

**Dodge County Board of Commissioners
Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 02, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.**



Commissioners Present:

Chairman Dan McCranie
Sharon Cobb Flanagan, District 1
Vice-Chair Brian Watkins, District 3
Karen Cheek, District 4

Also Present:

John P. Harrington, 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 Tuesday, January 02, 2024, 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 to discuss personnel after the prayer. Commissioner Watkins made the motion; Commissioner Flanagan seconded. All voted favorably, and the motion passed. Next, Chairman McCranie led the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Cheek gave a devotion about time management from Psalm 90:12, 14, and 17. Afterward, she led a prayer.

Executive Session

Commissioner Cheek made a motion to enter executive session at 6:04 p.m. Commissioner Flanagan made a second. All voted in favor, and the board entered an executive session to discuss personnel.

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to return to the regular meeting at 6:15 p.m. Commissioner Cheek seconded. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

Elected Officials/Department Heads

None present.

Approval of Minutes

A. Minutes – December 18, 2023 Regular Meeting

Commissioner Cheek made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes. Commissioner Flanagan seconded. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

Old Business

A. RWD Grant Amendment

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to approve the amendment to the recycling and waste diversion grant agreement, which was amended to provide for the increase in the cost of the truck at \$15,616. Commissioner Flanagan seconded the motion. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

B. Transit - TTFP

Manager Bearden shared information where Dodge County was awarded \$289,992.99 for the amended transit application, which included funding for the FY 25 Telfair operations.

New Business

A. Approval of Accounts Payable

A motion was made by Commissioner Watkins and seconded by Commissioner Cheek to approve the accounts payable report totaling \$99,360.33. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

B. Elect Vice-Chair for the Board of Commissioners

Chairman McCranie opened the floor for nominations for vice-chair. Commissioner Flanagan nominated Commissioner Brian Watkins. Commissioner Cheek seconded the nomination. With no other nominations forthcoming, Commissioner Cheek made a motion to close nominations. Commissioner Flanagan seconded. All voted unanimously to close nominations.

Commissioner Watkins was elected vice-chair by acclamation.

C. Appoint Legal Counsel for the County

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to appoint Attorney John Harrington with Attorney Ron Daniels as co-counsel for the county's legal counsel. Commissioner Flanagan seconded the motion. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

D. Appoint County Auditor

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to appoint Frank Erwin as the county auditor. Commissioner Cheek seconded. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

E. Appoint County Manager

Commissioner Flanagan made a motion to appoint Conner Bearden as the county manager. Commissioner Cheek seconded. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

F. Appoint County Clerk

Commissioner Cheek made a motion to appoint Kimberly Smith-Parkerson as the county clerk. Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion. All voted in agreement, and the motion passed.

G. 2024 Auditor Engagement Letter

A motion was made by Commissioner Watkins and seconded by Commissioner Flanagan to approve the 2024 auditor engagement letter from CPA Frank Erwin. All voted favorably, and the motion passed.

Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Flanagan requested the Sheriff start patrolling the courthouse grounds. Also, she requested that a light at the courthouse be repaired. She requested Manager Bearden to update regarding a washout at the cardboard recycling building.

County Manager Report: Conner Bearden

The manager addressed the washout at the recycling building. He also reminded the board of a courthouse committee meeting on January 9. He informed the board the CDBG project began in Peabody Heights.



Public Comments

Glenn Coody expressed concern about tires being dumped on Don Huff Road. After discussion, it was noted the tires were on private property and not on the county easement. Manager Bearden stated he'd look into the matter.

Adjournment

With no further business to address, a motion was made by Commissioner Watkins and seconded by Commissioner Cheek to adjourn at 6:41 p.m. All voted in favor, and the meeting adjourned.

Attested:

Approved:

Kimberly Smith-Parkerson, County Clerk

Dan McCranie, Chairman