

**Dodge County Board of Commissioners**  
**Monday, December 01, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.**  
**Budget Public Adoption Hearing/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 budget adoption public hearing in conjunction with a regular meeting at the Dodge County Pearl Bates Courthouse Annex Monday, December 01, 2025, with Chairman McCranie presiding. He called the public hearing/meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and asked for a motion to amend the agenda to add “Road Ordinance Amendment” as a New Business item. Commissioner Jones made the motion with Commissioner Greene seconding. All voted in favor, and the motion passed. Next, Chairman McCranie led the Pledge of Allegiance and offered a devotion from Luke 1 and Isaiah 9 in anticipation of the Christmas Season. Next, he led a prayer.

**Budget Adoption Public Hearing**

**Business: Discuss Proposed FY 2026 County Budgets**

The board held the budget adoption hearing for the proposed Fiscal Year 2026 county budgets. Manager Bearden stated that the edits made at the work session were reflected in the current budget.

Chairman McCranie opened the floor for public comments regarding the proposed 2026 county budgets. No public comments were made. The budget adoption hearing ended at 6:06 p.m. The regular meeting continued.

**Board Meeting**

**Elected Officials/Department Heads**

Nothing presented.

**Approval of Minutes**

**A. Minutes – November 17, 2025 - Public Hearing/Board Meeting Minutes**

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

**Old Business**

**A. Eastman Commons Clock**

Justin Lowery, Mike Flanagan, and Mario Matos of Eastman Commons presented information for the courthouse clock project. Matos explained the clock's electrical is set by GPS and will not result in an extra charge to the county. GA Power will connect to the existing flood light for no additional fee, as well. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the location of the clock, conditional upon receiving a quitclaim deed for complete ownership. Commissioner Greene seconded the motion. All voted in favor, with the exception of Commissioner Flanagan who abstained due to her involvement in Eastman Commons.

## New Business

### A. Approval of Accounts Payable

Commissioner Flanagan made a motion to approve the accounts payable report totaling \$139,658.27. Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

### B. 2026 LMIG

The road committee brought before the board a motion to approve the following road list and scope of work for the 2026 LMIG project with a total grant of \$1,098,334.18 and required match of \$109,833.42 and a variance of (\$70,279.82). All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

Road Name	Scope of Work	Cost	Mileage	District
Powers Rd	ACS	\$101,558.00	1.14	2
Albert Lampkin Rd	ACS	\$48,197.00	1.73	2
Bedsole Rd	Asphalt	\$153,787.94	0.49	3
Tangerine Rd	Asphalt	\$76,610.00	0.42	2
Orange Ln	Asphalt	\$43,246.25	0.22	2
Garrett Oxley Rd	Asphalt	\$429,998.09	3.14	2
Bill Hambrick Rd	Asphalt	\$159,926.06	0.54	1
Sparrow Ln	Asphalt	\$67,821.12	0.25	1
MLK	Asphalt	\$56,743.32	0.26	1
<b>Total Cost per mile:</b> <b>\$138,925.96</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,137,887.78</b>	<b>8.19</b>	

### C. WPA Road

Manager Bearden requested an opportunity to rebid the WPA Road project due to a discrepancy in the bid release date between the Georgia Procurement website and engineering. Commissioner Watkins made a motion to rebid with a December 09 bid opening date. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

### D. Potential Disposal of Unused Voting Precincts

The board requested Attorney Harrington research the proper disposal method for the unused voting precincts.

### E. Dodge County Tax Assessor Board Applicant

Manager Bearden notified the board of one application for the Tax Assessor Board's open appointment. Position to be voted upon at the next board meeting per county policy.

### F. Joint Development Authority of Bleckley County and Dodge County

Manager Bearden notified the board of several applications for the JDA's open appointments. Positions to be voted upon at the next board meeting per county policy.

### G. Adopt 2026 County Budgets

Commissioner Flanagan made a motion to approve the budgets, as presented. Commissioner Greene seconded the motion. All voted in favor, and the county budgets were approved, as posted below:

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
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
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES:</b>		<b>16,914,689.00</b>
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
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENSES:</b>	<b>16,914,689.00</b>

#### **H. Chicken Road Name Change Request**

Commissioner Greene made a motion to change the name of the detailed portion of Chicken Road to Joeann Lane. Commissioner Flanagan seconded the motion. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

#### **I. Road Ordinance Amendment**

Commissioner Flanagan proposed the following addition to the road ordinance in Section 18-55 Private Driveways:

(h) No landowner shall connect a private/public driveway to a road within an established residential subdivision that could adversely affect that subdivision (e.g., increase the amount of traffic flow through the established subdivision, put safety of residents and children at risk, negatively impact quality of life) unless it is for a gated, locked-access point only to be used for emergency situations. An exception requires acceptance by the County Manager of a written petition of 90% of the resident property owners with that established subdivision.

After discussion, the board decided to give Attorney Harrington time to define “established residential subdivision” before voting on the amendment.

#### **Commissioner Reports**

Nothing presented.

#### **County Manager**

Manager Bearden updated the following:

- The bridge replacement contract for Airport Road over Gator Creek was awarded to Griffin and Grading.

- GDOT has provided the county with a bridge inspection report with listed required corrective actions.

**Public Comments**

Mr. Johnson stated his opinion regarding the need for zoning within the county.

**Executive Session**

Commissioner Flanagan made a motion to enter an executive session to discuss legal matters at 6:48 p.m. Commissioner Greene seconded the motion. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to reenter regular session at 7:31 p.m. with Commissioner Watkins seconding. 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:

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Kimberly Smith-Parkerson, County Clerk

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Dan McCranie, Chairman