

**Regular Board Meeting Minutes
Dodge County Board of Commissioners
Tuesday, July 06, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.**



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 **Tuesday, July 06, 2021**. Chairman McCranie called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a devotion from Commissioner Cheek entitled *Show Love* from Matthew 5:43-48. Afterward, Commissioner Watkins gave the invocation.

Elected Officials/Department Heads

A. Fire Safety Coordinator Update – Jamey Wilkinson

Fire Safety Coordinator Wilkinson reported the Monthly Fire and Safety Report for June. Overall dispatched calls totaled 100. Fire calls were 27 and rescue calls were 73. Non-response totaled 26.

Also, Interim EMS Director Braswell reported 349 calls in June and \$496 cash per call. In contrast, only 231 calls were run in June 2020.

Approval of Minutes

A. June 21, 2021 – Regular Meeting

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 21st Board meeting. Commissioner Niblett seconded. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

Old Business

A. Dodge County Library Board Appointment

Manager Bearden reported Jaye Hilliard as the only applicant for the Dodge County Library Board. Commissioner Watkins made a motion to approve the appointment of Jaye Hilliard to the library board. Commissioner Cheek seconded. All voted in favor, and the nomination passed for Jaye Hilliard's appointment to the Library Board.

B. Eastman-Dodge County Development Authority Board Appointment

Manager Bearden recalled David Mazza's interest in the Development Authority appointment as indicated at the prior Board meeting on June 21. He also introduced Tim McCain of Aremac Heat Treating as a potential appointment. McCain gave a brief bio. Next, Manager Bearden gave a bio for John Reddock, who also submitted a resume for the appointment but was unable to attend the meeting.

Commissioner Niblett nominated David Mazza. Commissioner Cheek nominated John Reddock. Commissioner Flanagan made a motion to table the nominations. Due to no second, the motion died.

Commissioner Niblett made a motion to open nominations. Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion. All voted in favor, and the motion passed to open nominations. Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Cheek invited Mr. McCain to share ideas for growing the community. He discussed using SIC codes for recruiting companies to this area.



Commissioner Niblett nominated David Mazza of Arconic Architectural Products for the appointment to the Development Authority Board. Commissioner Watkins seconded the nomination. Commissioner Niblett, Commissioner Watkins, and Commissioner Flanagan voted in favor of David Mazza's appointment. Commissioner Cheek opposed. David Mazza was appointed by majority vote.

C. Eastman-Dodge County Recreation Board Appointment

Manager Bearden reported Blakelyn Bundick as the only resume submitted for the Recreation Board.

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to open nominations. Commissioner Niblett seconded the motion. All voted in favor, and the nominations were open. Commissioner Watkins nominated Blakelyn Bundick for the Recreation Board appointment. Commissioner Niblett seconded; all voted in favor, and the nomination passed for Ms. Bundick's appointment to the recreation board.

New Business

A. Approval of Accounts Payable

Commissioner Niblett requested information regarding the ML Scarbary Plumbing invoice totaling \$5,979.40 on page 2 of the Check Listing report, which the Manager agreed to present at the next meeting. Commissioner Flanagan made a motion to approve the Accounts Payable list totaling \$347,641.53 with Commissioner Niblett making the second. All voted in the favor, and the motion passed.

Commissioner Reports

None presented.

County Manager Report: Conner Bearden

- The Recreation Department's Fourth Annual Sponsor Banquet is scheduled August 13 with keynote speaker David Greene, former UGA quarterback.
- Chief Judge Sarah F. Wall rescinded the local operating guidelines for increased health and safety measures as of July 1, 2021.

Public Comments

Mr. John Battle requested county board appointments to be advertised in other ways than social media outlets.

Adjournment

With no further business to address, Commissioner Watkins made a motion to adjourn at 6:27 p.m. Commissioner Niblett seconded; all voted in favor, and the meeting was adjourned.

Attested:

Kimberly Smith-Parkerson, County Clerk

Approved:

Dan McCranie, Chairman