

**Dodge County Courthouse Committee Minutes
Tuesday, October 24, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.**



Present:

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

Virtual Attendance:

Stephen Whigham
Martin Kehayes

The Dodge County Courthouse Committee held a meeting at the Dodge County Pearl Bates Courthouse Annex Tuesday, October 24, 2023, with County Manager Bearden presiding. He called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Business:

A. Approval of Minutes 10/10/2023

On motion from Commissioner Watkins and second from Judge Johnson, the committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes from October 10 courthouse committee meeting.

B. Discuss Matter of Dodge County Courthouse

Manager Bearden asked for recommendations from the committee to present to the Board of Commissioners at the next regular meeting on November 6.

The three (3) recommendations were, as detailed below:

- Employ the Spriggs Group to design a valid approximate estimate using programming surveys for the layout of the Dodge County Courthouse. This recommendation is for the full expansion concept that would allow all county and judicial offices to be located in one building.
- Also, employ the Spriggs Group to use the same programming data to design a valid approximate estimate for the Dodge County Courthouse solely as a judicial facility with additions/modifications as needed. For example: 1 large courtroom for jury trials, 2 smaller courtrooms for bench trials, grand jury room, jury assembly room, sally port features and functions, and offices.
- Utilize a contractor to design a separate judicial building based off blueprints from the Tattnall County Judicial Annex, which Judge Johnson and County Manager Bearden will attempt to acquire.

Adjournment

With no further business to address, the Courthouse Committee meeting adjourned at 6:01 p.m.

Attested:

Approved:

Kimberly Smith-Parkerson, County Clerk

Conner Bearden, County Manager