

**Board Meeting Minutes  
Dodge County Board of Commissioners  
Monday, April 04, 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 Monday, April 04, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. with Chairman McCranie presiding. He led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Commissioner Cheek followed with a devotion entitled "Hope Behind the Cloud" from Matthew 16:13-17. Then, she led a prayer.

**Elected Officials/Department Head**

None present.

**Approval of Minutes**

**A. Minutes – March 21, 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 Joint Work Session**

A motion was made by Commissioner Watkins and seconded by Commissioner Niblett to approve the joint work session 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 Niblett and seconded by Commissioner Watkins to approve the accounts payable report totaling \$328,712.38. With all voting in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

**B. Pine Country Annual Membership Dues**

Commissioner Niblett made a motion to table the Pine Country membership dues until more information could be obtained by the County Manager in regard to Pine Country's services in the county. Commissioner Cheek seconded the motion to table this item. All voted in favor, and the item was tabled.

**C. Community Service Board of Middle Georgia – Behavioral Health Contract**



Commissioner Watkins made a motion to approve the Community Service Board of Middle Georgia's Behavioral Health Contract for July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023, in the amount of \$13,343.00. Commissioner Niblett seconded the motion. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

**D. CDBG Engineer Selection**

Commissioner Niblett made a motion to select Carter and Sloope as the engineer for the Community Development Block Grant project due to their vast experience with CDBG-related projects. Commissioner Cheek seconded the motion. All voted unanimously, and the motion passed.

**Commissioner Reports**

- Chairman McCranie noted attending a meeting in Atlanta hosted by the OEMC where industry and trade were topics of discussion.
- Chairman McCranie reported a joint meeting between the Board of Commissioners and the City of Eastman where community projects and plans were discussed.
- Commissioner Niblett commended City of Eastman Fire Chief Scotty Whitten, Fire Safety Coordinator Jamey Wilkinson, and all others involved in isolating and extinguishing the fire at Valence.

**County Manager Report: Conner Bearden**

Manager Bearden gave a legislative update.

**Public Comments**

Sarah Dennard wanted to follow-up on a road complaint.  
Susan Coffee discussed fire safety and the need for a foam truck.

**Adjournment**

With no further business to address, Commissioner Watkins made a motion to adjourn at 6:33 p.m. Commissioner Flanagan seconded. All voted favorably, and the meeting adjourned.

Attested:

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Kimberly Smith-Parkerson, County Clerk

Approved:

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Dan McCranie, Chairman