and (c) providing a 24-hour emergency contact phone number;
 - 2. shall have signs that contain educational information about the SES.
- (h) **Visual Buffers.**
 - 1. SES shall have and maintain, to the extent reasonably practicable, a visual buffer from the ground up to six (6) feet high of natural vegetation, plantings, earth berms, and minimum fencing six (6) feet high that provides a reasonable visual and lighting screen to reduce the view of and potential reflection from the SES to structures on adjacent lots (including those lots located across a public right-of-way). The existing natural tree growth and natural

land forms along the SES perimeter may create a sufficient buffer and shall be preserved when reasonably practicable. Any visual buffer must be established and maintained in accordance with the most recent visual buffer plan approved by the Board of Commissioners.

Section 4A. – Specific Requirements for Small Scale Solar Energy Systems

The following requirements apply to Small Scale SESs, in addition to the general requirements in this ordinance that apply to all Ground Mounted SES.

(a) Setbacks. A Small Scale SES shall comply with the following setback requirements:

1. the Small Scale SES shall be located at a minimum of (a) 100 feet from any property line.
2. the Small Scale SES shall be located at a minimum of (a) 100 feet from any public right-of-way.
3. the Small Scale SES shall be located at a minimum of 200 feet from any property line directly across from a structure for a linear distance (along the property line) equivalent to the length of the structure facing the property line plus an additional 250 feet from both ends of the structure.

Section 4B. – Specific Requirements for Intermediate Scale Solar Energy Systems

The following requirements apply to Intermediate Scale SESs, in addition to the general requirements in this ordinance that apply to all Ground Mounted SES.

(a) Setbacks. An Intermediate Scale SES shall comply with the following setback requirements:

1. the Intermediate Scale SES shall be located at a minimum of (a) 150 feet from any property line.
2. the Intermediate Scale SES shall be located at a minimum of (a) 150 feet from any public right-of-way.
3. the Intermediate Scale SES shall be located at a minimum of 200 feet from any property line directly across from a structure for a linear distance (along the property line) equivalent to the length of the structure facing the property line plus an additional 250 feet from both ends of the structure.

Section 4C. – Specific Requirements for Large Scale Solar Energy Systems

The following requirements apply to Large Scale SESs, in addition to the general requirements in this ordinance that apply to all Ground Mounted SES.

(a) Setbacks. A Large Scale SES shall comply with the following setback requirements:

1. the Large Scale SES shall be located at a minimum of 150 feet from any property line.
2. the Large Scale SES shall be located at a minimum of 150 feet from any public right-of-way.
3. the Large Scale SES shall be located at a minimum of 200 feet from any property line directly across from a structure for a linear distance (along the property line) equivalent to the length of the structure facing the property line plus an additional 250 feet from both ends of the structure.

Section 5- Permit Requirements

1. Permits are required for Rooftop and Ground Mounted Systems.

Section 5A. – Permit Application

The following shall be contained in any Special Use Permit application for an SES:

(a) Basic Information. The applicant shall submit a document that lists the following:

1. the address of the property on which the SES will be located;
2. the applicant's name, address, telephone number, and email address;
3. the property owner's name, address, telephone number, and email address;
4. if known, the SES operator's name, address, telephone number, and email address;
5. if known, the installation company's name, address, telephone number, email address, and license number; and evidence of the applicant's control of the property, such as a deed, lease, or option agreement with the

landowner.

(b) Planning. The applicant shall submit the following, based on the most current and accurate information reasonably available:

1. a site plan of the property that depicts the locations of all existing and proposed structures (including solar arrays, inverters, transformers, electrical substations, and buildings), property lines, rights-of-way, roads, required setbacks, and visual buffers;
2. a topographic map that depicts vegetative cover, watersheds, or wetlands on the property;
3. a visual buffer plan that demonstrates that any visual buffer (a) minimizes impacts of the SES on adjacent residential dwelling units, as required by this ordinance, (b) preserves natural tree growth and natural land forms along the SES perimeter, as required by this ordinance;
4. a decommissioning plan that contains the following:
 - a. the name, address, telephone number, and e-mail address of the person(s) or entity(ies) responsible for implementing the decommissioning plan;
 - b. a statement of conditions that require the decommissioning plan to be implemented;
 - c. as part of decommissioning, a removal plan that identifies all structures, components, and non-utility owned equipment that shall be removed;
 - d. as part of decommissioning, a plan for recycling or otherwise reusing all materials to the extent reasonably practicable;
 - e. as part of decommissioning, a restoration plan to return the property to its condition prior to the installation of the SES or to some other condition reasonably appropriate for the designated land use after the SES is removed; and
 - f. a timeline to complete decommissioning.

(c) Certifications. The applicant shall submit an affidavit that provides, to the best of the applicant's knowledge:

1. Construction, installation, operation and decommissioning of the SES will comply with all applicable federal and state laws;
2. Commercial general liability insurance will be maintained throughout the siting, construction, installation, operation, and decommissioning of the SES.

Section 5B. –Permit Review

- (a)** Upon receiving a Permit application for an SES, the County Manager or his designee shall conduct permitting proceedings in accordance with the requirements of the Dodge County.
- (b)** A Permit application may be denied if the County Manager or his designee determines the SES does not comply with the requirements of Dodge County and this ordinance.
- (c)** The applicant must provide, as part of the application, a surety bond set by the Dodge County Board of Commissioners. The applying party should provide an assessment by an independent third party for decommissioning costs to the Board of Commissioners to be used in setting the bond amount. Over the life of the project, the bond amount may be adjusted using the Consumer Price Index, or other inflationary measurements. The bond must be maintained for the entire duration of the facility's existence, irrespective of its operation status. Should the bond not be maintained as required, Dodge County has the right to call the bond and use the proceeds to fully remove the facility and reasonably restore the site to its natural condition. The bond may be returned once Dodge County Board of Commissioners or their designee reasonably determines that the decommissioning of the facility has been completed in accordance with all applicable ordinances and federal and state laws.
- (d)** The applicant can appeal this decision in a regular scheduled meeting of the Dodge County Board of Commissioners.

SO ORDAINED, on this _____ day of _____, 2024.

C. Neal Martin

Neal Martin expressed concerns regarding heavy traffic and construction of an industrial property on Rocky Springs Road. He presented a petition with 152 signatures ranging in age from 4 to 89 (as attached, pages 11-18) in opposition of the industrial construction, increased traffic, and potential chemicals.

New Business

A. Approval of Accounts Payable

A motion was made by Commissioner Watkins and seconded by Commissioner Cheek to approve the accounts payable report totaling \$135,189.05. All voted in agreement, and the motion passed.

B. City of Eastman Annexation Request

County Manager Bearden presented an annexation request from the City of Eastman for .30 acres, more or less, Land Lot No. 278, 16th Land District, Dodge County Map/Parcel 060B 022, contiguous to the existing corporate limits of the City of Eastman and known as Hilltop on Soperton Highway at J.T. Barlow Road. Commissioner Watkins made a motion to approve the annexation request. No second was made, and the motion died.

C. 3rd Quarter Financial Report

Manager Bearden discussed the 3rd quarter financials, as below:

Dodge County Commissioners
Statement of Revenue and Expenditures by Source QTR 3 FY2024

Unaudited

<u>REVENUES:</u>	Collected	Expenditure
Taxes:	\$ 715,861.60	
Permits and Licenses:	12,253.93	
Intergovernmental:	132,397.80	
Charges for Services:	470,335.55	
Judicial Fees and Charges:	112,807.59	
Special Revenue Charges:	200,000.00	
<u>EXPENSES:</u>		
Board of Commissioners		\$ 39,844
Office of Co. Commissioner:		95,593.55
CTHSE EXP. (PUBLIC BLDGS. & ANNEX)		67,522.28
Election Expense:		2,647.53
Registrar:		22,323.59
Office of Tax Commissioner:		76,063.46
Tax Assessor and Appraiser:		86,929.01
Superior Court		72,363.71
District Attorney		15,557.61
Clerk of Superior Court		73,100.19
Magistrate:		54,387.86

Probate Court	57,344.28	
Sheriff:	1,129,174.90	
Coroner:	11,385.44	
E-911:	182,029.68	
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES:	527,070.73	
PS* RFD * RURAL FIRE DEPT&OTHER EXP.MPS		
Dodge County Fire Department/ EMA	169,283.04	
Oconee Drug Task Force	47,678.49	
Roads	541,183.14	
Sanitation	287,077.82	
HEALTH AND WELFARE:	16,202.14	
Nutrition Center:	15,557.86	
RECREATION & CULTURE:	59,772.71	
Building Inspection:	26,205.72	
Other Dev. & Hous.	26,395.00	
County Agent	16,050.54	
Transit	92,143.80	
Misc Community Service	13,865.86	
Board of Equalization		
Group Ins/Ret.* Co. Share	1,463.20	
TOTAL REVENUES		\$ 1,643,656.47
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		3,826,216.82

D. 3rd Quarter Road Work Order Report

Manager Bearden discussed the road work order report for the third quarter with an average completion time of 15 days. He stated the completion turnaround was higher than normal due to the nature of recent weather.

E. Tax Matter

Manager Bearden requested the tax matter be deferred since he had just acquired more information and might need to consult with the county attorney. The board agreed.

Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Flanagan made a motion to lift the moratorium from the solar ordinance applications on Thursday morning. Commissioner Watkins seconded. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

Commissioner Flanagan reported from the airport authority where the need for an airport ordinance for height was discussed. County Manager Bearden stated he had requested a map with zones from Jeff Fordham.

County Manager Report: Conner Bearden

Manager Bearden reported HB 581 passed. He stated a work session would need to be scheduled. Also, package sales passed, and an ordinance would need to be passed, if the board desired.

Manager Bearden stated he and Building Inspector Rob Stanley met with Dennis Robinson, the owner of an industrial property on Rocky Springs Road. Visual buffers were being erected to camouflage the building

from the road. Also, a building wrap would be another means of camouflage. A building permit had been obtained and was in order. The industry would be used to produce sandblasting booths and paint booths.

Pickleball courts should be ready at the recreation department by next week.

Public Comments

- Second Chair of the DDA Loraine Aguayo stated her disappointment that the board wouldn't make a motion to financially support the downtown ice skating event.
- Rob Anders, EDP Renewables, asked the board for clarification if the solar ordinance was passed, and the moratorium for applications had been lifted. The board confirmed.
- Rocky Springs Road resident Jenny Martin stated she was concerned about the new industry in the rural area, and that industry was welcome, but it just needed to be in the industrial park or at the airport.
- David Mazza spoke briefly about noise and combustible dust, which might be a nuisance due to the new industry on Rocky Springs Road. He stated his property was adjacent to the location. He also suggested the county require a different permit for buildings over 10,000 square feet.

Executive Session

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to enter an executive session to discuss legal matters at 7:31 p.m. Commissioner Cheek seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to enter back into regular session at 7:45 p.m. Commissioner Cheek seconded. All voted in favor, and the board entered regular session.

Adjourn

With no other business to come before the board, Commissioner Cheek made a motion to adjourn at 7:46 p.m. Commissioner Watkins seconded, and all voted in favor. The meeting adjourned.

Attested:

Approved:

Kimberly Smith-Parkerson, County Clerk

Dan McCranie, Chairman

COMES NOW the undersigned Citizens of Dodge County, Georgia, and thereby express their concerns to the County Government about:

- 1) Heavy Industrial traffic on the Rocky Springs Road affecting the physical substance of the roadway and safety of the public.
- 2) Industrial activities in residential areas which create noise over large areas beyond property lines constituting a nuisance.
- 3) Concern about the use of chemicals, paints, solvents, creating environmental issues and concerns about the safety of the public beyond property lines and constituting a nuisance.

We, the undersigned, request County Government to take reasonable steps to protect the Citizens.

	NAME	AGE	SIGNATURE	ADDRESS
1.	John Podesnik	63	John Podesnik	Ben Girders Rd, Eastman GA
2.	ROBERT WOODRAD	70	Robert Woodrad	201 NORTH LAKES DR, EASTMAN GA
3.	Amy Youngblood	38	Amy Youngblood	201 North Lakes Dr. Eastman, GA
4.	Dwain & Woodrad	64	Dwain Woodrad	" "
5.	Garment Stuckey	72	Garment Stuckey	1057 Jack Johnson Rd Eastman GA
6.	Pat Williams	65	Pat Williams	1057 Jack Johnson rd
7.	JOHN J. EVANS	67	John J. Evans	729 HANKINSVILLE HWY. EASTMAN
8.	Rebel & Dawn	70	Rebel & Dawn	1079 BEGG, dunes
9.	Rebel & Dawn	55	Rebel & Dawn	1079 BEGG, dunes
10.	Nick Martin	35	Nick Martin	2862 Milan Rhine Hwy, Milan GA
11.	Priyanka Patel	27	Priyanka Patel	367, Rocky spring Rd, Eastman GA
12.	Brian Jones	65	Brian Jones	1506 9 th Ave Eastman GA 31023
13.	Marie & Reed	80	Marie & Reed	132 Main St. Eastman, GA 31023
14.	Benton Sanders	39	Benton Sanders	112 Legacy Woods Dr. Eastman, GA
15.	Morgan Sanders	35	Morgan Sanders	112 Legacy Woods Dr Eastman, GA
16.	Chuck Williams		Chuck Williams	35 orphans Cem. Rd. Eastman, GA
17.	Harvey Williams		Harvey Williams	18 orphans Cem. Rd.
18.	Joel Joiner		Joel Joiner	316 Lower Rocky Springs Rd.
19.	Joe Hannell		Joe Hannell	395 Golf Course Rd.
20.	NEAL MARTIN	63	Neal Martin	418 Rocky Springs RD EASTMAN
21.	Joey Hobbs	64	Joey Hobbs	107 Gordon Brown Rd.
22.	Keith Horn		Keith Horn	547 Rocky Sp. Rd
23.	Ginger Horn		Ginger Horn	547 Rocky Sp Rd.
24.	Bradley Mazer		Bradley Mazer	108 Legacy Woods
25.	Lawren Mauter	36	Lawren Mauter	2862 Milan Rhine Hwy Eastman 31060

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1. Deana Rogers	50	Deana Rogers	422 Rocky Springs Rd, Eastman
2. Cheryl Giddens	64	Cheryl Giddens	306 Lawndale Dr, Eastman, Ga
3. Wanda Howell	52	Wanda Howell	387 Empire Chester Hwy Cochran 31014
4. Kevin B. Rogers	53	Kevin B. Rogers	721 Chennault St., Eastman, GA
5. Elizabeth V. Smith	40	Elizabeth V. Smith	44 Ridge Rd Eastman Ga. 31023
6. Florence Widener	63	Florence Widener	1797 Home Rd. Eastman Ga 31023
7. Selena Peavey	46	Selena Peavey	3 North Graham Rd. Milan GA 31060
8. Lucille Driggers	73	Lucille Driggers	5730 Heritage Ct., Eastman GA 31023
9. Gary Driggers	75	Gary Driggers	5730 Heritage Ct., Eastman GA 31023
10. MARK Driggers	55	Mark Driggers	710 Chennault St. Eastman, GA 31023
11. Janette Williams	70	Janette Williams	4266 Abbeville Hwy Eastman, GA 31023
12. Louise Rogers	77	Louise Rogers	721 Chennault St., Eastman, GA
13. Buford Rogers	79	Buford Rogers	721 Chennault St., Eastman, GA
14. Lillie Douglas	27	Lillie Douglas	355 Chauncey Dublin, GA 31011
15. Brooke Moore	40	Brooke Moore	822 Gum Swamp Rd Eastman, Ga 31023
16. David Moore	41	David Moore	822 Gum Swamp Rd Eastman, Ga 31023
17. Emory Howell	55	Emory Howell	387 Empire Chester Hwy Cochran
18. Joan Tarrad	56	Joan	5789 Heritage Ct Eastman, Ga 31023
19. Lynn Givens	63	Lynn	5789 Heritage Ct Eastman, Ga 31023
20. Johnnie Knight	84	Johnnie Knight	121 Selacy St, Eastman, Ga 31023
21. Sharon Jones		Sharon Jones	1781 Old Rebie Rd Chester GA 31023
22. Miranda Stewart		Miranda Stewart	114 Legacy Woods Dr., Eastman, GA
23. Kay K. Skipper		Kay K. Skipper	101 North Pauls Rd Chauncey Ga 31011
24. Jenny Martin	63	Jenny Martin	418 Rocky Springs Rd
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1.	Stanley W. Johnson	64	[Signature]	369 Ruffin Rd
2.	Steven Graham	36	[Signature]	617 Lovely Grove Church Rd.
3.	Randall Graham		[Signature]	3678 Tellair Ling Rd.
4.	Larry Lamm		[Signature]	353 Powell Rd
5.	Zed Daryl		[Signature]	4605 Fairham Rd
6.	Tommy Forrest		[Signature]	13 Homer Ave Helena Ga
7.	Wynne	66	[Signature]	1604 Rocky Springs R.
8.	MATT New Brown		[Signature]	148 Woodard Rd Hawkensville Ga
9.	Scott Honeycutt		[Signature]	1321 7 Ave Eastman GA
10.	Greg Wright		[Signature]	93 Godwitsville Rd. Eastman
11.	David W. Evans		[Signature]	153 Woodlakes Dr. Eastman, GA
12.	Sue G. Taylor	83	[Signature]	835 5 th Ave, Eastman, GA
13.	Cinnie Phipps	80	[Signature]	5020 Greenwood St. Eastman, Ga
14.	Brittany Harris	35	[Signature]	298 Rocky Springs Rd
15.	Daimen Harris	45	[Signature]	298 Rocky Springs Rd
16.	Stephanie Collins	51	[Signature]	105 Legacy Woods Dr
17.	Chase Collins		[Signature]	105 Legacy Woods Dr
18.	Mary Wagner	77	[Signature]	1310 5 th Ave Eastman
19.	Larry Hays	78	[Signature]	700 Rocky Springs Rd
20.	Jodi Ross	65	[Signature]	709 Rocky Springs Rd
21.	Melba Book	82	[Signature]	709 Rocky Springs Rd
22.	Tyler Muncy		[Signature]	415 12 th Ave. Eastman, GA
23.	Brett Fordham	51	[Signature]	202 Delacy St Eastman
24.	Jina Fordham	52	[Signature]	202 Delacy St Eastman
25.	Brett Kennedy		[Signature]	161 3 rd St. Rhine, GA

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1. David S. Roland	60	<i>David S. Roland</i>	1233 5th Ave. Eastman Ga.
2. Johnny Rowland	52	<i>Johnny Rowland</i>	221 Alcorn Rd Chester Ga
3. Greg Woodward		<i>Greg Woodward</i>	1410 4th AVE Eastman, GA
4. BRAD MOORE		<i>Brad Moore</i>	296 Antioch Ch. Rd Eastman GA
5. Darrin McGlary		<i>Darrin McGlary</i>	465 In Harp Rd Eastman GA
6. TIM SMITH		<i>Tim Smith</i>	2960 Hawkinsville Hwy. Eastman GA
7. ZANDRA SMITH		<i>Zandra Smith</i>	2960 Hawkinsville Hwy. Eastman GA
8. Herman Mullis		<i>HERMAN MULLIS</i>	259 EMPIRE GATEWAY COCHISE GA
9. Wendell Pucar		<i>Wendell Pucar</i>	611 Hwy 257 Cochise GA
10. Kenny Walker		<i>Kenny Walker</i>	917 W. Bolla Lake Helena GA
11. Jordan Fountain		<i>Jordan Fountain</i>	200 Caryn Lane Eastman Ga
12. L. M. K.		<i>L. M. K.</i>	1747 Rhyon Rd. Eastman Ga.
13. Rex Giddens		<i>Rex Giddens</i>	604 Hillcrest Dublin, GA
14. David R. Moore		<i>David R. Moore</i>	693 Hwy 31 Alamo GA.
15. Robert Bontrill		<i>Robert Bontrill</i>	Bansway Rd
16. Tony Evans		<i>Tony Evans</i>	112 Village Walk, Coconino
17. David POAREY		<i>David Poarey</i>	2841 Coker Hwy 31023
18. Jeffry Underwood		<i>Jeffry Underwood</i>	237 Jessie Ln Eastman GA 31023
19. Charles Bryan		<i>Charles Bryan</i>	133 Bell Cim Rd
20. Shunda St. Woodward		<i>Shunda St. Woodward</i>	5974 Anson Avenue
21. Caitlin Martin		<i>Caitlin Martin</i>	70 Scarborough OWENS Rd 31023
22. TODD MARTIN		<i>Todd Martin</i>	70 Scarborough OWENS RD 31023
23. Tina Martin		<i>Tina Martin</i>	" " " "
24. Spencer Martin		<i>Spencer Martin</i>	" " " "
25. Rhianna Martin Jones		<i>Rhianna Martin Jones</i>	807 7th AVE 31023

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1.	FLYNN Maddox	64	[Signature]	951 GOLF COURSE RD. EASTMAN
2.	Sandy Adam	59	[Signature]	107 LEGACY WOOD EAST
3.	Caleb Kehayes	24	[Signature]	148 Ogden St.
4.	MASON Kehayes	24	[Signature]	148 Ogden St.
5.	P. Martin Kehayes	58	[Signature]	208 Ogden St.
6.	Andrea S. McCranie	63	[Signature]	1350 4 th Ave Eastman
7.	Sam Patel	47	[Signature]	680 Cochran hwy Eastman
8.	Jim Johnson	69	[Signature]	931 Rozar Woolby Rd Eastman
9.	Bruce Stanley	62	[Signature]	5115 JESSUP ST EASTMAN
10.	Patricia Jessup	77	[Signature]	620 5 th Ave EASTMAN
11.	Roger Smith	73	[Signature]	653 BENOUDENS RD EASTMAN
12.	David Howell	36	[Signature]	104 Jack Jones Rd
13.	James Penwick	78	[Signature]	1050 wood valley drive
14.	Keith Peterson	59	[Signature]	52 AMANDA DR EASTMAN
15.	Amanda Lancaster	44	[Signature]	48 Lancaster Rd., Hawkinsville
16.	JAMES T BARRETT	76	[Signature]	146 Lakewood Dr EASTMAN
17.	Earl Paulson	64	[Signature]	227 PAUL MORGAN RD EASTMAN
18.	James Colman	1597	[Signature]	airport Rd. Eastman Ga 31023
19.	Cody Colman			
20.	SADLER SMITH	53	[Signature]	1846 SCARBOROUGH OVERS RD EASTMAN
21.	Wallace Mullis	59	[Signature]	1846 Scarborough Over Rd.
22.	Steven Roland	81	[Signature]	1207 5 th Ave Eastman
23.	Owen J. Jordan			1208 4th Ave Eastman
24.	Becky Pritchett		[Signature]	933 Rocky Springs Rd Eastman
25.	Ray Pritchett		[Signature]	933 Rocky Springs Rd Eastman

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1.	RAY JOINER	85	Ray Joiner	140 11th AVE.
2.	EVELYN JOINER	87	Evelyn Joiner	140 11th AVE.
3.	Amanda Joiner	56	AJ	24 Eastman Gardens
4.	Mary Ann Martin	68	Mary Ann Martin	5135 Craghton St, Eastman
5.	Joseph Jones	35	Joseph Jones	807 7th Avenue, Eastman, GA
6.	EZRA JONES	58	EJ	807 7th Ave Eastman GA
7.	ENA JOY JONES	6	EJ	807 7th AVE 31023
8.	ELIAS JONES	4	EJ	807 7th AVE 31023
9.	Kourtney King	33	Kourtney King	Dublin GA 31021
10.	Jimmy Rainey		CHESTER HW	Eastman GA
11.	Gail Rainey		CHESTER HWY	Eastman GA 31023
12.	Eric Lee		151 Old Dodge High Rd	Eastman GA
13.	Jay M. Lee		151 Old Dodge High Rd.	Eastman, GA 31023
14.	ARLON PERROCK	25	ARLON PERROCK	Orphan's Cemetery rd Eastman GA
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2.	STEVE MAILEY	61	[Signature]	216 Simmons Rd Eastman 31027
3.	Carl Crane	75	[Signature]	153 Woodlakes Dr Eastman
4.	MIKE CRANE	66	[Signature]	5023 Delacy St
5.	Denise Crane	66	[Signature]	5023 Delacy St. Eastman
6.	Taylor Crane	31	[Signature]	5023 Delacy St. Eastman
7.	Clair Jones	45	[Signature]	1211 Eastman Milan Rd
8.	Sheila Jones		[Signature]	1211 Eastman Milan Rd
9.	Mark Jones		[Signature]	1211 Eastman Milan Rd
10.	DON ROSS		[Signature]	Ross Stapleton Rd
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1.	<i>Carolyn Martin</i>	<i>89</i>	<i>Carolyn Martin</i>	<i>841 8th Ave Eastman Ga.</i>
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