



**Regular Meeting Minutes
Dodge County Board of Commissioners
June 21, 2021**

Commissioners Present:

Dan McCranie, Chairman
Sharon Cobb Flanagan, District 1
Terry L. Niblett, Vice-Chairman, District 2
Brian Watkins, District 3
Karen Cheek, District 4

Also Present:

John P. Harrington, County Attorney
Conner Bearden, County Manager
Kimberly Smith-Parkerson, County Clerk

The Dodge County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting at the Dodge County Pearl Bates Courthouse Annex at 6:00 p.m. on **Monday, June 21, 2021**. Chairman McCranie called the meeting to order and immediately asked for a motion to amend the agenda to include "Library Board Appointment" under New Business. Commissioner Watkins made a motion, and Commissioner Niblett seconded the motion. All voted in favor, and "Library Board Appointment" was added to the agenda.

Next, Chairman McCranie led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a devotion from Commissioner Cheek entitled *Only Believe*. Afterward, she gave the invocation.

Elected Officials/Department Heads

A. EMS Update

Director Weston was unable to attend due to teaching an EMT class. Manager Bearden updated the Board regarding May's EMS revenue which was \$65,395.

Approval of Minutes

A. June 07, 2021 – Regular Meeting

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 7th Board meeting, as presented. Commissioner Flanagan seconded. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

Old Business

None presented.

New Business

A. Approval of Accounts Payable

Commissioner Niblett made a motion to approve the Accounts Payable list totaling \$45,613.01 with Commissioner Flanagan seconding. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

B. Change Next Meeting Date to Tuesday, July 06, 2021

Chairman McCranie asked the Board to make a motion to move the first meeting of July to Tuesday due to Monday being a holiday. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to move the meeting to Tuesday, July 06, 2021. Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

C. Recreation Board Appointment

Manager Bearden reported John Butler resigned from the Recreation Board, and the Rec Board recommended Blakelyn Bundick, an educator at North Dodge Elementary, as a replacement. Ms. Bundick was present and gave a brief bio.



D. Eastman-Dodge County Development Authority Board Appointment

Manager Bearden acknowledged receiving a letter of resignation from John Jessup on the Eastman-Dodge County Development Authority Board. Attorney Harrington confirmed the resignation.

David Mazza, Operations Manager at Arconic Architectural Products, gave a brief bio for the vacant position on the Development Authority Board.

E. Ocmulgee Water Trail Partnership

Manager Bearden informed the Board the Ocmulgee Water Trail \$200 membership fee had been waived due to covid hardships, but a donation of dues would be appreciated by the membership. Manager Bearden also reported representation from the Ocmulgee Water Trail would be present for a ribbon cutting at the completion of the Ochise Boat Landing project.

Commissioner Cheek made a motion to proceed with the donation. Commissioner Flanagan seconded. Attorney Harrington recommended forgoing the donation and proceeding with the membership payment due to the County's non-gratuity policy.

Commissioner Cheek amended the motion on the floor to proceed with the payment of the Ocmulgee Water Trail Partnership dues in the amount of \$200. Commissioner Flanagan amended her second to reflect the same. All voted in favor, and the motion passed to proceed with the payment of dues.

F. Library Board Appointment

Manager Bearden reported a Dodge County Library Board of Trustees appointment open in the place of Jimmy Clements, who'd reached his term limit of two consecutive terms. Anne Bowen, Director of the Ocmulgee Regional Library System, recommended Jaye Hilliard, a Speech Language Pathologist at Houston Medical Center, for the position.

In the case of all board appointments – Dodge County Library Board of Trustees, Eastman-Dodge County Development Authority, and the Eastman-Dodge County Recreation Department Board - Commissioner Cheek made a motion to table all appointments until the next meeting. Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion to table all appointments. All voted in favor, and the appointments were tabled.

Commissioner Reports

None presented.

County Manager Report: Conner Bearden

- Ochise Boat Landing - Completion is scheduled for early August.
- Gresston Dumpster Site should be open soon. A memorandum of understanding had been received from the Gresston Rural Fire Department.
- State Public Health Emergency Declaration is set to expire June 30, 2021.

Public Comments

None presented.

Executive Session



Commissioner Watkins made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 6:25 p.m. to discuss legal matters and personnel. Commissioner Niblett seconded the motion, and all voted unanimously to go into Executive Session.

Commissioner Niblett made a motion to return to Regular Session at 7:19 p.m. Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion, and all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Adjournment

With no further business to address, Commissioner Watkins made a motion to adjourn at 7:20 p.m. Commissioner Niblett seconded; all voted in favor, and the meeting was adjourned.

Attested:

Kimberly Smith-Parkerson, County Clerk

Approved:

Dan McCranie, Chairman