

**Board Meeting Minutes
Dodge County Board of Commissioners
Monday, October 03, 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 Monday, October 03, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. with Chairman McCranie presiding. He called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Afterward, Commissioner Cheek gave a devotion from Psalm 91 entitled *One Day at a Time*. Then, she led a prayer.

Elected Officials/Department Head

None present.

Approval of Minutes

A. Minutes – September 19, 2022 Regular Meeting

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

Old Business

A. Proposed Policy for Board of Commissioners

The proposed policy, as recorded below, was discussed by the Board.

Proposed BOC Policy for Board Meetings

All requests for funding (e.g., SPLOST, TSPLOST) shall be presented from someone representing the organization/authority, other than a commissioner appointed by the Dodge County Board of Commissioners, or otherwise, to that organization/authority.

Any Board of Commissioner motions made regarding such funding requests must be from a commissioner other than a commissioner appointed to that organization/authority, whether by the Board of Commissioners or otherwise. (This isn't intended to prevent a commissioner appointed to another organization/authority from voting on any related issue.)

Chairman McCranie recommended the County Attorney review the policy for adherence to state law before proceeding in the matter.

B. Road Department Brush Cutter

The County Manager reported quotes were pending. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to table with Commissioner Flanagan seconding. All voted to table until more information could be obtained.



New Business

A. Approval of Accounts Payable

A motion was made by Commissioner Flanagan and seconded by Commissioner Cheek to approve the accounts payable report totaling \$336,592.12. With all voting in favor, the motion passed.

B. Approval of DFCS 2023 Budget

Manager Bearden stated the requested 2023 DFCS budget was exactly the same as the 2022 budget. A motion was made by Commissioner Cheek and seconded by Commissioner Niblett to approve the 2023 DFCS budget. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

C. TSPLOST Road Repair Part 3 Bid Proposals

Manager Bearden presented the bids for the TSPLOST Road Repair Part 3, as detailed below:

- Scruggs Company - \$249,999.80
- Griffin Grading - \$339,978.03

A motion was made by Commissioner Flanagan and seconded by Commissioner Cheek to approve the low bid from Scruggs Company for the TSPLOST Road Repair Part 3 project. All voted in agreement, and the motion passed.

D. Courthouse Clean-Out Bid Proposals

Manager Bearden presented the bids for the Courthouse Clean-Out project, as detailed below:

- Graham and Studstill - \$60,000.00
- McWright, LLC. - \$44,700.00

Attorney Harrington stated he would include a waiver in the contract before parties signed due to the building conditions. A motion was made by Commissioner Niblett and seconded by Commissioner Cheek to accept the low bid from McWright. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Flanagan reported attending a meeting about jail medical costs and the potential for some relief in county costs.

County Manager Report: Conner Bearden

Manager Bearden reported the following:

- The county was awarded the CDBG for Peabody Heights in the amount of \$635,000 with a 10% in-kind match.
- The ACCG Legislative Conference was canceled due to the hurricane.
- A recycling grant was applied for from the EPD for cardboard. Commissioner Flanagan and Mike Flanagan were instrumental in the application process.
- The public defender requested an increase in the 2023 budget.

Public Comments

None presented.



Adjournment

With no further business to address, Commissioner Flanagan made a motion to adjourn at 6:31 p.m. Commissioner Cheek seconded; all voted in favor, and the meeting adjourned.

Attested:

Kimberly Smith-Parkerson, County Clerk

Approved:

Dan McCranie, Chairman