



**Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
Dodge County Board of Commissioners  
Monday, August 16, 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 **Monday, August 16, 2021**. Chairman McCranie called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Next, Commissioner Cheek gave a devotion entitled, Forget Me Not in the Face of Abundance, from 1 Kings 8:57 and Proverbs 30:7-9. Afterward, Commissioner Watkins gave the invocation.

**Elected Officials/Department Head**

Nothing presented.

**Approval of Minutes**

**August 2, 2021 – Regular Meeting**

Commissioner Niblett made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on August 2<sup>nd</sup> with no additions, corrections, or deletions. Commissioner Watkins seconded. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

**Old Business**

Nothing presented.

**New Business**

**A. Approval of Accounts Payable**

Commissioner Niblett made a motion to approve the Accounts Payable list totaling \$93,534.77 with Commissioner Flanagan making the second. All voted in agreement, and the motion passed.

**B. EMS SPLOST Request for Training Equipment**

On behalf of Interim EMS Director Bob Braswell, County Manager Bearden requested \$4,136.58 in 2013 SPLOST funds for the following:

- 4 Adult Manikins - \$1,196.68
- Pneumothorax Stimulator - \$669.60
- Infant Airway Trainer Head - \$727.65
- Full-Body Adult CPR Manikin with Electronics - \$1,542.65

Manager Bearden stated the equipment would be used for community and employee Basic Life Support (CPR) classes. He noted the 2013 SPLOST for equipment purchases had a balance of \$27,589.22. Commissioner Watkins made a motion to approve the training equipment purchase for the EMS Department. Commissioner Cheek seconded the motion, and all voted agreeably. The motion passed.

**C. Road Department SPLOST Request for Dump Truck Repair**



Manager Bearden presented a repair order from T & W Services to repair and replace the engine in a 1995 DT466 International Diesel single-axle dump truck for the Road Department. No other bids were available as no one else was located who could do the repair. The repair total was \$13,789.94.

Manager Bearden reported \$1,315,915.56 available in the Road Department's 2013 SPLOST. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to approve the repair from T & W Services of Dublin. Commissioner Flanagan seconded the motion. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

**D. Millage Rate**

County Manager Bearden explained the 2021 digest indicated all properties were valued at \$430,384,866. In comparison, last year's digest was \$419,811,460, which was a 2.5% increase in the reassessed values. The rollback rate, calculated by the Board of Tax Assessors, was 11.821 and would bring a loss of \$44,087 when compared to last year. Bearden recommended keeping the millage rate at 12.224 and not doing the rollback. The Board discussed the pros and cons of Bearden's suggestion. Commissioner Watkins made a motion to accept the rollback rate of 11.821. Commissioner Niblett seconded the motion. All voted agreeably, and the motion passed.

**E. Change First Meeting in September for Labor Day Holiday**

Chairman McCranie asked for a motion to change the first meeting in September to Tuesday, September 7, in order for all to observe Monday as a holiday. Commissioner Watkins made a motion to move the Board Meeting to Tuesday, September 7. Commissioner Niblett seconded. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

**Commissioner Reports**

None presented.

**County Manager Report: Conner Bearden**

- Manager Bearden updated the Board regarding the Judicial Order signed August 4, 2021, by Judge Wall to enforce face masks and social distancing in the courtrooms due to the uptick in Covid cases.
- Manager Bearden stated the Census indicated a decrease in Dodge County's population by 1,871.

**Public Comments**

Linda Plante submitted a letter to be read regarding stray dogs in Milan. (Plante was unable to attend.) Gary Yawn discussed the mass appraisal process used by the Department of Revenue.

**Adjournment**

With no further business to address, Commissioner Niblett made a motion to adjourn at 7:29 p.m. Commissioner Cheek seconded; all voted in favor, and the meeting was adjourned.

Attested:

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Kimberly Smith-Parkerson, County Clerk

Approved:

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Dan McCranie, Chairman