

Dodge County Board of Commissioners
Tuesday, September 02, 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

Remotely: 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 Tuesday, September 02, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. with Chairman McCranie presiding. He called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Next, he delivered a devotion from Ecclesiastes 3, entitled "A Time for Everything." Afterward, he led a prayer.

Elected Officials/Department Heads

Approval of Minutes

A. Minutes – August 18, 2025 Regular Meeting

Commissioner Flanagan 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. Georgia Transportation Infrastructure Bank Loan and Grant Award

The board agreed to discuss the GTIB loan and grant in the upcoming work session.

B. Sawmill Junction Public Hearing Date

The Sawmill Junction public hearing date was set for September 16 at 4:00 p.m.

C. Budget Work Session Date

The budget work session date was set for October 29 at 6:00 p.m.

New Business

A. Approval of Accounts Payable

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the accounts payable report totaling \$86,872.39. Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

B. 2025 Proposed Millage Rate Discussion

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to accept the proposed rollback millage rate for 2025. Commissioner Flanagan seconded the motion. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

C. Set Work Session Date

A work session date was set for September 9 at 8:00 a.m.

D. Dodge County Recreation Department Roof Repair

Bids were presented for the recreation department roof repair, as detailed below. Commissioner Flanagan made a motion to accept the bid from Graham and Studstill in the amount of \$81,000. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

Recreation Gym Roof Quotes 22,250 sq ft			
Company	Type	Price	Warranty
Graham and Studstill	MCBI Retro R- new material over existing roof	\$ 81,000.00	20 yr mat/ 5 labor
Moore's Roofing	ER Systems polyurethane roof coating- 18 mil thickness	\$ 113,482.00	10 year
	ER systems polyurethane- 26 mil thickness	\$ 128,853.00	15 year
	Dry film- 34 mil thickness	\$ 144,224.00	20 year
Diamond Roof Restorations	Acrylic roof coating (white)	\$ 40,000.00	10 year mat/ 5yr labor
	Acrylic roof coating (white)	\$ 53,000.00	20 year mat/ 5yr labor
Altamaha Roof Restorations	Rapid Roof III acrylic roof coating (white)14 mil	\$ 71,296.00	10 year mat/ 1yr labor
	Puma XL polyurethane roof coating (white)14 mil	\$ 81,768.00	20 year mat/ 1yr labor

E. Dodge County Fire Department SPLOST Request - Trucks

Fire Chief Wilkinson presented two fire trucks for request to purchase: 2003 Kenworth Commercial Pumper -\$65,000 and 2006 Chevrolet 4X4 Recue/Pumper - \$\$60,000

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to approve the purchases. Commissioner Greene seconded. Commissioner Watkins added to the motion that 60% of the purchase come from the county equipment SPLOST and 40% from fire SPLOST funds. Commissioner Greene seconded the addition. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

F. Fuel Monitoring System

Manager Bearden presented three bids for the fuel monitoring system, as follows:

Walthall - \$11,236.60 – new system

Walthall - \$10,000.00 – repairing current system

L&T, Inc. - \$21,895.68 – new system

Commissioner Jones made a motion to accept the bid from Walthall for the new system in the amount of \$11,236.60. Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion. All voted favorably, and the motion passed.

G. GEMA MOU Shelter Plan

Fire Chief Wilkinson presented a GEMA MOU shelter plan between McIntosh and Dodge County. The board requested the document be revised to include who would be responsible for repairs if the Terry Coleman Center was damaged while being used as a shelter.

H. County Extension Contract

Manager Bearden presented the county extension contract and noted the only change was to designate an IT service, which will be provided by UGA Extension. Commissioner Watkins made a motion to approve the contract with Commissioner Greene making a second. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

I. Howard Warnock – Citizen Concerns

Howard Warnock thanked the board for the moratorium on the solar ordinance. He also discussed tax

abatements and permitting fees in relation to the solar ordinance.

J. Larry Johnson – Citizen Concerns

Larry Johnson presented his opinion on solar farms potentially coming to the community.

Commissioner Reports

- Commissioner Flanagan reported from the federal legislative committee meeting. She also reported attending the airport authority meetings.
- Commissioner Jones encouraged everyone to attend the Sawmill Junction public hearing on September 16.

County Manager

Manager Bearden stated there would be federal and state items discussed in the upcoming work session.

Public Comments

- Ken Carroll stated zoning legislation could be done in the county without micromanaging anyone's property.
- Chuck Parkerson inquired as to how the tax digest has changed since 2024.
- Lynn Brown presented the board with information as to how solar farms affect wildlife and the environment.
- Wallace Mullis asked if the Sawmill Junction application would fall under the moratorium.

Executive Session

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to enter an executive session to discuss legal matters at 7:22 p.m. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The board went into an executive session.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to reenter regular session at 7:59 p.m. Commissioner Watkins 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 8:02 p.m. Commissioner Greene seconded. All voted in favor, and the meeting adjourned.

Attested:

Approved:

Kimberly Smith-Parkerson, County Clerk

Dan McCranie, Chairman