

Minutes

Dodge County Board of Commissioners

January 22, 2013

Present: Dan McCranie, Chairman
William T. Howell, Jr., Vice-Chairman, Comm. Dist. 1
Karen Cheek, Comm. Dist. 4

Absent: Terry Niblett, Comm. Dist. 2
Brian Watkins, Comm. Dist. 3

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

The Dodge County Board of Commissioners met in a regular session at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 22, 2013, in Suite 101 of the Dodge County Courthouse Annex.

Chairman Dan McCranie called the meeting to order and asked for an addition to the agenda. He said an addition of Approval of Line of Credit under New Business was needed. Commissioner Howell made a motion to make the addition to the agenda. Commissioner Karen Cheek seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous to amend the agenda. Chairman McCranie led the assemblage in the pledge to the American flag. Commissioner Karen Cheek gave a devotional based on Joshua 24: 14-16 followed by prayer. Chairman McCranie made mention that two of the Commissioners were absent due to illness but that a quorum was present.

Elected Officials / Department Heads:

E-911 Director Diane Millwood was recognized.

Approval of Minutes:

A. Regular Meeting of January 7, 2013

Commissioner William Howell made a motion to approve the minutes as presented of the regular meeting held on January 7, 2012. Commissioner Karen Cheek seconded the motion, all voted in favor and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Old Business:

A. Recreation Board Appointment

Commissioner William Howell made a motion to appoint Wynnon Pittman to fill the vacancy on the Recreation Board. He said that Mr. Pittman had three children who participated in activities with the Recreation Department and Mr. Pittman was actively involved with coaching those activities. Commissioner Karen Cheek seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion was approved.

B. CDBG Grant – Engineer Selection

Jesse Bearden of Carter & Sloope spoke to the commissioners about his firm's credentials and experience working in Dodge County and the surrounding area and their desire to be chosen to work on the CDBG grant. Commissioner Howell made a motion that Carter & Sloope be approved as Engineer for the project. Commissioner Karen Cheek seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous.

New Business:

A. Approvals of Accounts Payable

Commissioner Karen Cheek called attention to check number 11799 to Pulaski County, check number 11789 to Bleckley County and check number 11787 to Appling County that total \$15,260 paid for housing inmates. She suggested the need for a work session to open the new jail. Chairman McCranie said he had spoken with Sheriff Lynn Sheffield and the sheriff was waiting on the Georgia Sheriff's Association to set up a time to train the new jail employees. Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve the accounts payable checklist. Commissioner Karen Cheek seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous to approve.

B. Appoint Vice-Chairman, County Attorney, and County Clerk

Chairman Dan McCranie made a motion to appoint Commissioner William Howell as Vice Chairman. Commissioner Karen Cheek seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous. Commissioner Howell made a motion to appoint John Harrington as County Attorney. Commissioner Karen Cheek seconded the motion and vote was unanimous. Commissioner Howell made a motion to appoint Nancy Gail Rogers as County Clerk. Commissioner Karen Cheek seconded the motion and vote was unanimous.

C. E-911 Bids – Surveillance Cameras

County Manager Peacock presented the following three bids obtained by E-911 Director Diane Millwood: 1) Holder Maximum Security \$2,539.92; BFE Technologies \$3,015.75; Nichols \$2,950.00. It was noted that the bids from BFE Technologies and Nichols included two monitors where as the Holder Maximum Security bid was for one monitor and that two monitors was a

necessity. Both bids for the two monitors also included training. Commissioner Howell made a motion to accept the bid from BFE Technologies. Commissioner Karen Cheek seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous.

D. Approval of Line of Credit

County Manager Peacock informed the board that Colony Bank of Dodge County bid an Operating Line of Credit to Dodge County of \$2,750,000 at an interest rate of 3.5% for 2013. He noted that this rate was 1% lower than the rate paid in 2012. Chairman Dan McCranie made a motion to approve the Line of Credit bid from Colony Bank of Dodge County. Commissioner Karen Cheek seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous to approve the motion with Commissioner William Howell abstaining from the vote due to his conflict as a director of Colony Bank of Dodge County. County Attorney Harrington asked if other banks were asked to bid to satisfy the bid requirements and the county manager replied they were and Colony Bank of Dodge County was the only bank to bid.

Public Comments:

Susan Coffee asked the rate of interest for the line of credit.

Cindy Eckles of the Dodge County News asked why the line of credit was for \$2,750,000 for 2013 when the loan for 2012 was \$2,100,000. Chairman McCranie explained that the total line is of credit is a tax anticipation note and that determines the amount. The total amount of the line is available but only the amount required for operating during 2013 would be drawn. She asked for a listing of the supplies ordered for the new jail and the cost of the supplies as well as copies of the bids for the E-911 surveillance cameras.

Adjourn:

Commissioner William Howell made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Karen Cheek seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous and meeting was adjourned.

Signed:

Nancy Gail Rogers, County Clerk

Approved:

Dan McCranie, Chairman
Board of Commissioners

