

**Board Meeting Minutes
Dodge County Board of Commissioners
Monday, December 05, 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, December 05, 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 Romans 15, entitled *Hope*, and led the prayer.

Elected Officials/Department Head

None present.

Approval of Minutes

A. Minutes – November 07, 2022 Regular Meeting

A motion was made by Commissioner Watkins and seconded by Commissioner Flanagan to approve the regular meeting minutes with deletions of road names from item G. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

B. Minutes – November 21, 2022 Regular Meeting

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

Old Business

A. Massingill Road Abandonment Petition

County Manager presented correspondence from Kelly Wiggins White, a full-time resident on Massingill Road, in opposition of the Massingill Road abandonment.

New Business

A. Approval of Accounts Payable

A motion was made by Commissioner Flanagan and seconded by Commissioners Watkins and Niblett to approve the accounts payable report totaling \$226,429.20. With all voting in favor, the motion passed.

B. 2021 Audit

County Auditor Frank Erwin discussed his findings for the 2021 audit. Afterward, a motion was made by Commissioner Flanagan and seconded by Commissioner Cheek to approve the 2021 county audit. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

C. Board of Assessors Appointment

County Manager Bearden presented correspondence from the Board of Assessors indicating Mr. George Watson's appointment will expire on December 31, 2022. By County policy, the appointment will be on the next agenda.

D. 2023 LMIG

County Manager Bearden discussed the 2023 LMIG projects detailing the engineer's estimate of \$1,546,778.42, as follows:

- County Line Road – resurfacing/full-depth reclamation - \$1,407,401.42
- El Bethel Road – concrete patching - \$8,915.00
- Chicken Road – concrete patching - \$67,462.00

The LMIG grant of \$891,629 with a ten percent county match of \$89,162.90 totaled \$980,791.90, leaving a variance of \$655,149.42. Manager Bearden indicated TSPLOST funds of \$944,707.32 and 2019 SPLOST funds would be necessary to complete the three projects. A motion was made by Commissioner Watkins and seconded by Commissioner Niblett to submit the roads as listed for bids. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

E. City of Eastman Property Tax

County Manager Bearden indicated this matter had been resolved.

F. CDBG Bank Account

A motion was made by Commissioner Niblett and seconded by Commissioner Watkins to open a bank account at Colony Bank for the CDBG project with Chairman Dan McCranie, Manager Conner Bearden and Clerk Kimberly Smith-Parkerson as signatories. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

Commissioner Reports

Nothing presented.

County Manager Report: Conner Bearden

Manager Bearden reported the following:

- The Christmas parade is scheduled Saturday, December 10.
- Highway 280 overpass – The bridge's load capacity is 31% lower than current standards and will be replaced. Estimated construction time is 12 months.

Public Comments

None presented.

Adjournment

With no further business to address, Commissioner Watkins made a motion to adjourn at 6:36 p.m. Commissioners Flanagan; all voted in favor, and the meeting adjourned.



Attested:

Kimberly Smith-Parkerson, County Clerk

Approved:

Dan McCranie, Chairman