Dodge County Board of Commissioners
Monday, October 05, 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, Attorney Ron Daniels, Manager Conner Bearden, Clerk Kimberly Smith-Parkerson

Call to Order – Amend Agenda
The Dodge County Board of Commissioners held a regular meeting at the Dodge County Pearl Bates Courthouse Annex on Monday, October 05, 2026, with Chairman McCranie presiding. He called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Next, he gave a devotion from John 13:18 and prayed.

Elected Officials/Department Heads
Nothing presented.

Approval of Minutes

A. Minutes – September 21, 2026 Regular Meeting

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

B. Minutes – September 29, 2026 Public Hearing, 10 a.m.

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

C. Minutes – September 29, 2026 Public Hearing, 6 p.m.

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

Old Business

A. Robert Belflower – Tax Issue

Commissioner Greene made a motion to refund the county's portion of Mr. Belflower's overpayment of $883.29 in taxes due to his land value erroneously including a pond. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

B. Right-of-Way Policy

Commissioner Greene made a motion to adopt the Right-of-Way policy after striking "XII. Enforcement" and revising the section title to "XII. Administration." Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

New Business

A. Approval of Accounts Payable

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the accounts payable report totaling $140,448.83.

Commissioner Greene seconded the motion. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

B. Airport – Derek Hutchinson

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to approve the airport authority funds request for Option 2 and Option 3 totaling $54,196 from TSPLOST funds to support hanger improvements and additional hanger/apron space. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. All voted favorably, and the motion passed.

C. Eagleview – Second Flight

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to approve the second flight by Eagleview for mapping services, which is a part of an existing six-year contract. Commissioner Flanagan seconded the motion. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

D. Judicial Project

The board discussed design options for the exterior of the courthouse project and requested pricing of the first design, with and without the cupola.

E. 2026 SPLOST Bank Account Resolution

Commissioner Flanagan made a motion to approve the 2026 SPLOST banking account resolution on the condition of including Dodge County and the appropriate year in the title. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. All voted in agreement and the resolution was approved, as spread upon the minutes:

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NO. 10.05.2026

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF DODGE COUNTY, GEORGIA, AUTHORIZING THE OPENING OF A DEDICATED BANK ACCOUNT FOR THE 2026 SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX (SPLOST) FUNDS; DESIGNATING AUTHORIZED SIGNATORIES; AND FOR OTHER LAWFUL PURPOSES.

***WHEREAS**, the citizens of Dodge County approved the imposition of a Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) in a referendum held on November 05, 2024; and*

***WHEREAS**, O.C.G.A. § 48-8-121 requires that the proceeds received from the SPLOST tax be maintained in a separate account and used exclusively for the specified capital projects approved in the referendum; and*

***WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners finds it necessary and prudent to establish a specific depository account to ensure proper accounting, auditing, and segregation of these public funds from the County's General Fund; and*

***WHEREAS**, Colony Bank has been selected as an official depository for Dodge County, Georgia;*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of Dodge County, Georgia, and it is hereby resolved by the authority of the same, as follows:*

SECTION 1. Account Establishment.

The County Manager and County Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to open a separate, interest-bearing bank account at Colony Bank, located in Eastman, GA, to be designated as the "Dodge County 2026 SPLOST" account.

SECTION 2. Depositories and Internal Controls.

All SPLOST distribution checks or electronic fund transfers received from the Georgia Department of Revenue shall be deposited exclusively into this account. Funds from this account shall only be disbursed

for verified expenditures directly tied to the approved SPLOST project list, or transferred to appropriate project funds as authorized by the approved budget.

SECTION 3. Authorized Signatories.

The following county officials are hereby designated as authorized signatories to execute checks, drafts, electronic transfers, or other orders for the payment of money from said account:

1. *William Dan McCranie, Chairman, Board of Commissioners*
2. *Conner Bearden, County Manager*
3. *Kimberly Smith-Parkerson, County Clerk*

Colony Bank is authorized to honor checks only when signed by any two (2) of the above-listed individuals.

SECTION 4. Execution of Banking Documents.

The Chairman of the Board of Commissioners and the County Clerk are authorized to execute any standard corporate resolution forms, signature cards, or indemnity agreements required by Colony Bank to implement this Resolution, provided such forms do not conflict with the intent of this Resolution or Georgia law.

SECTION 5. Effective Date.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

***PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED** this 5th day of October, 2026.*

DODGE COUNTY, GEORGIA

Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Flanagan discussed ACCG legislative priorities including PILOT revenue sharing, EMS reimbursements, behavioral health, and state's financial responsibility for prisoners.

County Manager Report: Conner Bearden

The county manager reported the following:

- Court reimbursement of $38,410 for the recent superior court trial
- Procurement for CDBG engineering services
- Attorney Ron Daniels' gubernatorial appointment as the next superior court judge

Adjourn

With no other business to come before the board, Commissioner Jones made a motion to adjourn at 6:58 p.m. Commissioner Flanagan seconded. All voted in favor, and the meeting adjourned.

Attested: Approved:

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Kimberly Smith-Parkerson, County Clerk Dan McCranie, Chairman