

SERVING ON THE DODGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Dodge County is governed by the County Board of Supervisors (commonly called “County Board”). Beginning with the April, 2012, session, Dodge County has 33 Supervisors elected from specific districts for two-year terms. Elections are the first Tuesday in April of even numbered years; the term of office begins on the third Tuesday of that April and continues until a newly elected Board is seated two year later. The position of Supervisor is nonpartisan representing an average of 2750 residents in the district.

Supervisors are expected to attend monthly meetings of the County Board and meetings of committees to which they are assigned. In most months, the County Board meeting is held on the 3rd Tuesday beginning at 7:00 p.m. and last an average of 3 hours. The April and November meetings are held during the day beginning at 9:00 a.m. The November meeting is the Annual Budget meeting and is held on the Tuesday after the second Monday of November. The 2015 November meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 10th.

Supervisors are elected or appointed by the County Board, its Chairperson, or the County Administrator to serve on a number of committees of the Board. Activities include reading and preparing for meetings, participating in meetings, talking with constituents about county government issues, talking with department heads about departmental issues, and involvement in community life. Most of the committees meet on a specific morning, afternoon, or evening following a regular pattern.

When the newly elected County Board holds its organizational meeting (April 19, 2016), one of its first assignments is the election of a County Board Chairperson. The Chair is one of the 33 Supervisors but takes on the additional duties and responsibilities following his/her election to the position as county government’s chief elected official. The Chair has an office in the Administration Building located in the County Clerk’s Department. The current Chair holds office hours on Mondays and Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

At the organizational meeting the County Board also elects a 1st Vice Chairperson, 2nd Vice Chairperson and additional members to the Executive Committee. The Board also elects the Highway Committee and UW-Extension Education Committee. Most other assignments for County Board Supervisors are made by appointments of the Chair or Administrator to go into effect May 1st.

County Board members receive a per diem of \$50 per meeting with a maximum of two meetings per day. Supervisors are eligible for mileage reimbursement at the rate allowed by the Internal Revenue Service in determining business mileage. The current rate is .54/mile. The County Board Chairperson receives a salary of \$12,000 per year plus per diem.

If you have further questions, please contact Karen J. Gibson, Dodge County Clerk at 920-386-3605 or County Board Chairman, Russell Kottke, at 920-386-3603.