



**Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
Dodge County Board of Commissioners  
Monday, December 06, 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, December 06, 2021.**

Chairman McCranie called the meeting to order and asked for a motion to amend the agenda to strike the following:

- C. Kolby/Sheila White – Tax Matter
- D. Deborah and Lola Davis – Tax Matter (Henry Hall Estate)

And to add:

- J. ARPA Request – EMS Department

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to amend the agenda, as detailed. Commissioner Niblett seconded the motion. All voted in favor, and the Agenda was amended.

Next, Chairman McCranie led the Pledge of Allegiance. Then, Commissioner Cheek read a devotion about opportunities to serve and gave the invocation.

**Elected Officials/Department Head**

**A. Michael Johnson – EMS Update**

EMS Director Michael Johnson reported November's revenues were \$78,921.19. Elevos' collection rate is 32% while industry standards should be nearer to 60 or 70% according to Johnson. Johnson is working with Elevos to correct issues and increase collections.

HRSA reporting Phase I has been completed, and Dodge County should be receiving reimbursement.

**B. Jamey Wilkinson – Fire Coordinator Update**

Jamey Wilkinson reported 106 calls with 39 fire, 67 rescue, and 21 non-response. He also reported the first fire instructor class would be completed December 14.

**Approval of Minutes**

**November 16, 2021 – Regular Meeting**

Commissioner Niblett made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on November 16, 2021, with no additions, corrections, or deletions. Commissioner Cheek seconded. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

**Old Business**

**A. Spriggs Group Master Architect Agreement**



Manager Bearden reported on Exhibit 1 HVAC Systems Demolition. Bearden clarified the first phase of the project was to document the existing duct work. Also, the plumbing and existing electrical will be surveyed, as detailed in Renovation Project Phase 1.

Also, Manager Bearden struck the sentence between the word VOID on page 3 of the Master Architect Agreement at Kenneth Spriggs' approval. The verbiage was only in the contract to detail the matter being struck, as detailed:

**VOID** *The Architect shall have no responsibility for the discovery, presence, handling, removal or disposal of, or exposure of persons to, hazardous matters or toxic substances in any form at the Project site.* **VOID**

Commissioner Flanagan made a motion to approve the Master Contract Agreement. Commissioner Cheek made the second. All voted in favor, and the agreement was approved.

### **B. 2021 T-SPLOST Phase 1**

County Manager Bearden received two bids for the 2021 T-SPLOST Phase 1 after removing Eagle Ridge for patching (based on the Engineer's review.)

1. A&C Earth Services	\$253,015.50
2. The Scruggs Company	\$242,367.00

Bearden reported the apparent low bidder for the 2021 T-SPLOST was Scruggs Company. The Engineer Estimate was low at \$173,250.00 due to the outdated cost of the aggregate surface.

Commissioner Niblett made a motion to approve the low bid from The Scruggs Company. Commissioner Watkins made the second, and all voted in favor. The motion passed.

### **New Business**

#### **A. Approval of Accounts Payable**

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to approve the accounts payable list totaling \$190,169.46, and Commissioner Niblett seconded. All voted in agreement, and the motion passed to approve the accounts payable list.

#### **B. Exchange Bank**

When no one spoke on behalf of Exchange Bank (attending remotely), County Attorney Harrington notified the Board he would need to research the matter before making any recommendations.

Exchange Bank representative resolved the technical issues, and Manager Bearden updated her the County Attorney would review the matter and make a recommendation.

#### **C. SPLOST Request – Morgue and EMS, Supply Closet AC**

Manager Bearden requested a climate-controlled split unit for the County Morgue/EMS supply area. Condensation is causing rust to accumulate on the cooler, and the EMS needs extra storage in that area for medical supplies. The two bids presented were, as follows:

1. Barlow Air	\$5,667.16
2. Hays	\$6,180.00

Commissioner Cheek made a motion to accept the low bid of \$5,667.16 from Barlow Air. Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion. All voted unanimously, and the motion passed.



**D. Adoption of Redistricting Map**

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to accept the redistricting map as presented by the Legislative Congressional Reapportionment Office. Commissioner Cheek seconded the motion. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

**E. Historical Society – Phil Bearden**

President of the Historical Society Phil Bearden requested the County continue to fund the Historical Society and for an MOU for services provided, which includes preserving the Eastman House and propagating historical education.

**F. Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Board Appointment**

Manager Bearden recommended Commissioner Flanagan for the WIOA Regional Commission Board for the three-year term. Commissioner Flanagan agreed to the recommendation.

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to appoint Commissioner Flanagan to the WIOA Board, and Commissioner Niblett seconded. Commissioner Watkins, Cheek, and Niblett voted agreeably. Commissioner Flanagan did not vote. The appointment passed.

**G. Regional Council 3<sup>rd</sup> Member Appointment**

Manager Bearden reported the 3<sup>rd</sup> member of the Regional Council serves an annual term. Currently, Raymond Mullis and Commissioner Watkins serve. Commissioner Flanagan made a motion to appoint Manager Bearden as the 3<sup>rd</sup> member. Commissioner Niblett seconded. All voted favorably, and the appointment was granted to County Manager Bearden.

**H. ARPA Request – EMS Department**

EMS Director Johnson requested ARPA funds for two (2) new ambulances. Quotes and terms received for ambulances were, as follows:

Vendor	Type/Model	Cost	Total (X2)	Months
Custom Truck and Body Works	2022 Ford E350	\$140,411.70	\$280,823.40	18
Custom Truck and Body Works	2022 Chevy G3500	\$141,075.20	\$282,150.40	18
ETR Vehicles	2022 Ford E350	\$125,733.00	\$251,466.00	12

Johnson also requested equipment needs with a quote from Stryker. The quote received from Stryker was \$290,250.32. Stryker was the only quote received due to continuity of equipment within the department and ambulances.

Manager Bearden reported that the ARPA account has \$1,502,867.87.

After credits given, the total ARPA request was \$529,916.32.

Commissioner Cheek made a motion to approve the ARPA request for \$529,916.32 for two ambulances from ETR Vehicles and equipment from Stryker. Commissioner Flanagan seconded the motion. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

**Commissioner Reports**

None presented.

**County Manager Report: Conner Bearden**



- Manager Bearden reported the Service Delivery Strategy had been approved by DCA.
- Manager Bearden attended the recreation meeting and requested an annual audit be conducted.
- Manager Bearden will be meeting with the engineer who designed the CDBG application.

**Public Comments**

None presented.

**Executive Session**

Commissioner Niblett made a motion to enter executive session at 7:06 p.m. Commissioner Watkins seconded. All voted agreeably and the motion passed.

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to return to regular session at 7:31 p.m. Commissioner Niblett seconded the motion. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

**Adjournment**

With no further business to address, Commissioner Watkins made a motion to adjourn at 7:32 p.m. Commissioner Niblett 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