

Minutes

Dodge County Board of Commissioners

March 21, 2016

Present: Dan McCranie, Chairman

William T. Howell, Jr., Vice-Chairman and 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, March 21, 2016, 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. The devotional relating to Holy Week was given by Commissioner Cheek followed by prayer from Commissioner Howell.

Elected Officials/ Department Heads

Sharon Flanagan reported to the board that the first meeting of the Dodge Farmers Market Development Authority went well and training for vendors was planned. A ribbon cutting is scheduled for April 2 at 10:00 a.m. and opening day festivities will include live music, pony rides, raffle, and cooking demonstration at 10:30 a.m. There will be a suggestion box on site and information table. She said sponsorship funding of \$1000 each had been secured from the Economic Development Authority, Chamber of Commerce, and Farm Bureau. She asked that the City of Eastman and Dodge County consider sponsorship also.

Charles Williams of the Eastman Dodge Chamber of Commerce presented the Intergovernmental Agreement from Attorney John Harrington and approved by the City of Eastman and the library board. He said the only change was if a matching fund grant became available the authority would not seek future funding. He asked that the completed document be placed on the minutes of all participating organizations. He asked that at the end of the ten (10) year lease that the property be donated back to the library. Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve the agreement seconded by Commissioner Niblett. All voted in favor of approval. Williams said the GMC location in Eastman will be the thirteenth (13th) and opening ceremony will be on May 13, 2016, and asked the board to attend.

Approval of Minutes

A. March 7, 2016 Regular Meeting

Chairman McCranie asked for any additions, corrections, or deletions to the minutes of the March 7, 2016, regular meeting presented in printed form to each commissioner. A motion to approve was made by Commissioner Howell and seconded by Commissioner Watkins. All voted in favor of approval.

Old Business

A. Intergovernmental Agreement – Building Inspector

Chairman McCranie referred to the Intergovernmental Agreement for Building Inspector that was given to each board member at the previous meeting for review and asked for questions or comments. County Attorney Harrington said that the agreement does not set a dollar amount for reimbursement to the county but rather that the City of Eastman will keep twenty percent (20%). Commissioner Watkins asked if their fees were in line with ours and County Manager Peacock answered they were pretty close but not exactly. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to approve the agreement with Commissioner Watkins making the second. All voted in favor of the motion.

New Business

A. Approval of Accounts Payable

There were no questions or comments concerning the list of Accounts Payables prepared for the meeting. Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve seconded by Commissioner Cheek. The vote for approval was unanimous.

B. Rose Moore – Septic Tank Waiver

Commissioner Niblett made a motion to table until the next meeting in order to talk with health department. Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion and the motion passed. It is noted that Ms. Moore was not present.

Commissioner Reports

Chairman McCranie asked the county attorney about procedure for road closure since two adjoining property owners had requested Hosford Road from Garrett Oxley Road to Bill Mullis Road be closed. Attorney Harrington said a public hearing would need to be set with the legal advertisement running in the paper for two consecutive weeks. Commissioner Niblett said the road had been scraped recently but it was narrow and dangerous to drive. Commissioner Watkins asked if closing the road would affect anyone adversely and the reply was no. Commissioner Watkins made a motion to schedule the hearing on closing the road seconded by Commissioner Niblett. Commissioner Howell asked who would pay for the legal advertisement and if the land owners who wanted the road closed should pay for the cost of running the ad. Commissioner Watkins amended his motion to schedule the public hearing for the second meeting in April and

to ask the landowners to accept the fees incurred by the ad. Upon confirmation there was no problem to postpone, Commissioner Niblett seconded the amended motion and the vote was unanimous to approve.

Chairman McCranie then presented a resolution from Superior Court Judge Mullis with regard to disbursements from the Drug Fund. The resolution states that any person or entity who desires that the Dodge County Board of Commissioners expend monies from the Drug Fund must obtain an Order from the Chief Judge of the Dodge Superior Court directing the Board of Commissioners to make such disbursements. Commissioner Howell asked that copies of the proposed resolution be made for each commissioner to study before the next meeting and put that request in the form of a motion. Commissioner Niblett seconded his motion and all voted in favor of approval.

County Manager Report

County Manager Peacock had nothing to report and there were no questions for him.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Adjourn

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