

Minutes

Dodge County Board of Commissioners

April 6, 2015

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, District 1 Commissioner

The Dodge County Board of Commissioners met in a regular session at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, April 6, 2015, in Suite 101 of the Dodge County Courthouse Annex.

Chairman McCranie called the meeting to order and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag. Commissioner Cheek gave the devotional based on Psalm 18:1-3. Commissioner Niblett prayed.

Elected Officials / Department Heads

Charles Williams of the Eastman-Dodge Chamber of Commerce was recognized as present.

Approval of Minutes

A. March 16, 2015 Regular Meeting

Chairman McCranie asked for any additions, deletions or corrections to the minutes of the March 16, 2015 regular meeting presented to the board members in printed form. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to approve as presented seconded by Commissioner Watkins. All voted in favor of approval.

Old Business

A. Library Building Roof

Commissioner Niblett informed the board that he and Mrs. Anne Bowen met with officials and discussed the possibility of prison labor being used to repair the building occupied by the Department of Labor. Mrs. Bowen commented that she had not heard anything from the officials. Commissioner Niblett said that Representative Pruett was diligently seeking funding for the repairs.

New Business

A. Approval of Accounts Payable

After the board had reviewed the Accounts Payable checklist, Commissioner Niblett made a motion to approve the payments totaling \$200,890.98. Commissioner Cheek seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous to approve.

B. Bible Reading Marathon Proclamation

Dr. Lydia Daniels read a proclamation declaring May 1 through May 6, 2015 to be Bible Reading Marathon week in Dodge County and encouraged participation.

C. Chauncey Fire Department Request

County Manager Peacock informed the board of a request from James Atkins of the Chauncey Fire Department for \$6,500 to repay a note due at a local bank for the purchase of a truck. He said the request if approved would be paid from the 2013 SPLOST. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to grant the request seconded by Commissioner Watkins. The vote was unanimous to grant the request.

Commissioner Reports

Chairman McCranie announced that the county attorney had closed the business loan to Covey Resources, LLC from the Local Revolving Loan Fund Account and all paper work was completed. Chairman McCranie also thanked Kenny Williamson for the information about a bush grinder and asked other board members to view the video about the equipment.

County Manager Report

County Manager Peacock told the board as a matter of record that patching had begun on the Bell Line Road and the Chester Highway. Commissioner Cheek asked if the Air Evac Contract had been completed and the county attorney said he had redrafted the contract. Commissioner Cheek asked if it had been signed and the county attorney said he will check tomorrow.

Public Comments

Larry Haley, representative of the local Habitat for Humanity, asked the board to forgive penalties and interest on a home built by the non-profit organization that was foreclosed in 2013. After determining that an error had occurred with the owner of record and that the actual property tax had been paid by Habitat for Humanity, Commissioner Niblett made a motion to forgive the penalty and interest. Commissioner Cheek seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous to approve.

Mrs. Anne Bowen thanked Commissioner Niblett for meeting with the library board and the state.

Adjourn

With no further comments or business to come before the board, Commissioner Niblett made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous to adjourn.