

**Dodge County Board of Commissioners and City of Eastman
Joint Work Session Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 09, 2024**

Commissioners Present:

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

Remotely

Kelly Belflower, District 2

Also Present:

Conner Bearden, County Manager
John P. Harrington, County Attorney
Kimberly Smith-Parkerson, County Clerk
Brian Robinson, Sheriff
Tony Riddle, Sheriff's Office
Jaime Williams, Dodge County Health Department

Absent:

Karen Cheek, District 4

City Council Present:

Chairman Graham Snyder, District 2
Vice-Chair Sebrina Williams, District 1
Mark Peacock, District 4

Remotely:

Debra Sheffield, District 3

Also Present:

Spencer Barron, City Manager
Rita Llop, City Attorney
April Sheffield, City Clerk
Scotty Whitten, Fire Chief
Billy Cooper, Police Chief
Jack White, Building Inspector

Absent:

Jermayne Hamilton, District 5

The Dodge County Board of Commissioners and City of Eastman held a joint work session at the Dodge County Pearl Bates Courthouse Annex Thursday, May 09, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. with Chairman McCranie presiding. He called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Next, he led a prayer and blessed the meal. After the meal, business was discussed.

Business

A. Dodge County Health Department – Jamie Williams

County Environmentalist Jamie Williams spoke on behalf of the Dodge County Health Department and reviewed permits available, such as storage permits and relocation permits. She also discussed subdivision and food trucks guidelines, as required by the state.

B. Joint Projects Discussion

• **City/County Roads When They're Co-joined**

City Manager Spencer Barron and County Manager Conner Bearden will meet and discuss how to maintain these roads with less confusion by assigning roads in their entirety to the city or the county. They'll report back to the boards their findings and recommendations.

• **Animal Control**

County Manager Bearden recommended a mutual agreement between the city and county for sharing the city's kennel space. The county would fund doubling the size of the city's kennel in order to utilize resources already in place and to prevent duplication of services.

C. Mutual Agreements

- Inmate medical services in exchange for water at the jail was a matter discussed. City Manager Barron stated the bond requirements for the treatment plant don't allow free water services. Commissioner Watkins asked if an exchange of services was considered a form of payment.
- City Manager Barron discussed the city's E911 monthly charges and asked if there was an agreement for the amount the city pays.
- Fire hydrants which benefit county residents who don't pay city taxes were discussed.
- The city stated they would not fund any more projects at the airport at the current time due to their infrastructure expenses.
- The DA's office rent paid by the city and county was addressed. The city indicated they thought that the contract stated the building should be used for educational or library use.
- County Manager Bearden stated SPLOST negotiations would be taking place in the next four weeks.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Attested:

Approved:

Kimberly Smith-Parkerson, County Clerk

Dan McCranie, Chairman