

Dodge County Board of Commissioners
Monday, May 18, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.
Board Meeting Minutes



Commissioners Present: Chairman Dan McCranie, Sharon Cobb Flanagan – District 1, Leigh Ann Greene – District 2, Jeffrey Jones – District 4

Also Present: Attorney John Harrington, Manager Conner Bearden, Fire Chief Malcolm Tyson, EMS Director Michael Johnson, Clerk Kimberly Smith-Parkerson

Commissioner Absent: Vice-Chair Brian Watkins – District 3

Call to Order

The Dodge County Board of Commissioners held a regular meeting at the Dodge County Pearl Bates Courthouse Annex on Monday, May 18, 2026, with Chairman McCranie presiding. He called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and noted public comments would be addressed after each line item of new business. Next, he led the Pledge of Allegiance and followed with a devotion from 2 Peter 3:9. Afterward, he led a prayer.

Elected Officials/Department Heads

A. Fire Chief Malcolm Tyson – Fire Update

Fire Chief Malcolm Tyson reported 102 service calls for the previous month, including 51 medical calls, 5 vehicle accidents, and 25 brush or miscellaneous fires. Chief Tyson confirmed the burn ban has been lifted by the Georgia Forestry Commission.

B. EMS Director Michael Johnson – EMS Update

Emergency Medical Services Director Michael Johnson reported 379 calls for the month of April, generating \$113,754.91 in revenue.

Approval of Minutes

A. Minutes – May 04, 2026 Regular Meeting

Commissioner Greene made a motion to approve the minutes with no additions, corrections, or deletions. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Chairman McCranie allowed for discussion from the board and the public. Next, all present voted in favor, and the motion passed.

Old Business

A. Dodge County Hospital Authority Board

In the absence of Commissioner Watkins, Commissioner Flanagan made a motion to table the board appointments until the next meeting. Commissioner Jones seconded. Chairman McCranie allowed for discussion from the board and the public. Next, all present voted in favor, and the item was tabled. Applications received from Dr. Donald Selph, Mitchell Coffee, Mimi Dennis, and Andresa LeNiece Johnson.

New Business

A. Approval of Accounts Payable

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the accounts payable report totaling \$1,170,794.21. Commissioner Greene seconded the motion. Chairman McCranie allowed for discussion from the board

and the public. Next, all present voted in favor, and the motion passed.

B. DFCS Board Appointment

County Manager noted four applications had been received for three open positions. The applications were from Conner Bearden, Margo Watson, Lametra Davis, and Kristi Hulett. In adherence to county policy, selections can be made at the next board meeting.

C. Library Board Appointment

County Manager noted one application from Nina Cook had been received for one open positions. In adherence to county policy, a selection can be made at the next board meeting.

D. Judicial Building Finance

County Manager noted he would call for an organizational meeting of the Public Finance Authority to select officers and begin the process for the judicial building project. Commissioner Flanagan inquired as to the attorney representing the board. Attorney Harrington stated he or Attorney Daniels would provide legal counsel.

E. Resolution for Health Claims Bank Account

The board discussed the creation of a restricted, county-owned bank account for health claims funding, replacing the previous system managed by the stop-loss carrier. This change allows the county to retain interest on the funds. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the resolution with a grammatical correction. Chairman Greene seconded, in like manner. Chairman McCranie allowed for comments from the board and the public. Next, all present voted in favor, and the motion passed. Resolution below:

RESOLUTION

TO CREATE A SEPARATE BANK ACCOUNT FOR THE COLLECTION AND DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS FOR MONIES RECEIVED FOR HEALTH CLAIMS

WHEREAS, it is resolved by the Dodge County Board of Commissioners that a bank account be established for the purpose of collecting and disbursing monies received for payment of health claims; and

WHEREAS, it is resolved that all checks issued on said accounts shall require two of the following persons signature on the face of the check: William Dan McCranie – Chairman, Conner Bearden – County Manager, or Kimberly Smith-Parkerson – County Clerk or their successors over time as they appear and are elected or appointed.

The County Manager is therefore directed to create said account at the Colony Bank in Eastman, GA, and to have signature cards set up on said account.

SO RESOLVED, this 18th day of May, 2026.

Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Flanagan discussed updates from the Airport Authority meeting. She also requested Attorney Harrington review a new house bill relating to airports to ascertain any obligations of the county.

County Manager Report: Conner Bearden

Manager Bearden noted the dates for the upcoming tire abatement from May 31 to June 14. The Public Safety Association’s meeting is scheduled Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at the armory.

Manager Bearden updated from the tax assessor’s meeting and expressed concern about failing the upcoming audit. If so, he stated he would file an appeal. He also discussed Senate Bills relating to homestead exemptions.

Chairman McCranie stated the board would be available for questions after the meeting.

Adjourn

With no other business to come before the board, Commissioner Flanagan made a motion to adjourn at 6:31 p.m. Commissioner Greene seconded. All present voted in favor, and the meeting adjourned.

Attested:

Approved:

Kimberly Smith-Parkerson, County Clerk

Dan McCranie, Chairman