

**Board Meeting Minutes
Dodge County Board of Commissioners
Monday, December 19, 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 19, at 6:00 p.m. with Chairman McCranie presiding. He asked for a motion to amend the agenda to add a new business item, I. RWD Grant. A motion was made by Commissioner Watkins and seconded by Commissioner Niblett to amend the agenda as described. All voted in favor, and the agenda was amended.

Chairman McCranie called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Afterward, Commissioner Cheek gave a devotion from Luke, Chapter 2, entitled *Hear the Good News*, and led the prayer.

Elected Officials/Department Head

A. Michael Johnson – EMS Update

EMS Director Michael Johnson updated the board, as follows:

- Graduation for 19 students was scheduled Dec. 19.
- An EMT class is scheduled to begin January 9.
- A paramedic class is scheduled to begin March 9.
- Year-to-date call volume was up by 400 in November.
- Revenues for November were \$114,676.97.

Approval of Minutes

A. Minutes – December 05, 2022 Public Hearing

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

B. Minutes – December 05, 2022 Regular Meeting

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

Old Business

A. Appointment to Board of Assessors

A motion was made by Commissioner Niblett and seconded by Commissioner Flanagan to nominate George Watson to the Dodge County Board of Tax Assessors.

No other nominations were made.



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

George Watson was appointed by acclamation.

New Business

A. Approval of Accounts Payable

A motion was made by Commissioner Watkins and seconded by Commissioners Flanagan to approve the accounts payable report totaling \$176,083.56. With all voting in favor, the motion passed.

B. Department of Public Health – Proposed Fees for Food Trucks

A motion was made by Commissioner Niblett and seconded by Commissioner Flanagan to table the proposed fees until representation from the Board of Health could be in attendance to answer questions. All voted in favor, and the item was tabled.

C. Adopt 2023 County Budgets

A motion was made by Commissioner Niblett and seconded by Commissioner Watkins to adopt the 2023 county budgets for the general fund and fiduciary accounts, as presented. All voted favorably, and the motion passed.

D. Approve 2023 Holiday Schedule

A motion was made by Commissioner Flanagan and seconded by Commissioner Watkins to approve the 2023 holiday schedule for Dodge County. All voted agreeably, and the motion passed.

E. Approve 2023 Regular Meeting Schedule

A motion was made by Commissioner Watkins and seconded by Commissioner Cheek to approve the 2023 regular meeting schedule. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

F. Code of Ethics Handbook Addition

A motion was made by Commissioner Flanagan and seconded by Commissioner Niblett to table the Code of Ethics policy until the policy could be reviewed. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

G. Codification of Ordinances

A motion was made by Commissioner Watkins and seconded by Commissioner Niblett to approve the codification of ordinances and repeal all prior ordinances. All voted in favor, and ordinances were approved.

H. Firefighter Cancer Policy

A motion was made by Commissioner Niblett and seconded by Commissioner Watkins to procure the firefighter cancer policy from ACCG. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.



I. RWD Grant (Recycling, Waste Reduction, and Diversion Grant)

A motion was made by Commissioner Niblett and seconded by Commissioner Cheek to accept the FY 2023 Recycling, Waste Reduction, and Diversion Grant in the amount of \$495,760 and to carry out the project in accordance with the terms and conditions of the grant agreement. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Flanagan reported attending the Workforce Development Board meeting.

County Manager Report: Conner Bearden

Manager Bearden reported the following:

- Dodge County was awarded Broadband Ready status for 2023.
- The 2023 LMIG grant acceptance was approved by the DOT.
- Chicken Road weight restriction signs were ordered.

Public Comments

John Battle inquired as to the addition of county employees as a result of the RWD Grant.

Adjournment

With no further business to address, Commissioner Watkins made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Niblett seconded. All voted in favor, and the meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Attested:

Kimberly Smith-Parkerson, County Clerk

Approved:

Dan McCranie, Chairman