

**Board Meeting Minutes
Dodge County Board of Commissioners
Monday, March 21, 2022**



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 on March 21, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. with Chairman McCranie presiding. He led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a devotion and prayer from Commissioner Cheek.

Elected Officials/Department Head

A. Michael Johnson – EMS Update

EMS Director Johnson reported revenues for February at \$85,078.08. Next, he invited the Board outside to demonstrate a newly installed powerlift stretcher on one of the county's ambulances. Johnson also reported receiving \$32,147 in CHIP funding.

Approval of Minutes

A. Minutes – March 07, 2022 Regular Meeting

A motion was made by Commissioner Niblett and seconded by Commissioner Flanagan to approve the regular meetings minutes as published. All voted in favor, and the motion carried.

B. Minutes – March 07, 2022 Work Session

A motion was made by Commissioner Watkins and seconded by Commissioner Niblett to approve the work session minutes as published. With all voting in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

C. Minutes – March 07, 2022 Public Hearing

A motion was made by Commissioner Watkins and seconded by Commissioner Cheek to approve the public hearing minutes as published. With all voting in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

No old business was presented.

New Business

A. Approval of Accounts Payable

A motion was made by Commissioner Flanagan and seconded by Commissioner Niblett to approve the accounts payable report totaling \$264,543.19. With all voting in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

B. Board of Public Health Appointment

Commissioner Cheek nominated Mallory D. Guyton to the Board of Public Health as the Consumer Advocate to replace Mertha Brown upon her resignation. With no other nominations



forthcoming, a motion to close nominations was made by Commissioner Watkins and seconded by Commissioner Niblett. All voted agreeably and nominations were closed. Mallory D. Guyton was appointed to the Board of Public Health by acclamation.

C. LOST Negotiations

A motion was made by Commissioner Flanagan and seconded by Commissioner Watkins to approve May 10 and June 14 at 6:00 p.m. for LOST negotiations for the cities and county. All voted favorably, and the motion passed.

D. Utility Permit Application

A motion was made by Commissioner Flanagan and seconded by Commissioner Watkins to give the county manager authority to approve utility permit applications. All voted agreeably, and the motion passed.

Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Flanagan reported attending a meeting where counties were being encouraged to institute franchise fees for utilities using county right-of-ways.

County Manager Report: Conner Bearden

Manager Bearden gave a legislative update and noted the city/county's joint work session was scheduled March 29.

Public Comments

Lonnie Lewis requested a children-at-play sign or speeding sign on Free Gift Church Road. Susan Coffee discussed the safety hazard at the end of Pearl Bates Avenue.

Executive Session

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel matters at 6:41 p.m. Commissioner Niblett seconded. With all voting in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Cheek made a motion to return to the regular session at 7:07 p.m. Commissioner Watkins seconded. With all voting in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

With no further business to address, Commissioner Watkins made a motion to adjourn at 7:08 p.m. Commissioner Niblett seconded. All voted favorably, and the meeting adjourned.



Attested:

Kimberly Smith-Parkerson, County Clerk

Approved:

Dan McCranie, Chairman