



**Dodge County Board of Commissioners
Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 04, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.**

Also Present:

Conner Bearden, County Manager
John P. Harrington, County Attorney
Kimberly Smith-Parkerson, County Clerk

Commissioners Present:

Chairman Dan McCranie
Sharon Cobb Flanagan, District 1
Kelly Belflower, District 2
Vice-Chair Brian Watkins, District 3
Karen Cheek, District 4

The Dodge County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting at the Dodge County Pearl Bates Courthouse Annex Monday, March 04, 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 "The Power of Words," from James 3:9. Next, she led a prayer.

Elected Officials/Department Heads

A. EMS Director Michael Johnson

Not in attendance.

Approval of Minutes

A. Minutes – February 19, 2024

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

Old Business

A. Dodge County Courthouse RFPs

After discussion, the board and Attorney Harrington advised revisions to the courthouse RFP, as follows:

- Page 4, part A, subparagraph a – remove *Hospital's*, replace with *County's*
- Require to follow court services for security
- Remove point system
- Add specific requirements for general liability insurance and workers comp

Commissioner Belflower made a motion to approve the RFP with modifications, as noted. Commissioner Cheek seconded the motion. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

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 \$865,609.78. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

B. Eastman RYDC Transfer Resolution

Commissioner Belflower made a motion to table any decision made in the Eastman RYDC Transfer Resolution until more information could be gathered. Commissioner Flanagan made a second. All voted the same; motion passed.

C. 2024 LMIG Bids

Manager Bearden presented two 2024 LMIG bids, as detailed:

- Griffin Grading and Concrete \$1,131,040.51
- Scruggs Company \$1,024,981.14

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to accept the low bid from the Scruggs Company at \$1,024,981.14. Commissioner Flanagan seconded. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

D. Lawn Care Bids

Manager Bearden presented the Lawn Care Bids, as follows:

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| • Johnny B’s Lawn Service \$32,500 | • Dixie Landscaping \$34,800 |
| • Coleman \$55,920 | • Howell’s Lawn Care \$33,600 |
| • A&J Lawn Care \$23,000 | • First Choice Landscaping \$21,000 |
| • All Cut Lawn Service \$33,800 | • LES Grounds Maintenance \$122,500 |
| • R&G \$24,497 | |

Commissioner Belflower made a motion to accept the local low bid from R&G in the amount of \$24,497. Commissioner Cheek seconded the motion. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

E. Pest Control Bids

Manager Bearden presented the Pest Control Bids, as below:

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| • White and Lavender \$2,380 | • 4K Pest Solutions \$3,600 |
| • Bug House \$2,400 | • Pestmaster \$7,980 |
| • Knox Pest Control \$2,520 | • Aarow \$4,800 |
| • Orkin \$3,000 | • Navy Strong LLC \$7,420 |

Commissioner Flanagan made a motion to accept the local low bid from Bug House in the amount of \$2,400. Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

F. GA Opioid Settlement – Voting Delegate

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to open nominations by selecting Manager Conner Bearden as the voting delegate for the GA Opioid Settlement. Commissioner Flanagan made a second. With no other nominations forthcoming, Commissioner Watkins made a motion to close nominations. Commissioner Cheek seconded. All voted in favor, and Manager Bearden was nominated by acclamation.

G. Dodge County Hospital Authority Board – Nominee Forms

Manager Bearden notified the board that Cecil Barden was not up for nomination or reappointment, as misprinted in the board packet. The three appointments open for nomination in 2024 are John Paul Jones, Jim Rahn, and Mandel Mullis.

Manager Bearden reported applications received from the following: Terry Niblett, Jeffrey Underwood, James (Jim) Troy Rahn, Jr., Mandel Mullis, and Paul Jones.

Commissioner Flanagan made a motion to table nominations. Commissioner Watkins seconded. All voted agreeably, and the item was tabled.

H. Farmer's Market Board Appointment

Manager Bearden reminded the board that Blake Southerland's resignation on the Farmer's Board had not been filled, but an application had been received from Eugene Brannon. Mr. Brannon was in attendance and expressed his willingness to serve.

Commissioner Flanagan made a motion to table the appointment until the next meeting due to the county's policy requiring appointments being an agenda item for two consecutive meetings. Commissioner Watkins made a second to table the motion.

Attorney Harrington reminded the board that tabling allows no discussion, and Mr. Brannon's attendance at the meeting gave the board opportunity for questions. Commissioner Flanagan withdrew her motion to table. Commissioner Watkins withdrew his second.

Commissioner Reports

- Commissioner Cheek stated the cardboard recycling ribbon cutting was March 12.
- Chairman McCranie noted he'd asked Commissioners Flanagan and Cheek to work together to revitalize Forward Dodge.

County Manager Report: Conner Bearden

- County Manager gave a legislative update.
- He informed the board that the recycling ribbon cutting would be attended by representatives from EPD.
- Curbs should be finished on the CDBG project this week.
- Paving has begun on County Line Road for the LMIG 2023 project.
- Peaches to Beaches is March 8 and 9.
- Grading and shaping are currently ongoing for the TSPLOST WPA project.

Public Comments

Nothing commented.

Adjournment

With no further business to address, a motion was made by Commissioner Watkins and seconded by Commissioner Flanagan to adjourn at 7:15 p.m. All voted in favor, and the meeting adjourned.

Attested:

Approved:

Kimberly Smith-Parkerson, County Clerk

Dan McCranie, Chairman