

Dodge County Board of Commissioners
Monday, July 21, 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

By Phone: Jeffrey Jones - District 4

Also Present: Attorney John Harrington, 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, July 21, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. with Chairman McCranie presiding. He called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. After that, Clerk Parkerson gave a devotion and led a prayer.

Elected Officials/Department Heads

A. Fire Chief Jamey Wilkinson – Chief Wilkinson reported 95 calls in June with 608 for the year.

B. EMS Director Michael Johnson – Director Johnson reported 346 calls in June with revenues of \$83,879.50.

Approval of Minutes

A. Minutes – July 07, 2025 Regular Meeting

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

A. Minutes – July 18, 2025 Called Meeting

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

Old Business

A. HOGARC Aging Advisory Committee Appointments

Commissioner Flanagan made a nomination to appoint John Battle. With no other nominations forthcoming, Commissioner Watkins made a motion to close nominations. Commissioner Greene seconded. All present voted in favor, and John Battle was appointed by acclamation.

B. Noise Ordinance

Commissioner Greene made a motion to approve the noise ordinance with the addition of “calibrated” before decibel meter in number 1. Commissioner Flanagan seconded. All present voted in favor, and the noise ordinance was approved with the edit.

C. Old Gresston Baptist Church Road

Attorney Harrington stated property would be discussed in executive session.

D. Sanitation Update

Manager Bearden stated the front-end load truck has been repaired and is in commission. Also, the roll offs have arrived and are at the transfer station. Rolloff trucks are still being researched.

New Business

A. Approval of Accounts Payable

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to approve the accounts payable report totaling \$751,770.78. Commissioner Greene seconded the motion. All present voted in favor, and the motion passed.

B. 2025 Budgets

County Manager requested approval of the 2025 budgets, as detailed below:

Federal Forfeiture Account

Revenues – \$215,948.31

Expenditures - \$142,733.40

ODTF ERAD

Revenues - \$114

Expenditures - \$0

Commissioner Flanagan made a motion to approve the budgets for the Federal Forfeiture account and the Oconee Drug Task Force ERAD account. Commissioner Watkins seconded. All present voted in favor, and the motion passed.

C. 2025 Mid-Year Budget Amendments – Local Road Administration

County Manager Bearden requested to amend the 2025 General Fund Budget to include the Local Roads Administration grant in the amount of \$1,189,089.61 for revenues and expenditures. Commissioner Watkins made a motion to approve the budget amendment. Commissioner Greene seconded. All present voted in favor, and the motion passed.

D. Tax Commissioner – Mobile Home Decal Resolution

Commissioner Green made a motion to approve the mobile home decal resolution as requested by the tax commissioner's office, and detailed below. Commissioner Flanagan seconded the motion. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

A RESOLUTION OF DODGE COUNTY, GEORGIA ELECTING NOT TO REQUIRE MOBILE HOME DECALS

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 193 was passed in the 2021-2022 Regular Session of the Georgia General Assembly, and was signed by the Governor and became effective on the 11th day of May, 2021;

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 193 amended O.C.G.A. §48-5-492(a) to allow the governing authority of the county in which a mobile home is located to opt out of the requirement to issue mobile home decals as evidence of a mobile home location permit; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to O.C.G.A. §48-5-263(11), the appraiser of the County shall, in counties that elect to require decals pursuant to Code Section 48-5-492 inspect mobile homes located in the county to determine if the proper decal is attached to and displayed on the mobile home by the owner as provided by law; notify the residents of those mobile homes to which a decal is not attached of the provisions of Code Sections 48-5-492 and 48-5-493; and furnish to the tax collector or tax commissioner a periodic list of those mobile homes to which a decal is not attached; and

WHEREAS, the governing authority of Dodge County elects not to require mobile home location decals pursuant to O.C.G.A. §48-5-492(a), for mobile homes that are considered real property, the proper documentation having been completed to affix such mobile home to real property,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to and as authorized by O.C.G.A. §48-5-492(a), the Board of Commissioners of Dodge County, resolves and elects not to require mobile home location decals in Dodge County, Georgia, for mobile homes that are considered real property, the proper documentation having been completed to affix such mobile home to real property. For those mobile homes, the governing authority hereby relieves the Tax Commissioner of Dodge County and the appraiser of Dodge County of any requirements under the law, whether pursuant to O.C.G.A. §48-5-263 and O.C.G.A. §48-5-492 et seq. or otherwise related to the issuance, inspection, and enforcement of mobile home location decals, and any and all other responsibilities that may have been otherwise required due to the issuance of mobile home location decals. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, for any and all mobile homes taxed as personal property, the requirements regarding mobile home location permits shall remain unchanged.

REPEALER

All previous Resolutions of the Board of Commissioners of Dodge County in conflict herewith are hereby superseded and repealed.

EFFECTIVE DATE

This Resolution shall be effective upon adoption. It shall remain in full force and effect until superseded or repealed.

E. 2025 Local Roads Administration Project

Manager Bearden presented three bids for the 2025 local roads administrative project, as listed:

East Coast Asphalt	\$1,202,890.22
Griffin Grading and Concrete	\$1,208,142.59
The Scruggs Company	\$1,177,620.38

Commissioner Flanagan made a motion to approve the low bid from Scruggs at \$1,177,620.38. Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

F. Legislative Leadership Conference Voting Delegate

Commissioner Greene made a motion to nominate Commissioner Flanagan as the voting delegate at the Legislative Leadership Conference. Commissioner Watkins seconded the nomination. All present voted in favor, and the motion passed.

G. Dodge County Fuel Management System

County Manager Bearden presented a bid for fuel management system. He stated he's waiting on two more bids from other companies, which he'll present at the next meeting.

H. Chuck Parkerson – Citizen Concerns

Chuck Parkerson discussed the increase of assessment values on the 2024 tax assessments.

Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Flanagan stated she'd attended a NACO meeting in Philadelphia and gave an overview to the board.

County Manager

Manager Bearden reported CDBG applications are being accepted and the deadline is April 1. The recreation department banquet is scheduled for August 7.

Public Comments

- Adam Dixon and Tiffany Brantley discussed HB 581.

Executive Session

Commissioner Flanagan made a motion to adjourn to executive session at 7:28 p.m. Commissioner Greene seconded the motion. All present voted in favor, and the meeting went into executive session.

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to re-enter regular session at 8:24 p.m. Commissioner Flanagan seconded. All present voted in favor, and the board re-entered regular session.

Adjourn

With no other business to come before the board, Commissioner Flanagan made a motion to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. Commissioner Greene seconded. All voted in favor, and the meeting adjourned.

Attested:

Approved:

Kimberly Smith-Parkerson, County Clerk

Dan McCranie, Chairman