

Minutes

Dodge County Board of Commissioners

February 6, 2017

Present: Dan McCranie, Chairman
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

Absent: William T. Howell, Jr., Vice-Chairman and District 1 Commissioner

The Dodge County Board of Commissioners met in a regular session at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, February 6, 2017, 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 American flag. Commissioner Karen Cheek gave the devotional and prayed.

Elected Officials/ Department Heads

A. Burton Boone of the Small Business Administration told the board that he was required to meet with the officials of contiguous counties who were eligible for FEMA disaster relief from the recent storm damage. He asked for email contacts for the Sheriff and EMA director and left materials to be distributed and put on the county website.

B. Sharon Cobb-Flanagan reported for the Dodge County Farmers Market that Patty Martin was the new market manager. She gave an update on the status of the green signs for the market and implementation of the Wholesome Wave matching initiative with EBT dollars. She said there was plenty of winter produce available and the market had made the decision to be an official site for the upcoming Peaches to Beaches yard sale next month. The Georgia Peach Dance Academy will perform at the market next Saturday and canning classes are being planned for June. She expressed interest in addressing the trash issue for the county.

C. Charles Williams of the Dodge County Eastman Development Authority informed the board that Mondi would not be renewing the lease on the spec building and had plans to vacate the middle of next month.

Approval of Minutes

A. January 17, 2017 Regular Meeting

Chairman McCranie asked the board to review their printed copies of the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 17, 2017. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to approve the minutes seconded by Commissioner Watkins. All voted in favor of the motion.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

A. Approval of Accounts Payable

Chairman McCranie was the pleasure of the board concerning the Accounts Payable checklist submitted for approval. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to approve the payments with Commissioner Cheek making the second. The vote was unanimous to approve.

B. Line of Credit Bids

Chairman McCranie opened the bids from the three local banks for the operating line of credit for 2017 in the amount of one million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000.00). He read the bids as follows:

1. Citizens Bank Fixed rate of 4.0%
2. Colony Bank Tax free rate of 2.59%
3. Bank of Eastman Qualified tax-exempt rate of 2.80%

Commissioner Niblett made a motion to accept the low bid from Colony Bank. Commissioner Watkins made the second and Niblett, Watkins and Cheek all voted in favor of the motion.

Commissioner Reports

There were no reports from the commissioners at this time.

County Manager Report

The county manager had nothing to report and there were no questions or comments.

Public Comments

Commissioner Niblett asked Cindy Eckles to give an update on the Board of Assessors. She said that their next scheduled meeting was next Wednesday and plans were to follow up with the chief assessor on several issues. She said that new employee Faith Manning was doing a good job updating the maps. She said the office had encountered problems recently with the phone and computers as well as the need for a new backup server.

There were no other public comments.

Executive Session

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to move into executive session. Commissioner Cheek seconded the motion and the vote was affirmative.

Commissioner Niblett made a motion to end the executive session and return to the regular meeting. Commissioner Watkins made the second and all voted to approve the motion.

Adjourn

Commissioner Niblett made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Commissioner Watkins making the second. The vote was unanimous to adjourn.