

**Dodge County Courthouse Committee Minutes  
Tuesday, October 10, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.**



**Present:**

Commissioner Brian Watkins, District 3  
Commissioner Sharon Cobb Flanagan, District 1  
Judge Michael Johnson  
Stephen Whigham  
Ken Spriggs  
Conner Bearden  
Kimberly Smith-Parkerson

**Not Present:**

Martin Kehayes

The Dodge County Courthouse Committee held a meeting at the Dodge County Pearl Bates Courthouse Annex Tuesday, October 10, 2023, with County Manager Bearden presiding. He called the meeting to order at 1:14 p.m. and gave the floor to Judge Johnson.

Judge Johnson gave recommendations for the Pearl Bates Annex to facilitate judiciary needs based on suggestions from District Court Administrator Bob Nadekow. There would need to be space and rooms to accommodate two juries and courtrooms simultaneously, which would require an additional 6,000 square feet. His concern was where court would be conducted in the renovation process.

County Manager Bearden asked for approval of the Courthouse Committee Meeting Minutes from July 19. Judge Johnson made a motion to approve, and Commissioner Watkins seconded. All agreed with no objections.

Architect Ken Spriggs updated the committee regarding the courthouse abatement. He also discussed further plans for renovation and expansion.

County Manager Bearden requested the committee meet again on October 24 with suggestions on how to move forward.

**Business:**

**Adjournment**

With no further business to address, the Courthouse Committee meeting adjourned at 4:12 p.m.

Attested:

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Kimberly Smith-Parkerson, County Clerk

Approved:

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Conner Bearden, County Manager