

Minutes

Dodge County Board of Commissioners

February 2, 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: 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 Monday, February 2, 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 Commissioner Watkins prayed.

Elected Officials / Department Heads

Chairman McCranie recognized Charles Williams of the Eastman Dodge County Chamber of Commerce.

Approval of Minutes

A. January 20, 2015 Regular Meeting

Chairman McCranie called for any additions, corrections or deletions to the minutes of the January 20, 2015 regular meeting presented in printed form to the board. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to approve seconded by Commissioner Howell. All voted in favor of approval.

Old Business

A. Recreation Board Appointment

Commissioner Howell nominated Jessie Mincey for the vacancy on the Recreation Board. Commissioner Cheek seconded the motion. Commissioner Howell made a motion to close nominations seconded by Commissioner Watkins. Commissioners Howell, Watkins and Cheek voted in favor of the nomination with Commissioner Niblett abstaining from the vote.

New Business

A. Approval of Accounts Payable

Chairman McCranie asked for any questions or comments concerning the check listing for Accounts Payable. Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve seconded by Commissioner Niblett. The vote was unanimous to approve.

Commissioner Reports

County Attorney Harrington informed board members that the funeral of Judge Sarah Wall's father would be Tuesday, February 3rd in Hawkinsville. He also reported that Blake Milner had a business opportunity and was resigning from the Dodge County Hospital board. He said the board could choose a replacement now or in April when appointments for new terms would be made. Commissioner Niblett asked if it would be the same complicated process as before and Attorney Harrington replied yes.

County Manager Report

The County Manager reported that the three local banks were asked to bid on the Line of Credit for Dodge County operating expenses and all three banks had replied. He presented Chairman McCranie with the sealed bids and they were opened and read as follows:

- Colony Bank by Jon M. Butler, Market President 2.78% fixed rate
- Bank of Eastman by John Jessup, President/ CEO 2.73% fixed rate
- Citizens Bank & Trust by J. E. Kirkley, II, President 2.74% fixed rate

Commissioner Howell made a motion to accept the low bid with Commissioners Niblett and Watkins making the second. All voted in favor of the motion.

The County Manager also presented two sealed bids to replace the roof on the former library building now housing the Georgia Department of Labor. Chairman McCranie opened the bids and presented the quotes to the board as follows:

- Graham & Studstill General Contractors, Inc. \$24,495 – with Alternate 1 + \$1,330
- Graham & Studstill General Contractors, Inc. \$24,495 – with Alternate 2 + \$4,140
- Moore's Roofing Company, LLC \$23,160 – Painted metal
- Moore's Roofing Company, LLC \$22,405 – Unpainted metal

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to accept the bids as they stand and that Commissioners Howell and Niblett evaluate and study the bids for comparison and make a recommendation to the board. Commissioner Cheek seconded the motion.

County Manager Peacock also asked that the board amend the budget for the Probate Judge by adding four thousand dollars (\$4,000) for a Solicitor. Commissioner Cheek made the motion to amend the budget seconded by Commissioner Niblett. The vote was unanimous to amend.

Public Comments

Kenneth Williamson stated that the county road department had put up speed limit signs on the road by his house for 45 miles per hour and the 55 miles per hour sign was left up also. He said someone had taken down the 45 miles per hour sign.

Anne Bowen of the Dodge County Library informed the board that the local library board had cut the hours of operation for the library. She said as of February 17th the library would no longer be open on Tuesday and Thursday nights. She said the library would not be open on Wednesday but would remain open on Saturdays. She said the library board voted last Monday night on the changes and she wanted to inform the Board of Commissioners before it was published in the local paper.

Adjourn

Commissioner Howell made a motion to adjourn seconded by Commissioner Cheek. All voted in favor of adjournment.