

Dodge County Board of Commissioners
Monday, April 07, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.
Board Meeting Minutes



Commissioners Present: Chairman Dan McCranie, Sharon Cobb Flanagan - District 1, Leigh Ann Greene - District 2, Vice-Chair Brian Watkins - District 3, Jeffrey Jones - District 4

Also Present: Manager Conner Bearden, Clerk Kimberly Smith-Parkerson, Attorney John Harrington

Call to Order

The Dodge County Board of Commissioners held a regular meeting at the Dodge County Pearl Bates Courthouse Annex Monday, April 07, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. with Chairman McCranie presiding. He called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Next, his devotion was entitled "Unfathomable God" from Isaiah 25. Then, Chairman McCranie led a prayer.

Elected Officials/Department Heads

A. Fire Chief Jamey Wilkinson

Fire Chief was unable to attend.

Approval of Minutes

A. Minutes – March 17, 2025 Regular Meeting

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

Old Business

A. Hospital Board Authority

County Manager Bearden presented a letter from Dodge County Hospital notifying that Mr. Cecil Barden, Dr. Dan Harrell, and Mr. Reggie Sheffield were approved to serve as board members and their terms will expire in May 2028.

B. Farmer's Market Board

County Manager Bearden gave notice that applications are being accepted for the Farmer's Market Board.

C. Tax Commissioner – Software Request

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to approve the purchase of software for the Tax Commissioner's office. Commissioner Jones seconded. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

D. Noise Ordinance

Manager Bearden notified the board that a decibel meter reader was on order.

New Business

A. Approval of Accounts Payable

Commissioner Flanagan made a motion to approve the accounts payable report of \$728,087.97. Commissioner Greene seconded the motion. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

B. Workforce Development Board Appointment

Commissioner Greene made a nomination to reappoint Commissioner Flanagan to the Workforce Development Board. With no other nominations forthcoming, Commissioner Watkins made a motion to close nominations. Commissioner Jones seconded. All voted unanimously, and Commissioner Flanagan was reappointed by acclamation. (Commissioner Flanagan abstained from casting a vote.)

C. Middle Georgia Community Service Board – Annual Contract

Commissioner Greene made a motion to approve the Community Service Board of Middle Georgia's Behavioral Health Contract, as detailed below. Commissioner Watkins seconded. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

THIS AGREEMENT made and entered into, by and between the Community Service Board of Middle Georgia of the first part and the Dodge County Commission of Dodge County Georgia of the second part.

WITNESSETH

THAT, WHEREAS, IT IS MUTUALLY AGREED BY AND BETWEEN the parties hereto that this Contract Agreement is being made for the purpose of the provision of behavioral health services by the party of the first part, through the Community Service Board of Middle Georgia, located at Dublin, Laurens County, Georgia, to all clients suitable for referral by the party of the second part for behavioral health services and alcohol services shall be made available to Dodge County residents; specifically, those services that shall be provided will consist of diagnosis, evaluation and appropriate treatment services rendered by staff of the aforesaid program units; and

WHEREAS, IT IS FURTHER UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED THAT the aforesaid services shall be rendered in compliance with state and federal standards promulgated by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities: and

WHEREAS, IT IS FURTHER UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED THAT THE AFOREMENTIONED services shall be provided to the party of the second part without regard to number.

NOW, THEREFORE, FOR AND IN CONSIDERATION OF THE SUM OF Thirteen Thousand Three Hundred Forty Three Dollars (\$13,343.00) it is agreed that the part of the second part will contribute said sum to the part of the first part towards the operation of the Community Service Board of Middle Georgia for the period of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026; said funds shall be paid in twelve (12) monthly installments and shall be due in the amount of \$1,111.91, and it is understood and agreed that no portion of said monthly installments so paid by the part of the second part may be recovered by the party of the second part at the end of fiscal year involved.

THIS CONTRACT IS BEING EXECUTED and each copy thereof shall be considered an original; and in witness whereof, the parties hereto, by and through their proper officers, have caused this instrument to be executed and seals affixed on the day and year first above written.

D. SPLOST Request – Garbage Truck

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to table the SPLOST request for a garbage truck at the request of

the County Manager. Commissioners Jones and Greene seconded. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

Commissioner Reports

- Commissioner Flanagan gave a report from the Airport Authority meeting. And also reported about community clean up with the Keep America Beautiful Grant. Lastly, she inquired about paving the road to the transfer station.

County Manager

Manager Bearden discussed community events and asked the board to decide upon a work session date to tour the airport campus of Middle Georgia University. The date was set for May 21st.

Public Comments

- Randy Thomas, Director of Community Engagement for the Middle Georgia State University, stated that SkyCamp registration is open.

Adjourn

With no other business to come before the board, Commissioner Watkins made a motion to adjourn at 6:33 p.m. Commissioner Greene seconded. All voted in favor, and the meeting adjourned.

Attested:

Approved:

Kimberly Smith-Parkerson, County Clerk

Dan McCranie, Chairman