

Dodge County Board of Commissioners
Work Session Minutes
October 30, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.



Commissioners Present:

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

Also Present:

Conner Bearden, County Manager
Kimberly Smith-Parkerson, County Clerk
Judge Michael Johnson

Parrish Construction Group

James Woodard – Director of Development
Matt Hightower – Project Director
Jeremy Bennett – VP of Perry Operations

The Dodge County Board of Commissioners held a work session to discuss the courthouse project at the Dodge County Pearl Bates Courthouse Annex Wednesday, October 30, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. with Chairman McCranie presiding. He called the work session to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Next, Commissioner Cheek led a prayer.

Business: Discuss Courthouse Project

The board met with members of the Parrish Construction Group to plan proceedings in the courthouse project. Some of the commissioners’ opinions were, as detailed below:

- Due to the disrepair of the courthouse is renovation feasible from a financial standpoint? There seems to be a split camp in the community as far as restoration or demolition of the current courthouse.
- Judicial needs weigh heavily on the functionality of the project.
- Affordability, functionality and long-term viability are most important.

Parrish Construction Group’s input:

- Pre-construction planning meetings with key players will transpire for 6-10 months with an estimated 20-30 months till completion of the project.
- After meetings transpire, factual data supporting the final plans will be in place.
- Owner-Architect-Contractor (OAC) meetings will transpire during the construction process.

Parrish asked the board to be considering guiding principles as far as the project and also considering a feasible budget.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Attested:

Approved:

Kimberly Smith-Parkerson, County Clerk

Dan McCranie, Chairman