

Dodge County Board of Commissioners
Tuesday, September 09, 2025, at 8:00 a.m.
Board Meeting Minutes – Work Session



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: Attorney Ron Daniels, Manager Conner Bearden, Clerk Kimberly Smith-Parkerson

Call to Order

The Dodge County Board of Commissioners held a work session at the Dodge County Pearl Bates Courthouse Annex Tuesday, September 09, 2025, at 8:00 a.m. with Chairman McCranie presiding. He called the meeting to order, led the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer.

Courthouse Design and Pre-Construction

The board discussed the courthouse design and pre-construction proposal from Parrish and asked the manager to facilitate a work session with a financial group to discuss funding options for the courthouse project.

Solar Ordinance Discussion

Several additions were discussed for the solar ordinance, as outlined:

- An application fee of \$150 plus \$2/acre
- Inclusion of public signage
- Construction Traffic Management Plan
- Addition of Utility Easement
- Battery Energy Storage Facility

Alcohol Ordinance Discussion

The alcohol ordinance was discussed for the inclusion of spirituous liquor.

Franchise Fees

A resolution of the Dodge County Board of Commissioners was reviewed regarding cable and video services to be approved at the next commissioners' meeting.

Data Center Ordinance Discussion

The board concluded not enough information was known at the present time to discuss an ordinance. According to Manager Bearden, existing restrictions are typically found in the zoning laws. The board agreed to gather more information and revisit the topic at a later time.

GTIB Loan/Grant Discussion

The proposed scope of work for the GTIB package includes Eastman Milan Road, Bill Mullis Road, and Zion Hill Road. Pros and cons of utilizing the grant funds and low-interest loan were discussed. The matter was stated to be voted upon at the next meeting.

Adjourn

With no other business to come before the board, Commissioner Watkins made a motion to adjourn at

10:22 a.m. Commissioner Flanagan seconded. All voted in favor, and the work session adjourned.

Attested:

Approved:

Kimberly Smith-Parkerson, County Clerk

Dan McCranie, Chairman