

Dodge County Board of Commissioners
Monday, March 02, 2026, 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 on Monday, March 02, 2026, with Chairman McCranie presiding. He called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and asked for a motion to amend the agenda to add “Mike Flanagan – North Lakes” to New Business. Commissioner Watkins made a motion to amend the agenda, as detailed. Commissioner Greene seconded. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

Chairman McCranie then led the Pledge of Allegiance. Next, he gave a devotion from 2 Timothy 3:14-17. Afterward, he led a prayer.

Public Hearing

A. Dumpsters at Old Boat Landing

Alfred Harrell and Julius Schneider expressed concerns about the dumpsters at the old boat landing, citing issues with overflowing trash and potential river contamination.

With no other comments forthcoming, the public hearing adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

A. Minutes – February 16, 2026 Regular Meeting

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.

Old Business

A. Dumpster at Old Boat Landing

Commissioner Watkins noted that community consensus was to close the dumpsters at the old boat landing, and he was in agreement. Commissioner Flanagan noted that damages to natural resources were a factor, as well. Chairman McCranie asked the county manager to close the dumpsters.

Executive Session

A. Legal

Commissioner Green made a motion to retire to executive session for a legal matter at 6:09 p.m. Commissioner Flanagan seconded. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to return to the regular meeting at 6:24 p.m. Commissioner Greene seconded. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

New Business

A. Approval of Accounts Payable

Commissioner Greene made a motion to approve the accounts payable report totaling \$153,088.78. Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

B. Undisbursed Tax Funds

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the undisbursed tax proceeds from the tax commissioner. Commissioner Greene seconded the motion. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

C. SPLOST Request

Manager Bearden presented the following quotes for a 2026 Ford F150. (He did not get a quote from Dublin Ford, although he requested one.) He also noted that Ford has a better contract than Chevrolet or Dodge and was less expensive on the total cost. Ford offers free tire rotations for the lifetime of the vehicle and two free oil changes. Although SPLOT funds are requested, funds from the surplus auction will be used to offset the expense.

- Way Brothers, Hawkinsville - \$49,380
- Woody Folsom, Baxley - \$47,695

Commissioner Greene made a motion to purchase the Ford from Way Brothers. Commissioner Flanagan seconded. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

D. Peanut Road – Partial Abandonment Request

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to approve beginning the road abandonment process for roughly 300 feet of Peanut Road, which is no longer being used. Commissioner Greene seconded. All voted favorably, and the motion passed.

E. DFCS Board Resignation

Manager Bearden reported the resignation of Reverand Dale Watt from the DFCS board and stated he would begin advertising for a replacement.

F. Deneen McLeod – Tire Repair Request

Deneen McLeod stated her tire was damaged by a pothole on Edna Moore Road and requested the county reimburse the cost of her repair.

G. Mike Flanagan – North Lakes

Mike Flannigan requested the placement of signage on Woodlakes Drive, North Lakes Drive, and Orphan Cemetery Road to notify contractors of the need to coordinate road connections with the county in accordance with local ordinances.

Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Flanagan reported on several national issues, including efforts at state and federal levels to address EMS reimbursements to keep pace with changing service costs. She also discussed the loss of agricultural land due to renewable energy and addressed the growing demand for data centers, adding that data centers and electricity infrastructure are critical defense concerns.

Commissioner Greene announced a town hall meeting for District 2 on March 19 at 6:00 p.m. in the Chester Gym.

County Manager

Manager Bearden gave a legislative update. He also gave the dates scheduled for recycling day and the tire abatement. Next, he stated the county’s surplus auction was scheduled for March 21. Lastly, he stated the recreation roof was still leaking, and Graham and Studstill have been notified.

Manager Bearden also stated that the dialysis center was potentially closing and that transit transportation policies may need to be adjusted to accommodate transporting dialysis patients out of the county for treatment.

Public Comments

Nothing stated.

Adjourn

With no other business to come before the board, Commissioner Flanagan made a motion to adjourn at 7:03 p.m. Commissioner Greene seconded. All present voted in favor, and the meeting adjourned.

Attested:

Approved:

Kimberly Smith-Parkerson, County Clerk

Dan McCranie, Chairman