

Dodge County Board of Commissioners
Monday, April 21, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.
Board Meeting Minutes



Commissioners Present: Chairman Dan McCranie, Sharon Cobb Flanagan - District 1, Leigh Ann Greene - District 2, Vice-Chair Brian Watkins - District 3, Jeffrey Jones - District 4

Also Present: Manager Conner Bearden, Clerk Kimberly Smith-Parkerson, Attorney John Harrington

Call to Order

The Dodge County Board of Commissioners held a regular meeting at the Dodge County Pearl Bates Courthouse Annex Monday, April 21, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. with Chairman McCranie presiding. He called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Next, his devotion was entitled "The Best Evidence" from Luke 24 and Acts 2. Then, Chairman McCranie led a prayer.

Elected Officials/Department Heads

A. Fire Chief Jamey Wilkinson

Fire Chief Wilkinson reported 111 calls for March and 335 calls for the year. Also, he reported receiving the first check from Fire Recovery for insurance claims at nearly \$1,000.

B. EMS Director Michael Johnson

Director Johnson reported 390 calls in March with 1,197 for the year.

Approval of Minutes

A. Minutes – April 07, 2025 Regular Meeting

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

Old Business

A. Farmer's Market Board

Manager Bearden reported receiving applications for reappointment from Lee Lancaster and Angela Lewis.

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to open nominations. Commissioner Flanagan nominated Lee Lancaster to fill Lancaster's open position. With no other nominations forthcoming, Commissioner Watkins moved to close nominations. Commissioner Greene seconded. All voted in favor. Lee Lancaster was appointed by acclamation.

Commissioner Greene nominated Angela Lewis to fill Lewis' open position. With no other nominations forthcoming, Commissioner Jones made a motion to close nominations. Commissioner Watkins seconded. All voted favorably. Angela Lewis was appointed by acclamation.

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to table the third open position until an application could be obtained. Commissioner Flanagan seconded. All voted in favor. The motion passed.

B. Noise Ordinance

Manager Bearden reported receiving the decibel meter, which he would be giving to the Sheriff. He also requested the board review the noise ordinance for any changes.

C. Solar Ordinance Discussion

Commissioner Greene requested the county attorney research inverter distance from the dwelling place due to noise and fire concerns.

New Business

A. Approval of Accounts Payable

Commissioner Flanagan made a motion to approve the accounts payable report totaling \$109,868.52. Commissioner Greene seconded the motion. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

B. Region 5 EMS Council Appointment

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to nominate Bob Braswell to serve on the Region 5 EMS Council. With no other nominations forthcoming, Commissioner Watkins made a motion to close nominations. Commissioner Flanagan seconded. All voted in favor, and the motion passed. Bob Braswell was appointed by acclamation.

C. HB 581/92 Compliance

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to approve Option 2: "You may choose NOT to certify an estimated rollback millage rate, and in this instance, the tax assessment will include an estimated amount of taxes owed based on the county's prior-year millage rate applied to the current assessment." Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

D. 1st Quarter Road Report

Manager Bearden discussed the first quarter road report and noted there were 54 work orders with an average of 8.95 days to completion.

Commissioner Reports

- Commissioner Flanagan reported from the Airport Authority and Workforce Development meetings. She also discussed the clean-up activities for the Keep America Beautiful grant.
- Commissioner Jones reported that the Recreation Department was doing well.

County Manager

Manager Bearden gave a legislative update. He also reported status of the installations of Fire Stations 13 and 15. Lastly, he discussed community events.

Public Comments

- Eugene Brannen thanked the county for the clean-up on Fish Road.

- Wallace Mullis expressed his opinion regarding the solar discussion.

Adjourn

With no other business to come before the board, Commissioner Greene made a motion to adjourn at 7:15 p.m. Commissioner Jones seconded. All voted in favor, and the meeting adjourned.

Attested:

Approved:

Kimberly Smith-Parkerson, County Clerk

Dan McCranie, Chairman