

Minutes

Dodge County Board of Commissioners

March 18, 2013

Present: Dan McCranie, Chairman
William T. Howell, Jr., Vice-Chairman, Comm. Dist. 1
Terry Niblett, Comm. Dist. 2
Brian Watkins, Comm. Dist. 3
Karen Cheek, Comm. Dist. 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, March 18, 2013, in Suite 101 of the Dodge County Courthouse Annex.

Chairman Dan McCranie called the meeting to order and led those in attendance in the pledge to the American flag. Commissioner Karen Cheek gave a devotional based on Ruth 1:4. Commissioner Terry Niblett gave the prayer.

Elected Officials and Department Heads:

Sheriff Lynn Sheffield was recognized. He said he had been asked to give an update on the move to the new jail. He said the move was being delayed for roof repairs.

Stanley Stephens, EMA director, was present.

Approval of Minutes:

Chairman McCranie asked if there were any additions, corrections, or deletions to the minutes of the regular meeting of March 04, 2013. Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Terry Niblett seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the minutes were approved.

Old Business:

A. Michael Snipes – Laurens County Recycling

Mr. Michael Snipes, Solid Waste Director, of the Laurens County Solid Waste Management Authority presented an overview of the single-stream recycling program being utilized in Laurens County. He said the program has been operational since 2008 and the major benefits are reduced or eliminated tipping fees and the air space generated in the landfill. He said there would be no charge to receive the recyclables but they would have to be transported to their warehouse in East Dublin. To implement a recycling program in Dodge County he suggested a commercial single stream route using a front load truck with one manned collection center. Discussion followed with questions from the commissioners on educating the public and identification and signage of the containers. Public comments and questions offered positive feedback from several in attendance. Chairman McCranie thanked Mr. Snipes for his presentation and said the board would need some time to digest and discuss the program.

B. Health & Sanitation Ordinance

County Attorney Harrington gave copies of the Health & Sanitation Ordinance to the commissioners for their approval. Commissioner Terry Niblett made a motion to approve the ordinance. Commissioner Karen Cheek seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

C. Jail Update

County Manager Bobby Peacock furnished each commissioner with a copy of an email from the jail architect with a designated contractor to repair the roof leaks.

New Business:

A. Approval of Accounts Payable

Commissioner Karen Cheek referred to check number 12144 to Hartley Tire Service and asked if the government contract for the county included tires for the Sheriff department vehicles. The county manager replied that the contract was for the road and landfill department and the Sheriff Department purchases their own tires. Commissioner Terry Niblett made a motion to approve the Accounts Payable list. Commissioner Brian Watkins seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the list was approved.

B. Magistrate Car

The county manager reported that Magistrate Judge Lonnie Parkerson had asked for \$3,700 to purchase a 2007 Dodge Charger from Atlanta Surplus to replace the vehicle used by the constable. The vehicle being used had already had major transmission and motor repairs. Commissioner Watkins asked how much had been used from the contingency fund and the

county manager replied none. County Attorney Harrington reminded the board members about their bid policy. Commissioner Watkins asked if the bid policy could be waived on a case by case basis. Attorney Harrington replied yes. Commissioner Watkins made a motion to forego the bid process in lieu of the search to find a surplus vehicle with timing being crucial and to purchase the car for the magistrate office. Commissioner Terry Niblett seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to purchase the vehicle.

C. Lee Kirkland – Rural Fire Departments

Lee Kirkland of the Rural Fire Department submitted two bids from RCE to purchase radio equipment for the fire departments who are presently unable to communicate with other agencies who have converted to digital radios. Currently the Sheriff, Eastman Police Department, Eastman Fire Department, and EMS are using digital radios and it has created a safety issue and hindrance to property protection for the other fire departments. Volunteers from Gresston Fire Department, Crossroads Fire Department, Roddy Fire Department, and Mitchell Fire Department along with Stanley Stephens, EMA director, all addressed the need to be able to communicate effectively with other public safety agencies. The county attorney spoke to the importance of making sure the bid process was carried out properly with advertising for sealed bids opened in public. Commissioner Brian Watkins made a motion to get the bid process moving and present the bids at the next meeting. Commissioner Terry Niblett seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to accept bids for the radio equipment.

Commissioner Reports:

Chairman McCranie reported on the announcement made earlier in the day about the business opening near the airport.

County Manager Report:

County Manager Peacock had nothing to report.

Public Comments:

Carolyn Burt asked if there had been any progress on marking the Chester/ Eastman highway. County Manager Peacock replied that the road was on the list to be resurfaced and striped.

Adjourn:

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