

## **Minutes**

### **Dodge County Board of Commissioners**

**January 3, 2017**

**Present:** Dan McCranie, Chairman  
William T. Howell, Jr., Vice-Chairman and District 1 Commissioner  
Terry Niblett, District 2 Commissioner  
Brian Watkins, District 3 Commissioner  
Karen Cheek, District 4 Commissioner

**Also Present:** John Harrington, County Attorney  
Bobby Peacock, County Manager  
Nancy Gail Rogers, County Clerk

The Dodge County Board of Commissioners met for their first regular meeting of 2017 on January 3<sup>rd</sup> in Suite 101 of the Dodge County Courthouse Annex. Chairman McCranie called the meeting to order and led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag. Commissioner Cheek gave a devotional on New Year, New Beginning and prayed.

#### **Elected Officials/ Department Heads**

Raymond Mullis, Chairman of the Eastman City Council, passed out pictures of the county dumpsters near the airport and asked that they be moved to another location or cleaned up from around them. Commissioner Niblett replied that he goes by the area quite often and that it was unusual to see the trash as bad as it was in the pictures.

Buddy Pittman, Eastman City Councilman, wished the board a Happy New Year.

Charles Williams of the Dodge County Eastman Development Authority said he wanted to echo what Raymond Mullis had said and that a prospect would be here on Thursday and Friday and he hoped to have news by the next meeting.

Dr. Lydia Daniels, Coordinator of the Dodge County Bible Reading Marathon, informed the board that with their permission the Fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) Annual Bible Reading Marathon would be held April 28 through May 3, 2017. She asked the board for financial support of \$1,500.00.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

A. December 19, 2016 Regular Meeting

Chairman McCranie asked for any additions, corrections or deletions to the minutes of the regular meeting held on December 19, 2016, provided to them in printed form. Commissioner

Howell made a motion to approve seconded by Commissioner Niblett. All voted in favor of approval.

#### B. December 29, 2016 Called Meeting

Chairman McCranie then asked if there were any additions, corrections or deletions to the minutes of the called meeting held on December 29, 2016. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to approve with Commissioner Watkins making the second. The vote was unanimous to approve.

### **Old Business**

There was no old business brought before the board.

### **New Business**

#### A. Approval of Accounts Payable

Chairman McCranie asked for any questions or comments regarding the printed checklist of Accounts Payables. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to approve with Commissioner Watkins seconding the motion. The vote was unanimous to approve the checklist.

#### B. Approval to Solicit Bids for LOC

The county manager asked for permission to solicit bids for a 1.5 million dollar line of credit from local banks. He said the request was down from 2.75 million the previous year. A motion to approve came from Commissioner Howell with Commissioner Cheek making the second. The vote was unanimous for approval.

#### C. Elect Vice-Chairman

Commissioner Niblett nominated Commissioner Howell for Vice-Chairman and Commissioner Watkins seconded his nomination. Commissioner Watkins made a motion to close nominations and Commissioner Niblett seconded his motion. Commissioner Howell was elected by acclamation.

#### D. Appoint County Attorney

Commissioner Watkins nominated the appointment of Smith & Harrington as County Attorney. Commissioners Cheek and Niblett seconded the nomination. Commissioner Howell made a motion to close nominations and Commissioner Watkins made the second. The vote was unanimous to appoint the firm.

#### E. Appoint County Clerk

Commissioner Cheek nominated Gail Rogers for County Clerk with Commissioner Niblett seconded the nomination. Commissioner Watkins made a motion to close nominations with Commissioner Howell seconded his motion. The vote was unanimous to appoint Rogers.

#### F. Holiday Schedule 2017

County Manager Peacock referred to the proposed holiday schedule provided for each board member and said that a second proposal had been made to swap Good Friday for July 3<sup>rd</sup> which fell on a Monday this year. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to accept the change and swap Good Friday for Monday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Commissioner Howell seconded his motion and the vote was unanimous to approve the holiday schedule.

#### **Commissioner Reports**

There were no reports from the board.

#### **County Manager Report**

The county manager asked that the next meeting date be moved to Tuesday, January 17, 2017 to accommodate the MLK holiday on Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Howell made a motion to change the meeting date as proposed and Commissioner Niblett made the second. All voted in favor of the change.

#### **Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

#### **Adjourn**

Commissioner Niblett made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Howell made the second and all voted in favor of adjournment.