

**Dodge County Board of Commissioners  
Work Session Minutes  
Monday, December 16, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.**



**Also Present:**

Conner Bearden, County Manager  
Kimberly Smith-Parkerson, County Clerk  
Joe Norman, Norman and Associates  
Dale Jones, Tax Assessor’s Office  
Diane Fountain, Tax Assessor’s Office

**Commissioners Present:**  
Chairman Dan McCranie  
Sharon Cobb Flanagan, District 1  
Leigh Ann Greene, District 2

**Commissioners Absent:**

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

**Business:  
Discuss State Laws Taking Effect in 2025**

**Call Work Session to Order**

The Dodge County Board of Commissioners held a work session at the Dodge County Pearl Bates Courthouse Annex Monday, December 16, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. with Chairman McCranie presiding to discuss state laws taking effect in 2025. He called the meeting to order at 5:11 p.m. and gave the floor to County Manager Bearden.

County Manager Bearden discussed HB 581, which will be effective January 1, 2025, and provides for a general law state-wide homestead exemption that may differentiate among political subdivisions. As voted upon: “Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to authorize the General Assembly to provide by general law for a state-wide homestead exemption that serves to limit increases in the assessed value of homesteads, by which any county, consolidated government, municipality, or local school system may opt out of upon the completion of certain procedures.”

The Board of Education opted out. Manager Bearden stated three meetings will need to be completed if the county opts out.

Also, Manager Bearden stated the amendment for a state-wide Georgia Tax Court also passed and could affect the county’s budget.

Also, Manger Bearden stated the tangible personal property tax exemption, which increased from \$7,500 to \$20,000, will create a loss of revenue.

**Adjourn**

With no other business to come before the board, the work session adjourned at 5:44 p.m.

Attested:

Approved:

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Kimberly Smith-Parkerson, County Clerk

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Dan McCranie, Chairman