

Minutes

Dodge County Board of Commissioners

January 17, 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 held a regular board meeting January 17, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. in Suite 101 of the Dodge County Courthouse Annex. The meeting was called to order by Chairman McCranie who asked that the agenda be amended to include an Executive Session to discuss a legal matter. Commissioner Howell made a motion to amend as requested. Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion and all voted in the affirmative. Next the chairman led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag followed by a devotional and prayer by Commissioner Cheek.

Elected Officials/ Department Heads

Dr. Chip Stringer – Recreation Department

Dr. Stringer addressed the board to appeal the amount budgeted for the department in 2017 citing a higher amount funded per eligible child in the surrounding counties of Bleckley and Pulaski.

B. Steve Harrison – Public Defender

Harrison asked the board to reconsider funding for additional personnel in the public defender office.

C. Crossroads Fire Department

Tommy Barrentine requested payment of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) from SPLOST funds for equipment for Crossroads Fire Department. Commissioner Howell made a motion to grant the request seconded by Commissioners Watkins and Niblett. All voted in favor of the motion.

Approval of Minutes

A. January 3, 2017 Regular Meeting

Chairman McCranie asked for any additions, deletions, or corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 3, 2017. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to approve seconded by Commissioner Howell. The vote was unanimous to approve the minutes.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

A. Approval of Accounts Payable

Chairman McCranie asked the board to look over their copy of the Accounts Payable checklist for questions or comments. Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve the payments with Commissioner Niblett making the second. The vote was unanimous to approve.

B. Recreation Department Bids

Dr. Stringer requested \$8,100.00 for the purchase of a new lawn mower as the department has taken on landscape maintenance to lower costs. He said that netting was also needed for the back stop fences and requested \$18,978.00 to install reinforced posts and thirty plus feet of netting. The county manager confirmed the SPLOST funds were available. Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve the request with Commissioners Cheek and Watkins making the second. The vote was taken with Commissioners Howell, Watkins and Cheek voting in favor of the motion and Commissioner Niblett abstained from the vote.

Commissioner Reports

There were no reports from the commissioners.

County Manager Report

The county manager had nothing to report. Commissioner Niblett asked about the line of credit for 2017 and Peacock replied that the bid letters had been sent to the local banks.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Executive Session

A motion was made to go into executive session by Commissioner Niblett and seconded by Commissioner Watkins. All voted in favor of the motion.

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to return to the regular meeting following the executive session. Commissioner Howell made the second and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

Commissioner Howell made a motion to increase the personnel portion of the Public Defender budget to \$66,960.41. Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion and all voted in the affirmative to approve.

Adjourn

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Commissioner Niblett. The vote was unanimous to adjourn.