

Dodge County Board of Commissioners
Monday, July 07, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.
Board Meeting Minutes



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

Virtual Attendance: Leigh Ann Greene – District 2

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

Call to Order

The Dodge County Board of Commissioners held a regular meeting at the Dodge County Pearl Bates Courthouse Annex Monday, July 07, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. with Chairman McCranie presiding. He called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. After that, he gave a devotion from Leviticus 25:10 about the Declaration of Independence. Next, he led a prayer.

Elected Officials/Department Heads

Nothing presented.

Approval of Minutes

A. Minutes – June 16, 2025 Regular Meeting

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

Old Business

A. Library Board Appointment

A library board application was reviewed from Jaye H. Brown. Commissioner Jones made a nomination to appoint Jaye Brown. With no other nominations forthcoming, Commissioner Watkins made a motion to close nominations. Commissioner Flanagan seconded. All present voted in favor, and Jaye H. Brown was appointed to the Library Board by acclamation.

B. HOGARC Aging Advisory Committee Appointments

An aging advisory committee application was reviewed from Sara Goolsby. Commissioner Watkins made a nomination to appoint Sara Goolsby. With no other nominations forthcoming, Commissioner Flanagan made a motion to close nominations. Commissioner Jones seconded. All present voted in favor, and Sara Goolsby was appointed by acclamation.

C. Noise Ordinance

Manager Bearden requested the board review edits to the noise ordinance, as he had conferred with Sheriff Robinson regarding changes.

New Business

A. Approval of Accounts Payable

Commissioner Flanagan made a motion to approve the accounts payable report totaling \$274,841.40. Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion. All present voted in favor, and the motion passed.

B. Old Gresston Baptist Church Road

Chairman McCranie requested the county attorney review the old Gresston Baptist Church Road bed due to the church's request to acquire the property from the county.

C. FY 2024 Financial Audit

County Auditor Frank Erwin reviewed the FY 2024 Financial Audit and made note of highlights. The general fund had total revenues of \$15,615,283 and expenditures of \$15,502,393. He noted total expenditures of federal awards in the amount of \$1,107,851. He discussed deficiencies in these areas: segregation of duties, lack of property tax revenue deposit audit trail, lack of property tax adjustment documentation, unsecured cash balances at the financial institutions, noncompliant financial assurance requirements for the landfill, and a lack of a budget for the Federal Forfeiture Fund.

After reviewing the audit, Commissioner Flanagan made a motion to approve the FY 2024 Financial Audit for Dodge County. Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion. All present voted in favor, and the motion passed.

Commissioner Reports

- Commissioner Flanagan offered to write an informative article to update the community on the courthouse project. Chairman McCranie stated the article could be reviewed at the next meeting.

County Manager

Manager Bearden reported the following:

- EMS held a graduation for the EMR, EMT, paramedic, and CNA classes on June 25.
- The Legislative Conference in Dodge County on July 18 had good representation.
- 2025 LRA bid opening is scheduled for Thursday at 2:00 p.m.
- Road Committee met on July 2 and selected roads for the 2026 LMIG. Dodge County was allotted 1,098,334.18.
- The county is still searching for roll-off trucks.
- The county manager stated he had received information regarding the Dodge County Road Improvement Program, and the county has been awarded grant and loan funds of over \$4 million. More information and contracts to come within four weeks.

Public Comments

- Ken Carroll suggested LRA and LMIG acronyms be stated for public understanding. He also stated that the new courthouse should not be a single-story structure but one with more decorum.
- Max Sumner brought up concerns about the noise ordinance additions and tax assessment notices.
- Shaun Brunson expressed concerns about the noise ordinance additions.
- Adam Dixon expressed concerns about tax assessment notices.
- Isaac Faulk inquired why the county opted out of HB 581.

Adjourn

With no other business to come before the board, Commissioner Watkins made a motion to adjourn at 6:46 p.m. Commissioner Flanagan seconded. All voted in favor, and the meeting adjourned.

Attested:

Approved:

Kimberly Smith-Parkerson, County Clerk

Dan McCranie, Chairman