

**Dodge County Board of Commissioners  
Board Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, January 16, 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 16, 2024, 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 "Love One Another," from Colossians 3:12-13. Next, she led a prayer.

**Elected Officials/Department Heads**

**A. Sheriff Brian Robinson**

The sheriff was unable to attend.

**B. EMS Director Michael Johnson**

Director Johnson reported \$121,592 for the month of December with 63 calls.

**C. Fire Chief Jamey Wilkinson**

Chief Wilkinson reported 788 calls for the year in 2023 versus 434 in 2022.

**Approval of Minutes**

**A. Minutes – January 02, 2024 Regular Meeting**

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

**Old Business**

**A. DCEDA Grad Site**

DCEDA Executive Director Robert Pruitt updated regarding the grad site application. A core sample will be taken on the road in front of the grad site in the next couple of weeks and this should be the final piece.

Also, the Rayonier property has been purchased.

**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 \$522,035.21. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

**B. Tax Matter – Tracy Holland**

No one present.



## C. Dodge County Courthouse

### A. Communications from Spriggs Group

Manager Bearden discussed the Spriggs Group proposal of \$61,540 for cumulative fees including a site visit for structural analysis, programming fees, and construction estimates. Kenneth Spriggs offered to remove programming fees of \$22,100 bringing his total to \$39,440.

### B. Courthouse Committee Recommendations

Manager Bearden updated the board from the courthouse committee meeting where design build options were discussed. As a result of that meeting, the committee recommended the board seek RFPs for design build. Manager Bearden brought the recommendation to the board in the form of a motion. All voted in favor. None opposed. The motion passed.

### D. Request for Bids

- Landscaping
- Fire Extinguishers
- Pest Control
- Mulching

Manager Bearden asked for permission to seek bids for yearly contracts for all countywide locations in the above areas. The board agreed.

### E. Christian Recovery Centers

No one present.

### Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Flanagan noted CDBG was celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

### County Manager Report: Conner Bearden

- \$200 million more will be available to local governments for the LMIG grant in the upcoming year.
- Upcoming board appointments include DFCS, Farmers Market, Hospital, Board of Assessors, and Library Board.
- 2022 Audit from the Recreation Department has been completed.

### Public Comments

None presented.

### Adjournment

With no further business to address, a motion was made by Commissioner Watkins and seconded by Commissioner Cheek to adjourn at 6:39 p.m. All voted in favor, and the meeting adjourned.

Attested:

Approved:

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Kimberly Smith-Parkerson, County Clerk

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Dan McCranie, Chairman