

Dodge County Board of Commissioners
Monday, May 05, 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 Ron Daniels

Call to Order

The Dodge County Board of Commissioners held a regular meeting at the Dodge County Pearl Bates Courthouse Annex Monday, May 05, 2025, 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 after public comments. Commissioner Watkins made a motion with Commissioner Greene seconding. All voted in favor, and the agenda was amended. Next, Chairman McCranie led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave a devotion. His devotion was from Isaiah 9:6-7. Then, Chairman McCranie led a prayer.

Elected Officials/Department Heads

Nothing presented.

Approval of Minutes

A. Minutes – April 21, 2025 Regular Meeting

Commissioner Flanagan 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. Farmer’s Market Board

Manager Bearden reported Todd Weeks was not seeking reappointment, and applications for the board position were still being accepted.

B. Solar Ordinance

Attorney Daniels discussed the solar ordinance, specifically the distance of the inverter from the dwelling place. He stated the county’s ordinance could not be too prohibitive on landowner’s property rights. Also, he stated fire protection would be a reason to place limitations, as it pertains to public safety. Manager Bearden stated he would use the sound meter to measure decibel levels at solar farms in the area and report back to the board.

New Business

A. Approval of Accounts Payable

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to approve the accounts payable report totaling \$179,530.87. Commissioner Flanagan seconded the motion. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

B. Form Health Care Committee

Commissioners Jones and Greene volunteered to serve on the health care committee. Chairman McCranie requested the County Manager also ask Karen Cheek (if available and agreeable to serve).

C. HOGARC Aging Advisory Committee Appointments

Manager Bearden notified the board that two positions on the HOGARC Aging Advisory Committee will be expiring at the end of June, and the open positions are being advertised.

D. Dodge County Library Board Appointment

Manager Bearden notified the board that one position on the Dodge County Library Board will be expiring at the end of June, and the open position is being advertised.

E. DFCS Board Appointment

Manager Bearden notified the board that one position on the DFCS Board will be expiring at the end of June, and the open position is being advertised.

F. 2025 1st Quarter Financials

Manager Bearden presented the first quarter financials, as detailed below:

Dodge County Commissioners
Statement of Revenue and Expenditures by Source QTR 1 FY2025

Unaudited

<u>REVENUES:</u>	Collected	Expenditure	QTR Budget	Difference
Taxes:	\$ 1,123,483.05		2,309,061	(1,185,577.70)
Permits and Licenses:	12,758.04		9,625	3,133.04
Intergovernmental:	235,543.44		447,589	(212,045.56)
Charges for Services:	525,692.55		531,732	(6,039.70)
Judicial Fees and Charges:	112,012.40		126,750	(14,737.60)
Special Revenue Charges:	114,781.21		163,750	(48,968.79)
<u>EXPENSES:</u>				
Board of Commissioners		45,561	36,624	(8,938)
Office of Co. Commissioner:		118,730	95,943	(22,787)
CTHSE EXP. (PUBLIC BLDGS. & ANNEX)		85,416	79,921	(5,495)
Election Expense:		4,124	11,000	6,876
Registrar:		26,184	24,848	(1,336)
Office of Tax Commissioner:		65,895	62,087	(3,808)
Tax Assessor and Appraiser:		106,616	105,861	(755)
Superior Court		73,747	96,015	22,269
District Attorney		17,033	16,888	(146)
Clerk of Superior Court		75,083	81,241	6,158
Magistrate:		57,314	54,753	(2,561)
Probate Court		61,569	59,216	(2,353)
Sheriff:		1,261,444	1,025,939	(235,505)
Coroner:		13,131	10,799	(2,332)
E-911:		183,841	182,354	(1,487)

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES:	572,473	450,292	(122,180)
PS * RFD	6,800	5,000	(1,800)
Dodge County Fire Department/ EMA	171,043	176,800	5,757
Oconee Drug Task Force	70,564	51,099	(19,465)
Roads	765,392	466,753	(298,639)
Sanitation	275,504	203,787	(71,718)
HEALTH AND WELFARE:	15,720	16,475	755
Nutrition Center:	16,008	13,891	(2,117)
RECREATION & LIBRARY:	60,727	60,952	224
Building Inspection:	25,994	26,339	344
Other Dev. & Hous.	-	6,072	6,072
County Agent	21,175	26,633	5,458
Transit	97,912	99,983	2,071
Misc Community Service	11,186	29,990	18,804
Board of Equalization	-	-	-
Group Ins/Ret.* Co. Share	42,281	10,767	(31,514)
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 2,124,271		
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		4,348,466	3,588,320
			(760,146)

G. Sanitation Equipment

Manager Bearden discussed options and costs (as detailed below) for the sanitation department's dumpster service since one of the garbage trucks is out of commission. The board decided to discuss options at the upcoming work session at the airport.

Container	30 yd roll off	40 yd roll off	8 cu yd dumpster
Dimension	22 X 7.5 X 6	22 X 8 X 8	6 X 5 X 7
Price	\$5,095.00	\$6,195.00	\$1,100.00

Make	RO Truck	FE Loader	Mileage	Model	Engine
Isuzu	\$60,000.00		96,329	NPR	GM 6.0L
Mack	\$75,000.00		95,430	TE64	Mack
Freightliner	\$54,995.00		218,073	M2	Cummins
Mack	\$119,900.00		262,269	Granite	Cummins
Mack		\$117,000.00	279,955	EZ PAC	MP7

H. Antioch Church Road Speed Limit

Manager Bearden discussed a citizen's desire to reduce the speed limit on Antioch Church Road due to a new business opening. After discussing the five-year history of traffic incidents on the road, the board made no action.

Commissioner Reports

- Commissioner Flanagan reported attending a workforce development class at ACCG's conference.
- Commissioner Greene reported attending ethics and economic development classes at ACCG's conference.

County Manager

Manager Bearden reported attending a webinar for HB 92. Also, he reminded the board of the work session on May 21 at the airport. Lastly, he reported the chamber banquet is on May 29.

Public Comments

- Randy Thomas, Director of Campus and Community Engagement for Middle Georgia State University, stated 125 aviation students were graduating Thursday.
- A citizen asked for gravel on Mt Annis Baptist Church Road.

Executive Session

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to enter executive session at 6:46 p.m. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. All voted in favor, and the board went into executive session to discuss legal matters and land acquisition.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to reenter regular session at 7:16 p.m. Commissioner Flanagan seconded. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

Adjourn

With no other business to come before the board, Commissioner Jones made a motion to adjourn at 7:17 p.m. Commissioner Watkins seconded. All voted in favor, and the meeting adjourned.

Attested:

Approved:

Kimberly Smith-Parkerson, County Clerk

Dan McCranie, Chairman