



**Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
Dodge County Board of Commissioners  
Monday, January 03, 2022, 6 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:**

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

**Absent:**

John P. Harrington, County Attorney

The Dodge County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting at the Dodge County Pearl Bates Courthouse Annex on **Monday, January 03, 2022**. Chairman McCranie presided and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. He led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a devotion from Commissioner Cheek entitled "Count Our Blessings" from Psalm 103:1-8. Afterward, she prayed.

**Elected Officials/Department Head**

Nothing presented.

**Approval of Minutes**

**December 20, 2021 – Regular Meeting**

Commissioner Niblett made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on December 20, 2021, with no additions, corrections, or deletions. Commissioner Flanagan seconded. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

**Old Business**

**A. Redistricting Map**

Commissioner Niblett made a motion to adopt the Dodge Commission Districts Map – Draft 1R, which excludes Dodge State Prison in District 2. Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

**New Business**

**A. Approval of Accounts Payable**

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to approve the accounts payable report totaling \$42,558.27. Commissioner Niblett seconded the motion. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

**B. 2020 Audit Report**

After discussion regarding the findings on the 2020 audit, Commissioner Niblett made a motion to approve the 2020 audit report. Commissioner Flanagan seconded the motion. All voted unanimously, and the motion passed.

**C. Bank Account Maintenance Fees Reimbursement Request from Tax Commissioner**

On behalf of Tax Commissioner Kay Graham, Manager Bearden requested a refund of service fees for Great Oaks Bank account number 404004 (mobile homes account) in the amount of

\$378.53. He made the same request for account number 396002 (tag unit account) in the amount of \$721.55. The request was for fees from May to November of 2021. Manager Bearden notified the Board he would contact the bank to request removal of future service fees from county accounts.

Commissioner Niblett made a motion to approve the refund of service fees. Commissioner Cheek seconded the motion. All voted favorably, and the motion passed.

#### **D. Elect Vice-Chairman for Board of Commissioners**

Chairman McCranie opened the floor for nominations for vice-chair. Commissioner Watkins nominated Commissioner Terry Niblett. With no other nominations forthcoming, Commissioner Cheek made a motion to close nominations. Commissioner Flanagan seconded. All voted unanimously to close nominations, and Commissioner Niblett was elected vice-chair by acclamation.

#### **E. Appoint County Attorney**

Chairman McCranie opened the floor for the appointment of the county attorney. Commissioner Watkins nominated Attorney John P. Harrington. With no other nominations forthcoming, Commissioner Cheek made a motion to close nominations. Commissioner Niblett seconded. All voted unanimously to close nominations, and Attorney John P. Harrington was appointed county attorney by acclamation.

#### **F. Appoint County Manager**

Chairman McCranie opened the floor for the appointment of the county manager. Commissioner Niblett nominated Conner Bearden. With no other nominations forthcoming, Commissioner Watkins made a motion to close nominations. Commissioner Flanagan seconded. All voted unanimously to close nominations, and Conner Bearden was appointed county manager by acclamation.

#### **G. Appoint County Auditor**

Chairman McCranie opened the floor for the appointment of the county auditor. Commissioner Flanagan nominated Certified Public Accountant H. Frank Erwin, Jr. With no other nominations forthcoming, Commissioner Watkins made a motion to close nominations. Commissioner Niblett seconded. All voted unanimously to close nominations, and H. Frank Erwin, Jr. was appointed county auditor by acclamation.

#### **H. Appoint County Clerk**

Chairman McCranie opened the floor for the appointment of the county clerk. Commissioner Cheek nominated Kimberly Smith-Parkerson. With no other nominations forthcoming, Commissioner Niblett made a motion to close nominations. Commissioner Watkins seconded. All voted unanimously to close nominations, and Kimberly Smith-Parkerson was appointed county clerk by acclamation.



**I. Approval to Solicit 2022 Operating Line of Credit Bids**

County Manager Bearden requested approval to solicit bids for an operating line of credit in the amount of \$1,000,000.00, if necessary. Commissioner Watkins made a motion to approve the solicitation of the 2022 operating line of credit bids in the amount of one million dollars. Commissioner Niblett made a second. All voted unanimously, and the motion passed.

**J. Approve 2022 Holiday Schedule**

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to approve the 2022 holiday schedule with Commissioner Niblett seconding. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

**K. Change 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting in January to Tuesday, January 18, 2022**

Commissioner Niblett made a motion to approve moving the second meeting in January to Tuesday, January 18, due to MLK Day. Commissioner Watkins seconded. All voted agreeably, and the motion passed.

**Commissioner Reports**

None presented.

**County Manager Report: Conner Bearden**

Manager Bearden reported the railroad track crossings from James Troup Road to Ben Giddens Road will be undergoing repair and maintenance. The maximum time for closure will be two days.

**Public Comments**

None presented.

**Adjournment**

With no further business to address, Commissioner Watkins made a motion to adjourn at 6:28 p.m. Commissioner Flanagan seconded; all voted in favor, and the meeting adjourned.

Attested:

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Kimberly Smith-Parkerson, County Clerk

Approved:

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Dan McCranie, Chairman