

## **Minutes**

### **Dodge County Board of Commissioners**

**April 01, 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, April 1, 2013, in Suite 101 of the Dodge County Courthouse Annex.

Chairman Dan McCranie called the meeting to order and asked for the agenda to be amended to add Item E. Sound System Bids to Old Business and to add an executive session to discuss legal matters and pending law suit after the Public Comments section of the agenda. Commissioner William Howell made a motion to amend the agenda with those changes. Commissioner Terry Niblett seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the agenda was amended. Chairman Dan McCranie led those in attendance in the pledge to the American flag followed by prayer by Commissioner Karen Cheek.

#### **Elected Officials/ Department Heads:**

None noted as present.

#### **Approval of Minutes:**

##### **A. Regular Meeting March 18, 2013**

Chairman McCranie asked for any additions, deletions or corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 18, 2013. Commissioner Terry Niblett made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner William Howell seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the minutes were approved.

##### **B. Called Meeting March 27, 2013**

Chairman McCranie asked for any additions, deletions or corrections to the minutes of the called meeting held on March 27, 2013 and presented in printed form to the board. Commissioner

William Howell made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Brian Watkins seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved.

**Old Business:**

**A. Proclamation – Bible Reading Marathon Week**

Chairman Dan McCranie read a proclamation declaring April 26 through May 2, 2013, as Bible Reading Marathon Week in Dodge County. Commissioner Terry Niblett made a motion to adopt the proclamation. Commissioner Brian Watkins seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to adopt the proclamation and each commissioner signed the proclamation. Mrs. Lydia Daniels thanked the commissioners for their support and invited everyone to attend the opening ceremony and participate in the Bible Reading Marathon to be held at the Dodge County Courthouse.

**B. Septic Tank Bids**

The following sealed bids for a septic tank system were opened by Chairman Dan McCranie:

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| 1. Hardeman Construction     | \$1,450.00 |
| 2. Steve Grimes Construction | \$2,700.00 |
| 3. Darrell Yawn Farms        | \$1,700.00 |

Commissioner William Howell asked if all who bid were state licensed. After confirmation, he made a motion to accept the low bid. Commissioner Terry Niblett seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to award the job to Hardeman Construction.

**C. Fire Department Radio Bids**

The following sealed bids for radio equipment for the Rural Fire Department were opened:

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| 1. Radio Wholesale – Columbus, Georgia | TBD (No final price dependent on number of hours to install). |
| 2. RCE Kenwood – Macon, Georgia        |   |
| 53 digital portable package            | \$58,985.00   |
| 108 digital portable                   | \$95,715.00   |

After conferring with the county attorney it was determined that the bid from Radio Wholesale was an incomplete bid since it did not contain a total price for equipment and installation. Commissioner Terry Niblett made a motion to accept the bid from RCE Kenwood of Macon for \$58,985 and to apply for a grant to repay the county. Commissioner William Howell seconded the motion. Commissioner Brian Watkins stated he would not be voting because the association fire chief was his brother-in-law. Commissioner Karen Cheek asked about the time frame with applying for a grant to reimburse the county. Fire Chief Lee Kirkland responded that the grant

application had been completed but the time frame for approval was uncertain. Commissioner Terry Niblett asked the grant amount and Lee Kirkland said \$150,000.00. Commissioners Howell, Niblett and Cheek voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

#### D. Jail Update

County Manager Bobby Peacock said he had been in contact with Bob Hilbert the Construction Superintendent and he was ordering materials for the repairs for the inside and roof and expected to make the repairs within a couple of weeks. Commissioner Terry Niblett asked if there was any expense to the county and Peacock replied no.

#### E. Sound System Bids

Chairman Dan McCranie opened the following bids for a sound system for the meeting room:

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| 1. Trinity Tech Solutions – Eastman, Georgia | \$2,543.24 |
| 2. BFE Marketing, Inc. – Eastman, Georgia    | \$1,745.00 |
| With option for cassette recorder            | \$2,295.00 |

Commissioner William Howell made a motion to accept the low bid and fund the purchase from the contingency fund. Commissioner Terry Niblett seconded the motion. Commissioner Karen Cheek asked if the motion included the purchase of the cassette recorder and the response was yes. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

### **New Business:**

#### A. Approval of Accounts Payable

Commissioner Terry Niblett asked if the repairs paid for in check number 12234 were at the old jail or the new jail. County Manager Peacock replied the old jail. Commissioner William Howell asked what check 12244 was for and the county manager replied it was for both parts of a class for the First Responders. Commissioner Terry Niblett made a motion to approve the Accounts Payable list. Commissioner William Howell seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the list was approved.

### **Commissioner Reports:**

Commissioner Terry Niblett commented on the recycling project and said he had learned it was acceptable to place recycled items in plastic trash bags for collection. He said he was gathering more information on the project.

Commissioner Karen Cheeks said she would like to start the process for the renewal of the SPLOST. The county attorney said the towns and entities would need to be contacted about the renewal and a list of projects and capital improvements and set up sub-committees.

**County Manager Reports:**

Commissioner Terry Niblett asked the county manager if a draw had been made on the line of credit. The county manager replied not yet.

**Public Comments:**

Billy Steele commented on the Bible Reading Marathon.

Lee Kirkland thanked the commissioners for approving the purchase of radio equipment.

Junior Belflower asked if there had been a response from the State Representative on the letter asking for a referendum for a sole commissioner in Dodge County and the county attorney replied there was nothing different.

Susan Coffee thanked the commissioner for approving the purchase of the sound system.

Eddie Driggers asked for a copy of the minutes from the March 27 called meeting.

Iva Mallory commented on the Bible Reading Marathon and prayer in school.

Cindy Eckles of the Dodge County News asked for an update on the contingency fund and redistricting.

Commissioner William Howell made a motion to move into executive session. Commissioner Brian Watkins seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to go into executive session.

Upon return to open session a motion was made by Commissioner Terry Niblett to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner William Howell seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the meeting was adjourned.