

Dodge County Board of Commissioners
Monday, May 19, 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, HR Clerk Teresa Sanders, EMS Director Michael Johnson, Fire Chief Jamey Wilkinson

Remotely: 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 19, 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 matters after public comments. Commissioner Watkins made a motion with Commissioner Jones 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 2 Kings 2:2 and entitled "Good Grief." Afterward, Chairman McCranie led a prayer.

Elected Officials/Department Heads

A. EMS Director Michael Johnson

EMS Director Johnson reported 366 calls in April with revenues of \$111,258.22. He also reported that the two new ambulances were finally in Dodge County's possession.

B. Fire Chief Jamey Wilkinson

Fire Chief Wilkinson reported 78 calls in April with 413 for the year. He also reported \$3,972 in collections.

Approval of Minutes

A. Minutes – May 05, 2025 Regular Meeting

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

Old Business

A. Solar Ordinance

No motion was made, and no revisions were made to the solar ordinance.

B. Farmer's Market Board Appointment

Manager Bearden reported that no applications have been received for appointment.

C. DFCS Board Appointment

The current appointee does not wish to be reappointed. No applications have been received.

D. Dodge County Library Board Appointment

No applications have been received for the appointment.

E. HOGARC Aging Advisory Committee Appointments

No applications have been received for the appointment.

New Business

A. Approval of Accounts Payable

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the accounts payable report totaling \$163,912.07. Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

B. Eastman Garden Club – Blue Star

Commissioners Flanagan made a motion to allocate \$600 to the Eastman Garden Club for the purchase of a Blue Star Memorial Highway Marker. Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

C. Healthcare Broker

Manager Bearden reported receiving seven responses to the RFP for a healthcare broker for county benefits. He also stated the healthcare committee had narrowed the choice to three: Capstone, Mark III, and MSI benefits.

D. 2025 Local Road Assistance Administration (LRA) Funds

Manager Bearden presented the 2025 LRA list as recommended by the road committee (below). Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the list as presented. Commissioner Greene seconded. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

2025 LRA				
Road Name	Scope of Work	Cost	Mileage	Comm District
Golf Course	Crack Seal DST	\$ 145,737.20	1.65	1
Jack Johnson	Asphalt resurface	436,505.31	2.28	1
Dogwood Dr	Asphalt resurface	38,462.37	0.17	1
Ben Giddens Rd	Restriping	16,866.00	3.08	1
Wallace Circle	ACS	29,321.00	0.33	2
Jim Pruett	DST	323,901.44	2.12	1
Elm Street	ACS	36,892.00	0.34	3
New Daniels Ch Rd	DST	192,028.19	1.27	4
		\$ 1,219,713.51	9.59	
LRA Grant	Required Match			
\$ 969,235.57	\$ -			
Total	\$ 969,235.57			
Variance		\$250,477.94		
		\$127,142.29 Cost per mile		

Commissioner Reports

- Commissioner Flanagan reported that repairs are needed at the airport as discussed at the Airport Authority meeting.

County Manager

Manager Bearden reported that Governor Kemp signed a bill which prohibits selling animals in parking lots. He also stated the McCranie Fire Station ribbon cutting is scheduled for Thursday. Also, the chamber banquet is set for May 29.

Public Comments

- Capstone representative Clay Kirkley stated the manager's information about plan changes with the healthcare, as discussed earlier in the meeting, was inaccurate.
- Susan Coffee presented information about Middle Georgia Aviation student Annabelle Kellogg competing in the 2025 Air Race Classic.

Executive Session

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to enter an executive session at 6:40 p.m. Commissioners Flanagan and Greene seconded the motion. All voted in favor, and the board went into executive session to discuss legal matters.

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to reenter regular session at 7:10 p.m. Commissioner Flanagan seconded. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

Motion to Come Before the Board – Healthcare Broker

Commissioner Jones made a motion to select MSI Benefits as the county's healthcare insurance broker. Commissioner Greene seconded. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

Adjourn

With no other business to come before the board, Commissioner Watkins made a motion to adjourn at 7:12 p.m. Commissioner Flanagan seconded. All voted in favor, and the meeting adjourned.

Attested:

Approved:

Kimberly Smith-Parkerson, County Clerk

Dan McCranie, Chairman