

**Joint Comprehensive Plan Meeting Minutes
Dodge County Board of Commissioners and Stakeholders
February 22, 2021**

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: Conner Bearden, County Manager
Kimberly Smith-Parkerson, County Clerk

Absent: Karen Cheek, District 4
John P. Harrington, County Attorney

Stakeholders: Kelly Bellflower – Roddy
Jay Putnam – Stuckey
Tom Peacock – Plainfield
Cindy Eckles – Dodge Co. News
LaDon Toole – Dodge County Hospital
Leigh Ann Greene – Green Acres
Kennan Graham – Builders Supply
Charles Williams – Joint Development Authority
Ken Eason – Stuckey Timberland
William Putnam - Stuckey

Virtual Attendance: Ted Goshorn – Chamber of Commerce, First Methodist Church

The Dodge County Board of Commissioners held a meeting at the Dodge County Pearl Bates Courthouse Annex on Monday, February 22, 2021, to discuss the Joint Comprehensive Plan. Chairman Dan McCranie called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and gave Manager Conner Bearden the floor.

After discussing the initiatives from the prior Comprehensive Plan from 2016, the following items were decided upon for the 2021 initiative:

- Expand or move Federal Opportunity Zone
- Seek to lower County ISO rating
- Pursue recycling opportunities
- Rehabilitate courthouse and surrounding grounds
- Pursue a more responsible approach to animal control

- Maintain and promote Certified Work Ready Community
- Pursue the development of a local history museum
- Pursue paving and drainage improvements, as needed
- Pursue funding to develop Agriculture/Expo/Farmer's Market center
- Support the development of a new regional community mental health center with housing
- Establish new manned Solid Waste Convenience Centers through land lease/purchase, and work with municipalities to man the unmanned sites
- Seek a road acceptance procedure, including dirt and paved roads, from new development
- Pursue a Free Trade Area in Dodge County

Leigh Ann Greene, Tom Peacock, and Ted Goshorn volunteered for the Steering Committee, which will meet with the Regional Commission at the Eastman-Dodge County Chamber of Commerce on March 4, at 10:30 a.m.

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, Commissioner Niblett made a motion to adjourn at 6:41 p.m. and Commissioner Watkins seconded. The vote was unanimous, and the meeting was adjourned.

Attested:

Kimberly Smith-Parkerson, County Clerk

Approved:

Dan McCranie, Chairman