The Dodge County Board of Commissioners met in a regular session at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, December 18, 2017, in Suite 101 of the Dodge County Courthouse Annex. Chairman McCranie called the meeting to order and led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag followed by the devotional and prayer by Commissioner Cheek.

**Elected Officials/ Department Heads**
Chairman McCranie recognized Chief Tax Appraiser Dale Jones as present.

Charles Williams thanked the board for funding projects for the Development Authority the past year and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Sharon Cobb Flanagan thanked the board for supporting the Dodge County Farmers Market and announced the market would be closed the next two weeks during the holidays.

**Approval of Minutes**

A. December 4, 2017 Regular Meeting
Chairman McCranie asked for any additions, deletions, or corrections to the minutes of the December 4, 2017, regular meeting. Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve the minutes seconded by Commissioner Niblett. The vote was unanimous to approve.

**Old Business**
There was no old business.
New Business
A. Approval of Accounts Payable
The chairman asked the board to review the list of payments on the Accounts Payable checklist for any questions or comments. Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve the payments seconded by Commissioner Watkins. All voted in favor of the motion.

B. Milan Fire Department Request for SPLOST Funds
County Manager Peacock read a letter from Lee Kirkland requesting four thousand dollars ($4,000.00) from their SPLOST funds to purchase a rescue truck from another fire department. The purchase price of the truck is eight thousand five hundred dollars ($8,500.00) with the department funding the balance. Commissioner Howell asked the county manager if the funds were available to the fire department and Peacock replied yes. Commissioner Howell then made a motion to approve the request with Commissioner Niblett making the second. Howell, Niblett and Cheek all voted in favor of the motion and it passed. Commissioner Watkins abstained from the vote.

C. Mitchell Fire Department Request for SPLOST Funds
Todd Hightower asked the board to approve a request for ten thousand dollars ($10,000.00) from their SPLOST funds to be used as matching grant funds. He said the grant had to be filed by December 21st and if awarded would obtain three quotes to refurbish a used fire truck for the department. County Manager Peacock confirmed the funds were available and Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve the request. Commissioner Cheek made the second and the motion passed.

D. 2018 Holiday Schedule
The chairman referred the board to the list of proposed holidays for county employees during 2018. Commissioner Niblett asked if the holidays were the same as last year noting a recent change for employees to have the day after Christmas this year as an observed holiday. The clerk said previously Christmas Eve and Christmas Day were the observed holidays, but the change was requested this year because Christmas Eve was on Sunday. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to approve the holiday schedule with Commissioner Watkins making the second. All voted in the affirmative.

Commissioner Reports
There were no reports from the board.

County Manager Report
The county manager had nothing to report and there were no questions.
**Public Comments**
Cindy Eckles of the Dodge County News asked about the meeting change for the first meeting in January since New Year’s Day was a holiday for employees. Commissioner Watkins made a motion to change the meeting date to Tuesday, January 2nd at 6:00 p.m. Commissioner Niblett seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous to make the change.

Jack Jones asked the board for a progress report on Hobbs Road. County Manager Peacock said he had spoken with Tom Fowler of the EPD and that he would advise the county when Young had met their requirements. Jones also made a request to have the speed limit lowered on Chicken Road.

**Adjourn**
Commissioner Howell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Niblett made the second to his motion and all voted to adjourn.