

**Dodge County Board of Commissioners
Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, December 04, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.**



Commissioners Present:

Chairman Dan McCranie
Sharon Cobb Flanagan, District 1
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

Absent:

Kelly Belflower, District 2

The Dodge County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting at the Dodge County Pearl Bates Courthouse Annex Monday, December 04, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. with Chairman McCranie presiding. He called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Cheek gave a devotion, entitled "A Card and a Prayer," from 2 Kings 20:1-7 and led a prayer.

Public Hearings

A. Hobbs Road Abandonment Hearing

No comments from the public.

B. FY 2024 Budget Hearing

No comments from the public.

Elected Officials/Department Heads

Nothing presented.

Approval of Minutes

A. Minutes – November 20, 2023 Regular Meeting

Chairman McCranie noted the clarification on page 3 of line item L, "After confirming this was the 2nd meeting this appointment had been on the agenda, thereby following the board's policy for board appointments, Commissioner Flanagan made a motion to nominate Cindy Eckles to the Board of Tax Assessors." Commissioner Watkins made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes with the clarification. Commissioner Cheek seconded. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

Old Business

A. 2024 TSPLOST WPA Project

County Manager Bearden reported receiving two bids, as detailed below; however, Griffin Grading's bid was submitted late and disqualified.

- Scruggs Company \$1,271,908.00
- Griffin Grading and Concrete \$1,235,797.07

Manager Bearden recommended the board reject the qualified bid and relist the project in order to have a competitive bidding process. Commissioner Flanagan made a motion to accept the recommendation of the county manager. Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

B. Regional Council 3rd Member Appointment (Second Time on Agenda)

Commissioner Watkins nominated Conner Bearden to the third member appointment on the Regional Council. With no other nominations forthcoming, Commissioner Flanagan made a motion to close nominations. Commissioner Cheek seconded. All voted in favor. Chairman McCranie stated Conner Bearden was appointed by acclamation.

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 \$151,918.99. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

B. Approval of 2024 Holiday Schedule

County Manager Bearden stated the only change to the holiday schedule was the addition of the Juneteenth holiday. Commissioner Watkins made a motion to approve the 2024 holiday schedule. Commissioner Cheek seconded, and all voted in favor. The motion passed.

C. Approval of 2024 Board Meetings/Committee Meetings Schedule

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to approve the 2024 board and committee meetings schedule. Commissioner Cheek seconded. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

D. Legislation to Create a Board of Elections and Registration

County Manager Bearden stated he'd received a letter from Probate Judge Al McCranie addressed to Chairman Dan McCranie serving as notice of his relinquishing his role as Election Superintendent of Dodge County as of December 31, 2024.

Manager Bearden asked to table the legislation item at the request of Commissioner Belflower, who was unable to attend the meeting. Commissioner Watkins made a motion to table. Commissioner Flanagan seconded. All voted in favor, and the item was tabled.

E. Jail Food Service

County Manager Bearden presented a food service agreement between Kellwell Food Service and the Dodge County Sheriff's Department for the board's review.

F. Dodge County Courthouse

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to table any action relating to the courthouse until further information could be obtained. Commissioner Flanagan seconded. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

Commissioner Reports

Chairman McCranie reported he'd been asked about state house district lines being changed and after consulting with Representative Danny Mathis, he learned they wouldn't be changing at this time. However, the district number would be changing from 149 to 133.

County Manager Report: Conner Bearden

County Manager Bearden updated from the Recreation Department meeting on November 28. He also stated that cardboard recycling should be fully launched in January.

Lastly, he updated regarding the Community Development Block Grant. Construction will begin on January 2.



Public Comments

- Mike Flanagan gave his approval regarding the cardboard recycling facility but said the grading needed to be addressed.
- Susan Coffee expressed her appreciation for Michael Johnson’s CPR training class for her employees.
- Jason Warren thanked the county for the work done on WPA Road.
- Ronnie Dykes asked the board to reconsider their vote on the 2024 TSPLOST project.

Executive Session

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to enter executive session at 6:33 p.m. Commissioner Flanagan seconded. All voted in favor, and the board entered executive session.

Commissioner Flanagan made a motion to enter regular session at 7:34 p.m. Commissioner Cheek seconded. All voted in favor, and the board entered regular session.

Adjournment

With no further business to address, a motion was made by Commissioner Watkins and seconded by Commissioner Cheek to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. All voted in favor, and the meeting adjourned.

Attested:

Approved:

Kimberly Smith-Parkerson, County Clerk

Dan McCranie, Chairman