

**Board Meeting Minutes
Dodge County Board of Commissioners
Tuesday, Jan 03, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.**



Commissioners Present:

Chairman Dan McCranie
Sharon Cobb Flanagan, District 1
Kelly Belflower, District 2
Brian Watkins, District 3
Vice-Chair Karen Cheek, District 4

Also Present:

John P. Harrington, County Attorney
Ron Daniels, Assistant 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, January 03, at 6:00 p.m. with Chairman McCranie presiding. He introduced Commissioner Kelly Belflower, representative of District 2, called the meeting to order, and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Afterward, Commissioner Cheek gave a devotion from Jeremiah 17, entitled *What Are Your Expectations for 2023*, and led the prayer.

Elected Officials/Department Head

None present.

Approval of Minutes

A. Minutes – December 19, 2022 Public Hearing

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

B. Minutes – December 19, 2022 Regular Meeting

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

Old Business

A. Code of Ethics Handbook Policy

A motion was made by Commissioner Watkins and seconded by Commissioners Cheek and Flanagan to approve the Code of Ethics for the county handbook. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Watkins and seconded by Commissioner Belflower to table the proposed fees until representation from the Board of Health could attend. All voted in favor, and the item was tabled.

New Business

A. Approval of Accounts Payable

A motion was made by Commissioner Flanagan and seconded by Commissioners Watkins to approve the accounts payable report totaling \$375,886.29. With all voting in favor, the motion passed.



B. Elect Vice-Chair for the Board of Commissioner

Chairman McCranie opened the floor for nominations for vice-chair. Commissioner Flanagan nominated Commissioner Karen Cheek. With no other nominations forthcoming, Commissioner Watkins made a motion to close nominations. Commissioner Flanagan seconded. All voted unanimously to close nominations.

Commissioner Cheek was elected vice-chair by acclamation, and she thanked the Board.

C. Appoint County Attorney

Chairman McCranie opened the floor for the appointment of county attorney. Commissioner Watkins nominated Attorney John P. Harrington. With no other nominations forthcoming, Commissioner Flanagan made a motion to close nominations. Commissioner Cheek seconded. All voted unanimously to close nominations.

Attorney John P. Harrington was appointed county attorney by acclamation.

D. Appoint Assistant County Attorney

Chairman McCranie opened the floor for the appointment of assistant county attorney. Commissioner Watkins nominated Attorney Ron Daniels. With no other nominations forthcoming, Commissioner Flanagan made a motion to close nominations. Commissioner Watkins seconded. All voted unanimously to close nominations.

Attorney Ron Daniels was appointed assistant county attorney by acclamation.

E. Appoint County Auditor

Chairman McCranie opened the floor for the appointment of county auditor. Commissioner Cheek nominated Certified Public Accountant Frank Erwin. With no other nominations forthcoming, Commissioner Watkins made a motion to close nominations. Commissioner Flanagan seconded. All voted unanimously to close nominations.

Certified Public Accountant Frank Erwin was appointed county auditor by acclamation.

F. Appoint County Manager

Chairman McCranie opened the floor for the appointment of county manager. Commissioner Watkins nominated Conner Bearden. With no other nominations forthcoming, Commissioner Flanagan made a motion to close nominations. Commissioner Cheek seconded. All voted unanimously to close nominations.

Conner Bearden was appointed county manager by acclamation.

G. Appoint County Clerk

Chairman McCranie opened the floor for the appointment of county clerk. Commissioner Flanagan nominated Kimberly Smith-Parkerson. With no other nominations forthcoming, Commissioner Watkins made a motion to close nominations. Commissioner Cheek seconded. All voted unanimously to close nominations.

Kimberly Smith-Parkerson was appointed county clerk by acclamation.



H. Dodge County Board of Health Reappointment

County Manager Bearden notified the Board Ms. Mallory Guyton was up for reappointment to the Dodge County Board of Health in the consumer advocate position. Also, according to county policy, the appointment must be on two agendas before the appointment can be made.

I. 2023 Auditor Engagement Letter

A motion was made by Commissioner Watkins and seconded by Commissioner Flanagan to approve the 2023 auditor engagement letter from CPA Frank Erwin. All voted favorably, and the motion passed.

Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Belflower stated he looked forward to serving and discussed ideas for improving county roads.

County Manager Report: Conner Bearden

Manager Bearden reported the following:

- The next recreation department meeting is scheduled Jan. 5 and bylaw updates will be discussed.
- The Board of Tax Assessors has a meeting on Jan. 11 and will be discussing aerial topography maps.

Public Comments

John Battle discussed the improvement of roads in the Liberty Street area.

Cindy Eckles reported the MLK parade has been scheduled for this year.

Adjournment

With no further business to address, Commissioner Watkins made a motion to adjourn at 6:29 p.m. Commissioner Flanagan seconded. All voted in favor, and the meeting adjourned.

Attested:

Kimberly Smith-Parkerson, County Clerk

Approved:

Dan McCranie, Chairman