

Minutes

Dodge County Board of Commissioners

January 20, 2015

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

Also Present: Bobby Peacock, County Manager
Nancy Gail Rogers, County Clerk

Absent: John Harrington, County Attorney

The Dodge County Board of Commissioners met in a regular session at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 20, 2015, 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 the devotional and prayer.

Elected Officials/ Department Heads

Chairman McCranie noted one department head and one elected official as present but noted they would participate later in the meeting with items already on the agenda.

Approval of Minutes

A. January 5, 2015 Regular and Called Meeting

Chairman McCranie called for approval of the January 5, 2015 minutes of the regular meeting with a called meeting immediately following to change the next meeting date. Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve both sets as presented seconded by Commissioner Niblett. The vote was unanimous to approve the minutes.

Old Business

A. Recreation Board Appointment

Chairman McCranie asked if there were any nominations for the appointment to the Recreation Board vacancy. Commissioner Watkins made a motion to table the appointment seconded by Commissioner Howell. Commissioners Watkins, Howell, and Cheek voted to table the appointment until the next meeting.

New Business

A. Approval of Accounts Payable

After reviewing the Accounts Payable checklist Chairman McCranie asked for any questions, comments or discussion concerning any payments. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to approve seconded by Commissioner Watkins. All voted in favor of approval.

B. Kiwanis Club Proclamation

Chairman McCranie read the 100th Anniversary proclamation for the local Kiwanis club. He stated the centennial anniversary would be celebrated on January 21, 2015 and as chairman he would like to move that the proclamation be approved and adopted by the Dodge County Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Niblett seconded the motion and added he would like to commend the local club for all they did for our community. The vote was unanimous to approve the motion and a copy of the proclamation attached to the minutes.

C. Wilcox County

Chairman McCranie recognized David Brown, Chairman of the Wilcox County Board of Commissioners as present and referred the board to a letter from them with two written offers to purchase two retired ambulances from the Dodge County EMS fleet. County Manager Peacock said that knowing the County Attorney could not be present for tonight's meeting he had contacted him earlier in the day to ask if it was necessary to take bids for the sale of county property and his response was that he would have to research to see if the sale was proper without advertising for bids. He asked if the board could wait on his opinion before acting on the sale to Wilcox County. Commissioner Watkins made a motion that if it was deemed legal to make the transaction before the next meeting to accept Wilcox County's second offer of \$12,500 for both ambulances. It was also noted that one ambulance was running and the other had a blown engine and was not running. Commissioner Cheek seconded the motion. During discussion the county manager reiterated that the motion for sale to Wilcox County was based on a favorable legal opinion. Commissioner Watkins then amended his motion to add that if the legal decision called for Dodge County to advertise for bids that the ambulance that was running be loaned to Wilcox County for use as a back-up with them providing insurance. Commissioner Cheek agreed to the amendment with her second. The vote was taken and it was unanimous in favor of the motion with amendment.

D. Dodge County Family & Children Services Board Appointment

Chairman McCranie referred the board to a letter from Natalie Conley, County Director of the Dodge County DFCS, asking for an appointment to their board to fill the unexpired term caused by the death of Mrs. Jeanette Hamilton. The term of the appointee will expire on June 30, 2015. Commissioner Cheek nominated Robin J. Peacock based on the recommendation of Mrs. Conley's letter and her personal knowledge of Ms. Peacock's ability to contribute to the board. Commissioner Niblett seconded the nomination of Ms. Peacock. Commissioner Howell made a

motion that nominations be closed seconded by Commissioner Watkins. All voted in favor of the motion and Ms. Peacock was appointed by acclamation.

Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Howell reported that he and Commissioner Cheek had met with Stanley Stephens earlier and the Dodge County Emergency Management Agency has been awarded a grant of \$33,638.75 through the Emergency Management Performance Grant Response and Recovery award program.

Chairman McCranie passed out information received from Coroner Joe Smith containing statistics from his office since 2005. He said the coroner had recently switched to a new carrier for transport whose charge was at a flat rate versus mileage per trip.

County Manager Report

The county manager said he had nothing to report and there were no questions.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Adjourn

With no further business to come before the board Commissioner Howell made a motion to adjourn seconded by Commissioner Niblett. The vote was unanimous to adjourn.