

Dodge County Board of Commissioners
SPLOST Negotiations Called Meeting
Monday, July 29, 2024, 6:00 PM



Dodge County

Commissioner Chairman Dan McCranie
Commissioner Sharon Cobb Flanagan, District 1
Commissioner Vice-Chair Brian Watkins, District 3
Commissioner Karen Cheek, District 4
Attorney John P. Harrington
Attorney Ron Daniels
County Manager Conner Bearden
County Clerk Kimberly Smith-Parkerson

City of Chauncey - Mayor Harrell Burch

City of Milan - Mayor Chad Puckett

City of Rhine - Mayor Hardy Eady

Town of Chester - Mayor Glynn Pittman

City of Eastman

Chairman Graham Synder, District 2
Vice Chair Sebrina Williams, District 1
Council Member Debra Sheffield, District 3
Council Member Mark Peacock, District 4
Attorney Rita Llop
Attorney Chris Miranda
City Manager Spencer Barron
Assistant City Manager Dayna Winslette
City Clerk April Sheffield

The Dodge County Board of Commissioners held a called meeting for SPLOST negotiations at the Dodge County Pearl Bates Courthouse Annex Monday, July 29, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. with Chairman McCranie presiding. He called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Next, Commissioner Cheek led a prayer.

Commissioner Cheek made a motion to consider the distribution of the next SPLOST, as detailed on the spreadsheet created by the county. Attorney Harrington clarified the distribution, as detailed below:

- Chauncey – 3%
- Chester – 3%
- Rhine – 3%
- Milan – 3%
- Eastman – 20.6%
- Dodge County Hospital – 13%
- Dodge County – 50.8%
- Economic Development – 3%
- Fire Services – 0.6%

Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion, thereby opening the floor for discussion.

After group discussion from the cities and county, the Board of Commissioners voted three in favor of the distribution, as detailed above, and none against. Motion passed.

Chairman McCranie opened the floor for each city's recommendation.

City of Eastman Graham Snyder stated the consensus of the council was that the motion died on the table.

City of Chauncey Mayor Harrell Burch stated he was agreeable to the distribution.

City of Milan Mayor Chad Puckett stated he was agreeable to the distribution.

City of Rhine Mayor Hardy Eady stated he was agreeable to the distribution.

Town of Chester Mayor Glynn Pittman stated he was agreeable to the distribution.

At 6:40 p.m., Chairman McCranie called a 10-minute recess to allow deliberation.

At 6:53 p.m., Chairman McCranie called the meeting back in session.

Commissioner Cheek made a motion to amend the original motion for the next SPLOST distribution. Commissioner Watkins agreed to the amendment, as follows:

- Chauncey – 2.75%
- Chester – 2.75%
- Rhine – 2.75%
- Milan – 2.75%
- Eastman – 20.6%
- Dodge County Hospital – 14%
- Dodge County – 50.8%
- Economic Development – 3%
- Fire Services – 0.6%

The Board of Commissioners voted three in favor of the distribution, as detailed above, and none against. Motion passed.

The county entered a recess to allow deliberation.

Upon reconvening, Chairman McCranie opened the floor for city input. City of Eastman Chairman Graham Snyder reported the city's approved disbursement for consideration, as follows:

- Chauncey – 2.5%
- Chester – 2.5%
- Rhine – 2.5%
- Milan – 2.5%
- Eastman – 21.6%
- Dodge County Hospital – 14%
- Dodge County – 50.8%
- Economic Development – 3%
- Fire Services – 0.6%

The county entered a recess for deliberation. Upon reconvening, Commissioner Cheek made a motion to amend the county's former motion. Commissioner Watkins seconded the amendment, as follows:

- Chauncey – 2.5%
- Chester – 2.5%
- Rhine – 2.5%
- Milan – 2.5%
- Eastman – 21%
- Dodge County Hospital – 14%
- Dodge County – 50.8%
- Economic Development – 3%
- Fire Services – 1.2%

The Board of Commissioners voted three in favor of the distribution, as detailed above, and none against. Motion passed.

Adjournment

Commissioner Cheek made a motion to adjourn at 7:41 p.m. Commissioner Flanagan seconded the motion. The three commissioners present voted in favor, and the motion passed.

Attested:

Approved:

Kimberly Smith-Parkerson, County Clerk

Dan McCranie, Chairman