

Minutes

Dodge County Board of Commissioners

January 21, 2014

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

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

Absent: Karen Cheek, Commissioner, District 4

The Dodge County Board of Commissioners met in a regular session at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 21, 2014, in Suite 101 of the Dodge County Courthouse Annex.

Chairman Dan McCranie called the meeting to order and led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag. Vice-Chairman Howell led those attending in prayer.

Elected Officials/ Department Heads

E-911 Director Diane Millwood addressed the board with a request from HERE, a Nokia business, to purchase or acquire a copy of the GIS data for Dodge County. She said in some cases there has been as much as four (4) miles difference in addresses and this has caused problems for years. Commissioner Howell added that this has been a problem for his business and he had an instance recently where a truck driver was cited for being in a residential section while trying to make a delivery to him. He said his address is three blocks different per GPS directions. After discussion and questions from the county attorney, Commissioner Niblett made a motion to allow the E-911 to submit our maps to update the GPS grid at no cost to the county. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Howell. Commissioner Howell, Niblett and Watkins voted in favor of the motion. Chairman McCranie asked for an estimated time for completion and Millwood said she will ask for a time frame.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman McCranie asked for any addition, deletions, or corrections to the minutes of the January 6, 2014, regular meeting presented to the board in printed form. Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve seconded by Commissioner Watkins. All voted in favor of approval.

Old Business

A. Operating Line of Credit Bids

Chairman McCranie opened two seal bids received in the mail. Bids received were as follows:

1. Citizens Bank and Trust Company of Eastman, Georgia bid for 2014 Line of Credit in the amount of \$2,750,000 at a fixed rate of 2.89%.
2. Colony Bank of Dodge County of Eastman, Georgia bid for 2014 Line of Credit in the amount of \$2,750,000 at a fixed rate of 3.50%.

The county manager added that both bids were contingent upon approval of financial information. Commissioner Howell made a motion to accept the low bid seconded by Commissioner Watkins. All voted in favor of the motion.

New Business

A. Approval of Accounts Payable

Commissioner Niblett asked the specific repairs for the EMS ambulance paid for with check number 14125 to Clay's Automotive in the amount of \$2,914.96. The county manager said he would get the information and get it to him. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to approve seconded by Commissioner Watkins. All voted in favor of approving the Accounts Payable.

B. Jimmy Joines – Ocmulgee Water Trail Partnership Report/ Request

Mr. Joines provided handouts to the board and reported that the organization was formed in April 2012. He said the purpose was to market the Ocmulgee River for economic development, natural resources and recreational activities. Bylaws for the organization were passed at the January 2014 meeting and they are seeking IRS 5013C status making them a nonprofit. A brochure has been approved and printed highlighting the benefits of the river and a grant has been obtained for road signage with DOT specifications. He asked for a resolution from Dodge County stating their future intent to participate and requested dues of five hundred dollars (\$500) for the first year. He said the majority of the dues would be used for brochure expense, website maintenance and legal fees incurred with the 5013C application. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to grant the request seconded by Commissioner Howell. All voted in favor of the request. Joines also asked for a resolution to accept the signs. Commissioner Watkins made a motion to accept the signs seconded by Commissioner Howell. All voted in favor of the motion.

C. Lydia Daniels – 2nd Annual Bible Reading Marathon

Ms. Daniels thanked the board for their permit last year and announced the dates for this year are Friday, April 25, 2014 through Thursday, May 1, 2014. She introduced Iva Mallory who spoke about how the event brings the community together and asked for reading participants. She said Commissioner Karen Cheek would be the guest speaker. Chairman McCranie said once the permit application was completed the board would grant approval.

Commissioner Reports

No reports were presented.

County Manager Report

Commissioner Niblett asked about the bid process on the 1997 car. Peacock stated that after the high bidder failed to pay for the auto he contacted the next bidders who both had bid \$700. He said one bidder was not interested in bidding any higher. He said the other bidder offered \$800 and the vehicle was sold to her.

The county manager had nothing further to report.

Public Comments

Kenneth Williamson spoke about the need for house numbers or visible numbering in Dodge County.

Milton Johnson commended the board for their Ocmulgee Water Trail Partnership participation and support.

Iva Mallory asked about street paving and resurfacing of roads in North Lakes subdivision. She also commented on the celebration held on the MLK holiday.

Executive Session

Commissioner Howell made a motion to move into executive session seconded by Commissioner Watkins. All voted to go into executive session.

Commissioner Niblett made a motion to move into the regular meeting seconded by Commissioner Howell. All voted in favor of the motion to go into regular meeting.

Adjourn

With no further business to address Commissioner Watkins made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Niblett seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous to adjourn.