

**Board Meeting Minutes
Dodge County Board of Commissioners
Tuesday, September 06, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.**



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 Tuesday, September 06, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. with Chairman McCranie presiding. (Monday was the Labor Day holiday.) He called the meeting to order and recognized Commissioner Flanagan who made a motion to amend the agenda to delete line item B - *Development Authority of Dodge County Board Appointment* - under Old Business. Commissioner Cheek seconded the motion. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

Chairman McCranie led the Pledge of Allegiance. Afterward, Commissioner Cheek gave a devotion from Luke 18 entitled *Don't Lose Heart*. Then, she led a prayer.

Elected Officials/Department Head

Nothing presented.

Approval of Minutes

A. Minutes – August 15, 2022 Regular Meeting

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

B. Minutes – August 31, 2022 Called Meeting

Commissioner Niblett made a motion to approve the minutes after amending the attendance to reflect the county attorney was present. Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion. All voted in favor, and the motion passed to approve the minutes with an amendment.

Old Business

A. Dodge County Recreation Board Appointment

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to open nominations for the recreation board appointment. Commissioner Flanagan seconded the motion. All voted in favor, and the nominations were opened.

A motion was made by Commissioner Watkins and seconded by Commissioner Niblett to nominate Jonathan Mullis.

A motion was made by Commissioner Flanagan to nominate Blake Southerland. With no second, the motion died.



A motion was made by Commissioner Niblett and seconded by Commissioner Watkins to close nominations. All voted in favor, and the nominations were closed.

Jonathan Mullis was appointed to the recreation board by acclamation.

New Business

A. Approval of Accounts Payable

A motion was made by Commissioner Watkins and seconded by Commissioner Cheek to approve the accounts payable report totaling \$452,098.83. With all voting in favor, the motion passed.

B. Transportation Projects Management

A motion was made by Commissioner Watkins and seconded by Commissioner Niblett to table the transportation projects manager program until more information could be gathered. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

C. HVAC Service and Maintenance Agreement

Bob King with Hays Service spoke to the board regarding the benefits of a service and maintenance agreement for the air conditioning units at the Dodge County Jail and the Pearl Bates Annex building.

D. Pearl Bates Annex Roof

Manager Bearden reported a roofing leak at the Pearl Bates Annex. Due to the aging roof and recurring leaks, he sought bids for replacing the entire roof, which were submitted, as follows:

30-year shingle

- GeCon - \$89,139.56
- S&S Roof - \$69,540.00
- Patriot - \$95,582.83
- Roof Services - \$58,750.00
- GB Roofing - \$66,280.27
- Moore's Roofing - \$66,165.00
- MLW - \$119,615.00

Metal

- GeCon - \$248,115.90
- S&S Roof - \$195,200.00
- MLW - \$423,779.00

Manager Bearden indicated funds were available in the 2019 SPLOST account in the amount of \$1,707,835.10. A motion was made by Commissioner Flanagan and seconded by Commissioner Niblett to accept the bid from Moore's Roofing at \$66,165.00. All voted favorably, and the motion passed. Commissioner Niblett made note that Moore's Roofing was not the lowest bid but was a local vendor.

Commissioner Reports

Nothing presented.

County Manager Report: Conner Bearden

Manager Bearden reported the following:

- LMIG EEE project is complete; West Chicken Road is open.
- The Masonic Lodge volunteered to clean the recreation department restrooms.



- The Fire Fee Committee determined fire fees could not be added until 2023 due to time restraints.
- House Bill 1385 purposed annexation plans with a digital shapefile should be reported to the Reapportionment Office and also provided for regional commissions to assist municipalities with digital files, if necessary.

After the County Manager report, Commissioner Watkins made a motion to dissolve the Development Authority of Dodge County and to return all, if any, assets to Dodge County.

Commissioner Flanagan made a motion to table for two weeks. No second was forthcoming.

Commissioner Niblett seconded Commissioner Watkins' motion to dissolve the Development Authority of Dodge County and to return all assets to Dodge County's general fund. All voted in favor, and the motion passed with no objections.

Commissioner Flanagan asked what happens to funds that are given to the Dodge County Eastman Development Authority for a particular project that doesn't come to fruition. Attorney Harrington stated it depends how it's voted upon in the meeting.

Public Comments

Blake Southerland introduced himself to the board as an applicant for the recreation department board and gave a brief bio.

Adjournment

With no further business to address, Commissioner Watkins made a motion to adjourn at 6:54 p.m. Commissioner Niblett seconded; all voted in favor, and the meeting adjourned.

Attested:

Kimberly Smith-Parkerson, County Clerk

Approved:

Dan McCranie, Chairman