

Minutes

Dodge County Board of Commissioners

February 16, 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 16, 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 entitled "Taming the untamable" and led in prayer.

Elected Officials/ Department Heads

Chairman McCranie recognized Charles Williams, Interim President and CEO of the Eastman-Dodge County Chamber of Commerce.

Approval of Minutes

A. February 2, 2015 Regular Meeting

Chairman McCranie called for any additions, corrections, or deletions to the minutes of the February 2, 2015 regular meeting presented to the board in printed form. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to approve as presented seconded by Commissioners Howell and Watkins. All voted in favor of approval.

Old Business

A. Library Building Roof

Commissioner Niblett made a motion to table the matter as the board is still seeking funds for the repair. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion.

New Business

A. Approval of Accounts Payable

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

B. Lydia Daniels – Third Annual Bible Reading Marathon

Mrs. Daniels told the board that the third annual Bible Reading Marathon would be held this year May 1 through May 6 beginning on Friday evening and continuing through Wednesday. She said the proper paperwork for permits had been completed and turned into the Commissioner's office. Commissioner Cheek made a motion that the event be held at the Dodge County Courthouse on the specified dates. Commissioner Niblett seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

C. Road Repair Bid

County Manager Peacock presented bids to Chairman McCranie for opening. The bids were read as follows:

- Otis' Grading & Land Development \$26,026.00
- Mann & Company Paving and Grading LLC \$21,206.50

Commissioner Watkins asked what road the bids were for and the reply was Oak Grove Church Road. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to accept the low bid from Mann & Company seconded by Commissioner Watkins. Commissioner Watkins also asked for a time frame for completion and Peacock said work would begin as soon as weather permits. All voted in favor of the motion.

D. FSA Building

County Manager Peacock explained the current situation with the lease and occupancy of the FSA building. He said the building is currently occupied by the NRCS and FSA agencies as well as the County Agent and Extension Office staff. He said the options for the board to decide were whether the Development Authority would negotiate the new lease and terms or deed to the property back to the county for execution of the new lease agreement. At this point in the discussion, Charles Williams representing the Development Authority told the board that he had already been involved in talks with tenants of the building as well as Julian Byrd representing the Farm Service Agency. He said the Development Authority was willing to negotiate the lease and provide all maintenance and upkeep for the tenants. Commissioner Watkins said that he agreed that the Development Authority should handle the negotiation process and made a motion that they do so. Commissioner Niblett seconded the motion and the question was asked if the mortgage for the building was paid off and the reply was yes. The vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Niblett said he had attended the livestock judging earlier at the Recreation building and there was good participation at the event. He said the quality of the animals shown and the showmanship was very good.

County Manager Report

The County Manager had nothing to report and there were no questions from the board. Cindy Eckles of the Dodge County News asked what determination was made about the sale of used ambulances to Wilcox County. County Attorney Harrington replied that he determined that the personal property of the county could be sold. County Manager Peacock stated that both ambulances were sold to Wilcox County for \$12,500.00.

Public Comments

Charles Williams said that he was presently working on a lease for the county-owned spec building next to Mondri and would have something to report soon.

Adjourn

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Howell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Cheek seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous to adjourn.