

**Board Meeting Minutes
Dodge County Board of Commissioners
Monday, June 20, 2022, 6:00 p.m.**



Commissioners Present:

Dan McCranie, Chairman
Sharon Cobb Flanagan, District 1
Karen Cheek, District 4

Also Present:

John P. Harrington, County Attorney
Conner Bearden, County Manager
Kimberly Smith-Parkerson, County Clerk

Absent:

Terry L. Niblett, Vice-Chairman, District 2
Brian Watkins, District 3

The Dodge County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting at the Dodge County Pearl Bates Courthouse Annex Monday, June 20, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. with Chairman McCranie presiding. He led the Pledge of Allegiance. Afterward, Commissioner Cheek read a devotion from Romans, Chapter 12 entitled *Trustworthy Love*.

Elected Officials/Department Head

None present.

Approval of Minutes

A. Minutes – June 06, 2022 Regular Meeting

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

B. Minutes – June 14, 2022 Called Meeting (LOST)

Chairman McCranie requested an addendum to the called meeting minutes to record a motion. County Clerk Parkerson read the motion to be added, as detailed:

Commissioner Flanagan made a motion to set the Dodge County percentage for the local option sales tax (LOST) at 52.49%. Commissioner Niblett seconded the motion. All voted favorably, and the motion passed.

Commissioner Flanagan made a motion to approve the minutes with the addendum as noted. Commissioner Cheek seconded the motion. All voted favorably, and the motion passed.

C. Minutes – June 14, 2022 Called Meeting (Road Department Equipment)

A motion was made by Commissioner Flanagan and seconded by Commissioner Cheek to approve the called meeting minutes as published. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

Old Business

A. Codification of Ordinances

County Manager Bearden updated the board that the ordinances had been reviewed by Attorney Harrington and had been forwarded to Municode.



B. Unused Road Equipment List

Manager Bearden informed the board the surplus equipment list was still being gathered. A motion was made by Commissioner Cheek and seconded by Commissioner Flanagan to table the surplus equipment item. All voted in favor, and the item was tabled.

New Business

A. Approval of Accounts Payable

Commissioner Cheek inquired as to the address location of the courthouse power bill in the amount of \$3057.74. Manager Bearden stated he would research the matter.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cheek and seconded by Commissioner Flanagan to approve the accounts payable report totaling \$224,027.50. With all voting in favor, the motion passed.

B. City of Eastman – Fireworks Request

On behalf of the City of Eastman, Vice-Chair of the City Council Raymond Mullis requested \$4,000 for the city fireworks for the Independence Day Celebration.

Commissioner Cheek made a motion to approve \$4,000 for the fireworks with the stipulation that other towns within the county which have fireworks are proportionally funded. The motion died. Commissioner Flanagan inquired as to the gage the county uses for these type funds. Manager Bearden stated the gratuity clause doesn't allow donations without services provided, but the City is a government municipality and doesn't violate the clause.

Chairman McCranie asked for a motion. Commissioner Cheek made a motion to contribute \$4,000 to the City of Eastman for the July 4 fireworks display. Commissioner Flanagan seconded the motion. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

Chairman McCranie requested the motion be amended to utilize contingency funds for the contribution. Commissioner Cheek amended the motion as stated. Commissioner Flanagan amended the second. All voted favorably and the amended motion passed.

C. SPLOST Request - Road Department Utility Tractors

Manager Bearden presented bids for two open utility tractors and requested to purchase the low bid option from Blanchard Equipment Company utilizing 2019 SPLOST funds which has a balance of \$1,650,000. The bids for 2 John Deere 5075E Open-Station Utility Tractors detailed below:

- Blanchard Equipment - \$75,000.00
- Flint Equipment Company - \$88,536.12
- Lasseter Tractor Company - \$81,532.92

A motion was made by Commissioner Flanagan and seconded by Commissioner Cheek to purchase the two open-station tractors from Blanchard for \$75,000 using the 2019 SPLOST. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.



D. SPLOST Request – Sheriff’s Office

Manager Bearden requested repeaters on behalf of the Sheriff’s Office to help with splotchy signal issues. Commissioner Flanagan made a motion to table the item until further investigation could determine if the repeater would solve the problem. Commissioner Cheek seconded the motion. All voted in favor, and the item was tabled.

Commissioner Reports:

Commissioner Flanagan reported attending a broadband meeting at OEMC and a Workforce Development Board meeting.

County Manager Report: Conner Bearden

The County Manager reported town hall work sessions will begin June 23 in Chester. Also, he attended the recreation board meeting.

Public Comments

John Battle invited the board to the Juneteenth Celebration.

Adjournment

With no further business to address, Commissioner Cheek made a motion to adjourn at 6:38 p.m. Commissioner Flanagan seconded; all voted in favor, and the meeting adjourned.

Attested:

Kimberly Smith-Parkerson, County Clerk

Approved:

Dan McCranie, Chairman