

**Dodge County Board of Commissioners  
Board Meeting Minutes  
Monday, October 07, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.**



**Commissioners Present:**

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

**Remotely:**

Karen Cheek, District 4

**Also Present:**

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

The Dodge County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting at the Dodge County Pearl Bates Courthouse Annex Monday, October 07, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. with Chairman McCranie presiding. He called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. After that, Commissioner Cheek recited Psalm 23 and led a prayer remotely.

**Elected Officials/Department Heads**

**A. EMS Director Michael Johnson**

Director Johnson reported 359 calls in September and revenues of \$109,199.81.

**B. Fire Chief Jamey Wilkinson**

Fire Chief Wilkinson reported approximately 120-140 calls and stated Dodge County is in the process of applying for FEMA assistance due to Hurricane Helene.

**Approval of Minutes**

**A. Minutes September 16, 2024 Regular Meeting**

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes with no additions, corrections or deletions. Commissioner Flanagan seconded. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

**Old Business**

**A. Board of Elections**

**Applications Received: Selma Grimes, Archie Spivey, Willie C. King, Larry J. Mullis, David Sheffield, Raymond F. Mullis, Cindy Eckles, Moniece M. Moore, Mark Doss**

Chairman McCranie suggested each commissioner nominate one individual, beginning with District 1 Commissioner Flanagan.

Commissioner Flanagan opened nominations with Larry J. Mullis.

Commissioner Watkins nominated David Sheffield.

Commissioner Cheek nominated Archie Spivey.

Chairman McCranie nominated Willie C. King.

Commissioner Flanagan nominated Selma Grimes.

With no other nominations forth coming, Commissioner Cheek made a motion to close nominations.

Commissioner Watkins seconded. All voted in favor.

Larry J. Mullis, David Sheffield, Archie Spivey, Willie C. King, and Selma Grimes were appointed to the Board of Elections by acclamation.

## **B. Dodge County Courthouse Project**

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to select Parrish Construction Group for the courthouse project. Commissioner Flanagan seconded. 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 \$353,645.89. All voted in agreement, and the motion passed.

### **B. Fire Department Mitigation Rate Discussion**

Manager Bearden introduced the board to a proposed resolution for collecting money for fire calls. He asked the board to review it to discuss at the next meeting.

## **Commissioner Reports**

Commissioner Flanagan stated that she appreciated all the hard work that was done in the aftermath of Hurricane Helene. She also reported from the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Steering Committee meeting where solar energy, specifically smart solar, was a topic of discussion.

Commissioner Watkins thanked everyone for the work did during the hurricane clean-up and noted most of it was done without phone service.

Commissioner Cheek also thanked everyone for the hurricane clean-up, and stated she was proud our county was able to assist other counties.

## **County Manager Report: Conner Bearden**

County Manager Bearden reported the following:

- The county is still waiting on the final audit report, pending some financial information from ACCG.
- A Zoom meeting is scheduled October 16 to discuss House Bill 581.
- Music on Main will be October 19.

## **Public Comments**

Walter Mullis discussed the Gresston solar project and stated he had visited Brooks County and spoke to a commissioner there about solar.

Susan Coffee asked the county to make wise decisions when considering tax abatements.

## **Adjourn**

With no other business to come before the board, Commissioner Watkins made a motion to adjourn at 6:51 p.m. Commissioner Flanagan seconded, and all voted in favor. The meeting adjourned.

Attested:

Approved:

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Kimberly Smith-Parkerson, County Clerk

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Dan McCranie, Chairman