

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



Commissioners Present:

Chairman Dan McCranie
Sharon Cobb Flanagan, District 1
Brian Watkins, District 3

Also Present:

John P. Harrington, County Attorney
Conner Bearden, County Manager
Kimberly Smith-Parkerson, County Clerk

Absent:

Kelly Belflower, District 2
Vice-Chair Karen Cheek, District 4

The Dodge County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting at the Dodge County Pearl Bates Courthouse Annex Monday, April 03, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. with Chairman McCranie presiding. He called the meeting to order and asked for a motion to amend the agenda to add an executive session after the approval of the minutes. He noted the executive session was necessary to discuss property acquisition and a legal matter. Commissioner Watkins made a motion to amend the agenda, as requested. Commissioner Flanagan seconded the motion. Both voted in favor, and the motion passed to amend the agenda. Next, Chairman McCranie led the Pledge of Allegiance. Afterward, Commissioner Watkins led a prayer.

Elected Officials/Department Heads

None present.

Approval of Minutes

A. Minutes – March 06, 2023 Regular Meeting

Commissioner Flanagan made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes from March 06 with no amendments. Commissioner Watkins seconded. Both voted in favor, and the motion passed.

B. Minutes – March 20, 2023 Regular Meeting

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes from March 20 with no amendments. Commissioner Flanagan seconded. Both voted in favor, and the motion passed.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Commissioner Flanagan and seconded by Commissioner Watkins to enter an executive session to discuss legal matters and land acquisition at 6:05 p.m. Both voted in favor, and the motion passed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Flanagan and seconded by Commissioner Watkins to reenter regular session at 6:39 p.m. Both voted favorably, and the motion passed.

Old Business

A. Courthouse Architect Request



A motion was made by Commissioner Flanagan and seconded by Commissioner Watkins to approve the courthouse architect request for additional funds in the amount of \$15,300. Both voted in favor, and the motion passed.

B. Hospital Authority Board Appointments

Chairman McCranie asked for a motion to table the hospital authority board appointments. Commissioner Watkins made a motion to table the appointments. Commissioner Flanagan seconded. Both voted in favor, and the item was tabled.

C. Hobbs Road

Chairman McCranie stated the Hobbs Road item would be bypassed at this time.

D. Dodge County Eastman Development Authority Invoice

Chairman McCranie reported the item had been settled.

New Business

A. Approval of Accounts Payable

A motion was made by Commissioner Flanagan and seconded by Commissioner Watkins to approve the accounts payable report totaling \$336,500.07. Both voted in favor and the motion passed.

B. Dodge-Wilcox E911 and Sheriff's Office – Radio Contract

County Manager Bearden asked the board to review a radio maintenance contract with Loudoun Communications for the Sheriff's Office and E911. The annual contract is up for renewal, and the current contract is with Two-Way Communications. No motions were made.

Commissioner Reports

- Commissioner Flanagan reported attending the monthly WIOA (Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act) Board meeting. She also attended a class on housing and learned the governor is giving \$35 million for infrastructure to go toward housing.
- Commissioner Flanagan invited everyone to attend a broadband meeting at the chamber on Tuesday, April 11 at 11 a.m. where the Georgia Technology Authority will hear concerns about rural broadband.

County Manager Report: Conner Bearden

- Manager Bearden communicated the county has received a letter of intent from GDOT for the transit program. The county requested two new vehicles with wheelchair accessibility, and that request was approved.
- The truck weight bill passed, and the limit was 88,000 lbs. Manager Bearden will be finding out more.
- The Road Committee will convene Wednesday, April 12 at 10:30 a.m.

Public Comments

None presented.



Adjournment

With no further business to address, a motion was made by Commissioner Watkins and seconded by Commissioner Flanagan to adjourn at 6:52 p.m. Both voted in favor, and the meeting adjourned.

Attested:

Kimberly Smith-Parkerson, County Clerk

Approved:

Dan McCranie, Chairman