

Dodge County Board of Commissioners
Monday, June 16, 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: Attorney John Harrington, Attorney Ron Daniels, Manager Conner Bearden, Clerk Kimberly Smith-Parkerson

Call to Order

The Dodge County Board of Commissioners held a regular meeting at the Dodge County Pearl Bates Courthouse Annex Monday, June 16, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. with Chairman McCranie presiding. He called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. After that, he gave a devotion, entitled *Rainbows and God's Promises*, from Genesis 9:8-16 and followed with a prayer.

Elected Officials/Department Heads

A. EMS Director Michael Johnson

EMS Director Michael Johnson reported 366 calls in May with revenues of \$139,707.12

B. Fire Chief Jamey Wilkinson

Fire Chief Jamey Wilkinson reported 100 calls in May with receivables of \$2,306.73 year-to-date.

Approval of Minutes

A. Minutes – June 02, 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 Appointment

Farmer's Market Board applications were reviewed from Betty Ann Fountain, Denesha Robinson, and Sophie Jones. Commissioner Jones made a nomination to appoint Betty Ann Fountain. Commissioner Greene seconded. With no other nominations forthcoming, Commissioner Watkins made a motion to close nominations. Commissioner Flanagan seconded. All voted in favor, and Betty Ann Fountain was appointed to the Farmer's Market Board by acclamation.

B. DFCS Board Appointment

DFCS Board applications were reviewed from Jennifer Staples, Alisha Cheek, and Jennifer McCormick. Commissioner Flanagan made a nomination to appoint Jennifer Staples. Commissioner Jones seconded. With no other nominations forthcoming, Commissioner Watkins made a motion to close nominations. Commissioner Jones seconded. All voted in favor, and Jennifer Staples was appointed to the DFCS Board by acclamation.

C. Dodge County Library Board Appointment

Manager Bearden reported he was expecting an application for the appointment.

D. HOGARC Aging Advisory Committee Appointments

Manager Bearden reported that he's waiting on two applications to be submitted.

E. Road Committee Meeting

The Road Committee meeting was set for July 2.

F. Sanitation

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to purchase ten roll-off dumpsters and two roll-off trucks. Commissioners Flanagan and Greene seconded. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to approve up to \$30,000 for repairs on the front-end load truck. Commissioner Flanagan seconded. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

New Business

A. Approval of Accounts Payable

Commissioner Greene made a motion to approve the accounts payable report totaling \$502,893.10. Commissioner Flanagan seconded the motion. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

B. Courthouse

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to proceed with option 4 from the Parrish Construction Feasibility Pricing Comparison report, which plans for a judicial building where the old jails are located and a separate administration building. And to allow Parrish Construction to proceed with blueprints and cost analysis. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

Commissioner Reports

- Commissioner Flanagan reported the airport had engaged a right-to-lease aviation real estate agent. She also reported from the Heart of Georgia Workforce Development meeting and reported Rich Bennett from the Regional Development had listed several grants available.
- Commissioner Watkins reported a \$2 million grant for the grad site.

County Manager

Manager Bearden reported the following:

- House Bill 581 was reported properly, and correspondence has been received from the state indicating compliance.
- Tire abatement began Saturday. Also, this upcoming Saturday will be recycling day at the courthouse.
- Legislative forum will be Wednesday at the airport.
- The Tax Commissioner's office will be closed Monday due to new software installation training.

Public Comments

- Mitchell Coffee requested easy access at the dumpster sites for the roll-off containers.

Executive Session

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to enter executive session at 6:48 p.m. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. All voted in favor, and the board entered executive session to discuss legal and

personnel matters.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to re-enter regular session at 7:31 p.m. Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion. 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 7:32 p.m. Commissioner Watkins seconded. All voted in favor, and the meeting adjourned.

Attested:

Approved:

Kimberly Smith-Parkerson, County Clerk

Dan McCranie, Chairman