

**Work Session Minutes**  
**Dodge County Board of Commissioners**  
**January 19, 2021 at 4:30 pm**

**Present:** Dan McCranie, Chairman  
Sharon Cobb Flanagan, District 1 Commissioner  
Terry L. Niblett, Vice-Chairman, District 2 Commissioner  
Brian Watkins, District 3 Commissioner

**Also Present:** Sheriff Brian Robinson  
Conner Bearden, County Manager  
Kimberly Smith-Parkerson, County Clerk

**Virtual Attendance:** John Harrington, County Attorney

**Absent:** Karen Cheek, District 4 Commissioner

Chairman Dan McCranie presided and called the work session to order at 4:36 p.m.

Sheriff Brian Robinson updated the Board regarding his plans for the Sheriff's Department, as follows:

- Researching partnering with Dodge County Hospital for inmate medical services rather than continuing to use Southern Correctional Medicine. Manager Bearden input the hospital could provide similar services as SCM, other than mental health. But the hospital is seeking a provider to fulfill that need, as well. Also, a local dentist would need to be contacted for a contract.
- K9 has been provided at no cost to the taxpayers.
- His training method is de-escalation mode.
- Prefers to deal with local businesses as much as possible for departmental needs.
- Discussed the escalating burden of patrol car maintenance and safety issues related to aging vehicles. Recommended leasing a new fleet of ten 2021 Ford Explorers, AWD, at \$91,000 (state contract price).

Chairman McCranie asked about the condition of the jail, and Sheriff Robinson affirmed the jail was in good shape and had been thoroughly cleaned upon his arrival. Also, the Chairman asked about body cams and was assured all the deputies wear them.

Next, a Commissioner Goals Report was discussed, as compiled by Commissioner Flanagan with input from each Commissioner.

- Researching the feasibility of repairing the Courthouse.
- Quarterly budget reviews, including grants. Publishing information for transparency.
- Road maintenance pre-planning would be ideal, but unlikely, due to inclement weather. Currently, the Road Supervisor attempts a three-week rotation for scraping roads.

- County ordinances were discussed for review and unification. Attorney Harrington suggested establishing committees for the project.
- Researching property root deeds in order to tax properties not currently being taxed.

Updating the Comprehensive Plan and Service Delivery Strategy was discussed. Manager Bearden had received a letter from the Regional Commission for \$17,000 to update both. He had reached out to the City of Eastman and other municipalities to assist with payment.

With no further business to discuss, the work session adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

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Kimberly Smith-Parkerson, County Clerk

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Dan McCranie, Chairman