

**Board Meeting Minutes
Dodge County Board of Commissioners
Monday, February 06, 2023 - 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 Monday, February 06, at 6:00 p.m. with Chairman McCranie presiding. He called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Next, he asked for an amendment to the agenda to add an executive session to discuss legal matters. Commissioner Watkins made a motion with Commissioner Belflower making a second. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

Afterward, Commissioner Cheek gave a devotion from Isaiah 61, entitled *Oil of Joy*, and led the prayer.

Elected Officials/Department Head

None present.

Approval of Minutes

A. Minutes – January 17, 2023 Regular Meeting

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

Old Business

A. Airport Authority Board Appointment - Commissioner

A motion was made by Commissioner Watkins and seconded by Commissioner Flanagan to open nominations and select Commissioner Belflower for the appointment. With no other nominations forthcoming, Commissioner Watkins made a motion to close nominations. Commissioner Cheek seconded. All voted agreeably, and Commissioner Belflower was appointed to the Airport Authority Board by acclamation.

B. Recreation Department – Ex Officio Appointment

If unable to attend recreation board meetings, Chairman McCranie named County Manager Bearden the ex-officio appointee.

New Business

A. Approval of Accounts Payable

A motion was made by Commissioner Watkins and seconded by Commissioner Flanagan to approve the accounts payable report totaling \$535,118.67. With all voting in favor, the motion passed.

B. Council on Aging Representative – Syble Pruett

Ms. Pruett spoke on behalf of the Council on Aging and asked the board for consideration of funding the monthly electricity bill for the center, which averages \$233 per month. Attorney Harrington was asked to draw up a contract to detail exchange of services for monies requested and to present at the next meeting.

C. Development Authority Discussion

Commissioner Flanagan discussed workforce and small business development as focus areas for a development authority which would not be in competition, but in collaboration, with the mission of the Eastman-Dodge County Development Authority.

D. Hospital Board Appointments Discussion

Commissioner Flanagan discussed the board of commissioners' role in choosing three applicants for hospital authority board appointments. Chairman McCranie asked Attorney Harrington to provide a list of current appointments and terms.

E. FY 2022 – 4th Quarter Financials

Manager Bearden discussed the 4th Quarter Financials and year-end financials.

Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Flanagan reported the following:

- An outdoor recreation map has been designed and is available.
- A request for a road committee work session.
- RWD grant (cardboard recycling) education is in the works through after-school programs.
- First phase broadband should be completed in March.

County Manager Report: Conner Bearden

Manager Bearden reported on the following:

- March 9 is the date set for commissioners at the capitol.
- Legislature updates
- Motor graders should be here February 17 and February 28.
- Courthouse abatement is on schedule, and reimbursements have been sent to EPD.

Public Comments

Susan Coffee reported Dodge County was not listed as a passport provider on the federal government's application page.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Commissioner Watkins and seconded by Commissioner Cheek to enter executive session to discuss legal matters. All voted in favor, and the motion passed at 6:57 pm.

A motion was made by Commissioner Watkins and seconded by Commissioner Belflower to enter regular session at 7:33 p.m. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.



Adjournment

With no further business to address, Commissioner Flanagan made a motion to adjourn at 7:34 p.m. Commissioner Belflower seconded. All voted in favor, and the meeting adjourned.

Attested:

Kimberly Smith-Parkerson, County Clerk

Approved:

Dan McCranie, Chairman