

Dodge County Board of Commissioners
Monday, November 03, 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, 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, November 03, 2025, with Chairman McCranie presiding. He called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Next, he led a prayer.

Elected Officials/Department Heads

Nothing presented.

Approval of Minutes

A. Minutes – October 20, 2025 Public Hearing

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

B. Minutes – October 20, 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.

C. Minutes – October 29, 2025 Work Session Meeting

Commissioner Greene 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.

D. Minutes – October 30, 2025 Called 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. Solar and Battery Energy Storage Facility Ordinance

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the Solar and Battery Energy Storage Facility Ordinance and to end the moratorium from the meeting on August 18, 2025. Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

B. Coleman Road

Manager Bearden clarified that the Coleman Road abandonment had been suggested by the county manager due to a request to end county maintenance on that roadway. No motion was made to abandon the road.

New Business

A. Approval of Accounts Payable

Commissioner Flanagan made a motion to approve the accounts payable report totaling \$134,214.89. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

B. Courthouse Committee Project Update

Chairman McCranie stated the full board should serve on the courthouse committee due to the

magnitude of the project. Commissioner Flanagan updated that the committee had been working to refine rough floor plans. Parrish was confirmed for a meeting on Tuesday at 11 a.m.

C. Emergency Services CAD Texting

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to approve CAD-to-text through lamResponding for fire and EMS. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

D. Underground Fuel Storage Repair

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to utilize WEX cards and discontinue the use of the underground fuel tank and the fuel monitoring system. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

E. Facilities Authority Applications

Manager Bearden presented applications from Jason Braden, Mark Doss, and Jason Hersey for the Facilities Authority Board.

F. FY '25 Third Quarter Financial Statement

The third quarter financial report was reviewed by the board.

G. Dr. Lydia Daniels – Pecan Lane

Dr. Lydia Daniels petitioned the board for the classification of Pecan Lane as a “public road.” Signatories and details attached.

H. FY 2026 Budgets

Manager Bearden presented proposed FY 2026 county budgets, as detailed below. Two public hearings will be scheduled to run concurrent with the next two regular board meetings.

Ancillary Account	Revenues	Expenses
T-SPLOST	\$750,000	\$750,000
2019 SPLOST	\$2,520,600	\$2,520,600
ARPA	\$200,000	\$200,000
Law Library	\$8,000	\$8,000
Drug Education Fund	\$12,000	\$12,000
Jail Fund Account	\$18,000	\$18,000
Federal Forfeiture Account	\$500,000	\$500,000
ODTF ERAD	\$114	\$114
E911	\$775,710	\$775,710
Health and Wellness	\$727	\$727
Sheriff – Cash Bonds	\$75,000	\$75,000
Sheriff – Equipment	\$50,000	\$50,000
Sheriff – Fees	\$28,000	\$28,000
Sheriff - Deposit Account Fraud	\$4,500	\$4,500
Sheriff – Condemnation	\$5,000	\$5,000
Sheriff – Bond Fee	\$10,000	\$10,000
Sheriff – Commissary	\$75,000	\$75,000
Sheriff – Vending	\$15,000	\$15,000

General Fund Budget Proposal

2026 BUDGET
WORK SESSION

REVENUES

TOTAL TAXES	10,262,811.00
TOTAL PERMITS/LICENSES	52,500.00
TOTAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL	3,591,080.00
TOTAL CHARGES FOR SERVICES	2,025,298.00
TOTAL JUDICIAL FEES	483,000.00
TOTAL SPECIAL REVENUE	500,000.00
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES:	16,914,689.00

EXPENSES

TOTAL BOARD OF COMM	175,809.00
TOTAL COMM OFFICE	422,300.00
TOTAL COURTHOUSE	342,371.00
TOTAL INS/RETIRE	75,560.00
TOTAL BOARD OF ELECTIONS	230,750.00
TOTAL TAX COMM	252,950.00
TOTAL TAX ASSR	440,610.00
TOTAL SUP COURT	348,773.00
TOTAL CLERK OF COURT	322,743.00
TOTAL MAGISTRATE	220,226.00
TOTAL PROBATE	234,808.00
TOTAL JAIL/SHERIFF	4,443,161.00
TOTAL CORONER	42,959.00
TOTAL E911	748,330.00
TOTAL EMS	1,913,626.00
TOTAL RURAL FIRE DEPT	15,000.00
TOTAL ROAD DEPT	3,789,546.00
TOTAL SANITATION	991,617.00
TOTAL HEALTH & WELLNESS	65,975.00
TOTAL NUTRITION	58,644.00
TOTAL REC DEPT	200,500.00
TOTAL LIBRARY	58,000.00
TOTAL BLDG INSP	106,831.00
TOTAL FIRE	821,363.00
TOTAL DEV & HOUSING	24,285.00
TOTAL CTY AGENT	92,345.00
TOTAL TRANSIT	359,400.00
TOTAL MISC COMMUNITY SERVICE	116,207.00
TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENSES:	16,914,689.00

I. 2026 LMIG

Manager Bearden stated that the road committee will meet to align the road projects for the 2026 LMIG with the allocated budget of \$1.2 million and then bring information back to the board.

J. Oconee Drug Task Force CJCC Intergovernmental Agreement

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to approve the Oconee Drug Task Force/Middle Georgia Gang Task Force Intergovernmental Agreement, which details a collaborative crime control initiative to rid communities of illicit drugs, gangs, and other criminal activity. Commissioner Flanagan seconded the motion. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

Commissioner Greene made a motion to approve the Dodge County and City of Eastman Memorandum of Understanding for the shared cost of a sheriff's deputy assigned to the Oconee Drug Task Force. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

Commissioner Reports

Nothing presented.

County Manager

Manager Bearden stated he had received an email regarding an ACCG loan program for potential funds toward the courthouse project.

Public Comments

- Bradley Mullis reiterated objections against closing Coleman Road, as voiced in prior public hearings.

Executive Session

Commissioner Flanagan made a motion to enter an executive session to discuss legal and personnel matters at 6:50 p.m. Commissioner Greene seconded the motion. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to reenter regular session at 7:16 p.m. with Commissioner Flanagan seconding. 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 7:17 p.m. Commissioner Flanagan seconded. All voted in favor, and the meeting adjourned.

Attested:

Approved:

Kimberly Smith-Parkerson, County Clerk

Dan McCranie, Chairman