

Minutes

Dodge County Board of Commissioners

February 03, 2014

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

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 03, 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. Commissioner Karen Cheek gave a devotional and Commissioner Brian Watkins gave the prayer.

Elected Officials/ Department Heads

A. Rob Stanley – Tax Collections

Tax Collector Rob Stanley told the board members that he was beginning his fourth (4th) tax season with three years of tax sales. He said he was able to access the past due list on January 21, 2014 one month earlier than last year. He said letters have been sent out the past two weeks and response to the letters has been good. He said when he began his duties there were 1,450 delinquencies of multiple years and he has brought that down to 350 presently. He said he has worked out 186 payment agreements with only about a dozen of those being longer agreements due to hardship conditions. He said there are forty (40) properties with no root deeds that he can't proceed with until the county puts up the money to get the deeds. He said he will brief the board on those at the next meeting and determinations will have to be made. He said there are also some unknown properties he is working on with the Tax Assessor. There were no questions from the board. Commissioner Karen Cheek thanked him for a good job.

B. Raymond Mullis – Eastman City Council

Eastman City Councilman Raymond Mullis said the city council wanted to have fireworks for Independence Day and were looking at July 3, 4, or 5 as possible dates. He said the City of Eastman had committed \$2,500 for the event and was asking the county to do the same. He said he had asked the three local banks, Wal-Mart and Tractor Supply Company for donations. He said there were many adults and children who could not travel out of town and the event would bring revenue into Eastman and Dodge County via the SPLOST and TSPLOST. He said the cost would be ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) and the City of Eastman would be providing training for their fire department to conduct the fireworks. After discussion by the board, Commissioner Cheek said the item would be on the agenda at the next meeting for consideration. Councilman Mullis pressed for the feeling of the board and Commissioner Watkins said it was a good project and the board would review the county's finances.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman McCranie called for any additions, corrections, or deletions to the minutes of the January 21, 2014, meeting. Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve as presented seconded by Commissioner Watkins. All voted in favor of the motion to approve.

Old Business

There was no old business brought before the board.

New Business

A. Approval of Accounts Payable

Commissioner Cheek asked about check number 14190 to the Dodge County Hospital in the amount of \$6,102.84. County Manager Peacock replied the check was for several inmates who were treated at the hospital. Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve seconded by Commissioner Niblett. The vote was unanimous to approve the accounts payable list.

B. Danny Pickett – Historical Society

Mr. Pickett gave handouts to the board members of his financial forecast for the year 2014. He showed receipts of \$6,000 less disbursements of \$12,800 showing a shortfall of \$6,800. He proposed that amount be halved by Dodge County and the City of Eastman or \$3,400 each. He said plans were to continue interior decoration of the house which is being refurbished in the style of 1872. He said the decoration was being done by Janice Purser, President of the Historical Society and Mrs. Pickett and was most impressive. Chairman McCranie said the board would look at helping.

Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Niblett commended Road Superintendent Buddy Pittman and his department for their work last week during the snow and ice storm. He said he witnessed them spreading sand on the Chester Highway and understood another crew was working in the south end of the county.

County Manager Report

The county manager had nothing to report.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Adjourn

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