



Dodge County Board of Commissioners Monday, December 15, 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, December 15, 2025, with Chairman McCranie presiding. He called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Then, he read a devotion from Luke 2 in light of the Christmas season. Next, he led a prayer.

Elected Officials/Department Heads

A. Manager Conner Bearden – Fire Update

Due to the absence of Fire Chief Wilkinson, Manager Bearden reported 81 calls for November, thereby bringing the year's total to 1,013.

B. EMS Director Micheal Johnson – EMS Update

Director Johnson reported 370 calls for November with 4,047 for the year. Also, he reported revenues for November at \$63,393.57. He explained revenues were down due to the Thanksgiving holidays.

Approval of Minutes

A. Minutes – December 01, 2025 Regular 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.

Old Business

A. Road Ordinance Amendment

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the road ordinance addition to Sec 18-55 Private driveways, as outlined below. Commissioner Flanagan seconded. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

(h) No landowner shall connect a private/public driveway to a road within an established residential subdivision that could adversely affect that subdivision unless it is for a gated, locked access point only to be used for emergency situations.

An established residential subdivision is a defined community (i.e., an existing, recognizable residential neighborhood) where the division of the land to create that neighborhood is captured on a recorded plat filed in the county's records, and in which owner-occupied homes have been built on some or all of the lots, creating a neighborhood.

B. Dodge County Tax Assessor Board Appointment

Commissioner Greene made a motion to table the Tax Assessor Board appointment. Commissioner Flanagan seconded. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

C. Joint Development Authority of Bleckley County and Dodge County Appointments

Commissioner Greene made a motion to table the JDA of Bleckley and Dodge County appointments. Commissioner Jones seconded. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

New Business

A. Approval of Accounts Payable

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to approve the accounts payable report totaling \$361,995.35. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

B. Tax Matters

- Due to technical difficulties, one of the remote attendees was not able to present to the board.
- Another resident presented a request for a waiver on penalties and interest for overdue mobile home tax bills, citing problems with receiving the bills by mail. Chairman McCranie stated the matter would be researched by the county attorney.

C. Certificate of Appreciation – Bobby Peacock

Commissioner Flanagan made a motion to approve a Certificate of Appreciation for Bobby Peacock, as written below. Commissioner Watkins seconded. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

This certificate is presented to Bobby Peacock in sincere appreciation for twenty (20) years of dedicated service to this community as a County Commissioner and County Manager. Through steadfast leadership, integrity, and an unwavering commitment to public service, your efforts have strengthened county government and improved the quality of life for the citizens you served. Your legacy of service and professionalism will have a lasting impact on this community for years to come. With gratitude and respect, we thank you for your devotion and contributions.

D. DFCS 2026 Budget Request

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to approve the requested 2026 DFCS budget request in the amount of \$6,180.00, which equals the amount as budgeted by the county. Commissioner Greene seconded. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

E. WPA Road Project

Manager Bearden presented the bid tabulation sheet, as detailed in the table below. Commissioner Watkins made a motion to accept the low bid from Scruggs Company. Commissioner Jones seconded. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

<i>Bidder</i>	<i>Time Received</i>	<i>Qualified</i>	<i>Base Bid</i>
Griffin Grading	12/9/2025	Yes	\$1,227,857.17
Scruggs Company	12/9/2025	Yes	\$561,839.00

F. GTIB Project

Manager Bearden presented the bid tabulation sheet, as detailed in the table below. Commissioner Watkins made a motion to accept the low bid from Scruggs Company. Commissioner Greene seconded. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

<i>Bidder</i>	<i>Time Received</i>	<i>Qualified</i>	<i>Base Bid</i>
East Coast Asphalt	12/9/2025 8:17 a.m.	Yes	\$4,394,148.81

Griffin Grading	12/9/2025 11:15 a.m.	Yes	\$5,006,966.15
Scruggs Company	12/9/2025 11:46 a.m.	Yes	\$3,571,260.42

G. 2026 Comprehensive Plan Stakeholder List

County Manager presented the compiled comprehensive plan stakeholder list for the 2026 plan, which includes contact information for mayors and is pending review by the cities. The list is tentatively missing a student council member contact, which Manager Bearden is working to secure.

H. Dodge County Recreation Advisory Board Applicant(s)

Manager Bearden noted receiving several applications for the Dodge County Recreation Advisory Board, noting that the board size will be reduced from seven to five, requiring the nomination and approval of only two new members at the next meeting.

I. DFCS Board Application

A vacancy on the DFCS board was announced due to an appointee moving out of the county. Manager Bearden will advertise the position, noting that applicants must meet qualifications set forth by DFCS.

J. 2026 Dodge County Board of Commissioners' Meeting Schedule

Upon a motion by Commissioner Jones and a second by Commission Flanagan, the 2026 meeting schedule was on the floor for approval. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

K. 2026 Holiday Schedule

Upon a motion by Commissioner Jones and a second by Commission Flanagan, the 2026 holiday schedule was on the floor for approval. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Flanagan reported a citizen's complaint about a bright floodlight. She also reported a leak around the courthouse.

Commissioner Watkins reported the Development Authority had received eight (8) hours of continuing education.

County Manager

- Manager Bearden reported the recreation department's concession had generated a profit of \$9,328.96.
- Manager Bearden also presented an engagement letter from Frank Erwin for the county's 2025 audit. Commissioner Watkins made a motion to engage Frank Erwin as the county's CPA for the 2025 audit with the same liquidated damages conditions as the previous year. Commissioner Flanagan seconded the motion. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

Public Comments

- Justin Barnett, a resident of North Lakes formally requested permission to post "limited access" signs for the North Lakes subdivision. The board acknowledged the request and safety concerns but noted the challenge of enforcement since it is a public road. Chairman McCranie proposed that the board and the County Manager research a legal and effective solution for restricted

access.

Executive Session

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to enter an executive session to discuss legal and personnel matters at 6:59 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 7:58 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 7:59 p.m. Commissioner Flanagan seconded. All voted in favor, and the meeting adjourned.

Attested:

Approved:

Kimberly Smith-Parkerson, County Clerk

Dan McCranie, Chairman