

Minutes

Dodge County Board of Commissioners

April 17, 2017

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, April 17, 2017, in Suite 101 of the Dodge County Courthouse Annex. Chairman Dan McCranie called the meeting to order and led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag. The devotional was given by Commissioner Cheek and Commissioner Niblett prayed.

Elected Officials/ Department Heads

A. Henry Whitfield – Middle Georgia State University

Whitfield thanked the board for their support of the air show last year and said this year the show is planned for September 30, 2017. He said the gates will be open from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. and there will also be a reception on Friday night for VIP guests.

B. Charles Williams – Dodge County Eastman Development Authority

Williams informed the board that Dodge County High School has been selected as the first and only school in Georgia to partner with NASA in their HUNCH program. He said the high school students will work and develop projects for the space program.

Approval of Minutes

A. March 20, 2017 Regular Meeting

Chairman McCranie asked for any additions, correction or deletions to the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 20, 2017. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to approve seconded by Commissioner Howell. All voted in favor of approval.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

A. Approval of Accounts Payable

Chairman McCranie asked the board to look over the Accounts Payable checklist for any questions or comments. Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve the payments and Commissioner Niblett seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion passed.

B. Lydia Daniels – Bible Reading Marathon

Mrs. Daniels was not present.

C. Jackson Jones – Tax Matter

Mr. Jones was not present.

D. Appointment EMS Advisory Council

The chairman stated there were two vacant appointments on the Advisory Council and asked that EMS Director Jeff Creech be considered as an appointee. Commissioner Watkins made a motion to appoint Creech and Commissioner Niblett seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion. The chairman asked that the second appointment be tabled until the next meeting to determine interest in serving on the council.

Commissioner Reports

There were no reports from the commissioners.

County Manager Report

County Manager Bobby Peacock presented a request from the Plainfield Fire Department for SPLOST funds to replace the roof on their fire station. Two bids were submitted by the fire department, one for \$4,000.00 and one for \$4,200.00 and they requested that they use the bid for \$4,200.00 with the county paying \$4,000.00 from their SPLOST funds and they would make up the difference of \$200.00. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to grant the request seconded by Commissioner Watkins. The vote was unanimous to approve.

Public Comments

Mr. John Battle representing the Citizens of Dodge County commented on a certified letter to the commissioners.

Executive Session

Commissioner Howell made a motion to go into executive session to discuss legal matters. The second to his motion came from Commissioner Watkins. All voted in favor of the motion.

Return from Executive Session

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to end the executive session and return to the regular meeting. Commissioner Niblett seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Commissioner Watkins then made a motion to enter into an agreement with the Health and Human Services concerning billing issues and to direct the county manager and the county attorney to act on the board's behalf. Commissioner Niblett seconded the motion and all voted to approve the motion.

Adjourn

Commissioner Niblett made a motion to adjourn the meeting with the second coming from Commissioners Howell and Cheek. The vote was unanimous to adjourn.