



**Regular Board Meeting Minutes
Dodge County Board of Commissioners
Monday, March 07, 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 07, 2022. Chairman McCranie presided and called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. He led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a devotion from Commissioner Cheek entitled *Come to Me* from Matthew 11:28. Afterward, she prayed.

Elected Officials/Department Head

A. Michael Johnson – EMS Update

Michael Johnson was unable to attend.

B. Jamey Wilkinson – Fire Safety Coordinator Update

Fire Safety Coordinator Jamey Wilkinson reported 79 calls in February, with 26 fire and 53 rescue. Non-response calls were 17.

Approval of Minutes

A. Minutes – February 21, 2022 Regular Meeting

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

B. Minutes – February 21, 2022 Work Session

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

C. Minutes – February 21, 2022 Public Hearing

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

Old Business

A. English Crossing Road Abandonment

Chairman McCranie noted two public hearings had been held regarding the abandonment of 1.7 miles on English Crossing Road beginning at the intersection of Garrison Drive and terminating at the dead end. Commissioner Watkins made a motion to abandon the portion of road, as so noted. Commissioner Niblett seconded. With all voting in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

New Business

A. Approval of Accounts Payable

A motion was made by Commissioner Watkins and seconded by Commissioner Flanagan to approve the accounts payable report totaling \$284,668.05. With all voting in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

B. EMS ARPA Request

Manager Bearden updated the Commission regarding the installation of the Stryker cots for the ambulances. No motion was made as this item was discussed and voted upon in the commissioner meeting on December 06, 2021 per Manager Bearden.

C. 2022 Tire Abatement

A motion was made by Commissioner Niblett and seconded by Commissioner Watkins to approve the Local Government Scrap Tire Abatement Reimbursement Program Agreement totaling \$49,328. With all voting favorably, the motion carried.

D. TSPLOST Part 2 Project

A motion was made by Commissioner Niblett and seconded by Commissioner Watkins to reject the bid by The Scruggs Company and allow the engineers to restructure the TSPLOST Part 2 bid package. All voted favorably, and the motion carried.

E. 2022 LMIG

A motion was made by Commissioner Niblett and seconded by Commissioner Watkins to approve the low bid by The Scruggs Company for \$1,215,504.44. With all voting in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

F. FY 2022 ARPA Budget Approval

A motion was made by Commissioner Niblett and seconded by Commissioner Watkins to approve the FY 2022 ARPA Budget. All voted favorably, and the motion carried.

G. Leave It Better Event Request

Manager Bearden informed the Commission of a Leave It Better request for an event at the courthouse on Saturday, April 30.

Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Flanagan inquired about organizing a community broadband committee to stay abreast of future grant opportunities.

County Manager Report: Conner Bearden

Manager Bearden gave a legislative update and spoke about the upcoming chamber banquet.

Public Comments

Kathy Sapp Vaughn and Patrick Sapp discussed the permitting process for utility encroachment on county's right-of-way.

Sarah Dennard petitioned for Antioch Church Road to be paved.



Executive Session

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss legal and personnel matters at 7:01 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 7:33 p.m. Commissioner Watkins seconded. With all voting in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

With no further business to address, Commissioner Niblett made a motion to adjourn at 7:34 p.m. Commissioner Cheek seconded. All voted favorably, and the meeting adjourned.

Attested:

Kimberly Smith-Parkerson, County Clerk

Approved:

Dan McCranie, Chairman