

Minutes

Dodge County Board of Commissioners

April 18, 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, April 18, 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. Commissioner Cheek gave the devotional and prayer.

Elected Officials/ Department Heads

Sharon Flanagan reported that the Dodge County Farmers Market attendance remains good with more than one hundred fifty (150) recorded on the counter as attending the past Saturday. She said next Saturday the South Dodge Rockin' Rhythm Band will perform.

Charles Williams reminded the board members that next Wednesday will be the last Chamber of Commerce meeting prior to the grand opening of the Georgia Military College location in Eastman. He suggested anyone who wanted to attend should call the chamber office so enough lunch will be prepared for the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

A. April 4, 2016 Regular Meeting

Chairman McCranie asked if there were any additions, corrections, or deletions to the minutes of the regular meeting held on April 4, 2016. Copies of the minutes were available to each board member for review. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to approve seconded by Commissioners Howell and Watkins simultaneously. The vote was unanimous to approve.

Old Business

A. Hosford Road Closing

Chairman McCranie turned the meeting over to the County Attorney who said the statutory requirements had been met for the public hearing for the closing of Hosford Road. He said the road in question was an agricultural road with only three landowners having property situated on the road. Chairman McCranie asked if there was anyone present to speak for or against the closing. After there was no response, Commissioner Niblett made a motion to close the road. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion and all voted in favor of the closing.

New Business

A. Approval of Accounts Payable

Chairman McCranie asked for any questions or comments concerning the printed check list of Accounts Payable for the Dodge County General Fund and T-SPLOST payments. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to approve seconded by Commissioner Howell. The vote was unanimous to approve.

B. Jonathan Guyton, Jr.

It was determined that Mr. Guyton was not present. The county attorney said he had met with Mr. Guyton and knew that he wanted to discuss Sunset Park, a local park owned by the City of Eastman and within the city limits of Eastman. Charles Williams of the Eastman Dodge Chamber of Commerce said he wanted to ask the county to participate in refurbishing the park. Commissioner Watkins asked if any maintenance had been done on the park and the reply was no and that the playground equipment needs refurbishing.

Commissioner Reports

There were no reports from any member of the Board of Commissioners.

County Manager Report

County Manager Peacock said he had nothing to report. There were no questions for the county manager.

Public Comments

Charles Williams of the Eastman Dodge Chamber of Commerce said the State of the City address would be held at the Magnolia Theatre at 6:30 p.m. this evening. He encouraged those interested to move on to that meeting.

Adjourn

Commissioner Niblett made a motion to adjourn seconded by Commissioner Howell. At this time it was noted that Jonathan Guyton, Jr. was present and wished to address the board. Commissioner Cheek made a motion to re-open the meeting but the county attorney asked if the

commissioner who made the motion to adjourn could withdraw the motion. Commissioner Howell asked that his motion to adjourn be withdrawn and Commissioner Niblett who made the second gave his approval for withdrawal.

New Business

A. Jonathan Guyton, Jr.

Guyton told the board his purpose was to make the board aware of the poor conditions of Sunset Park located off Livingston Street in the City of Eastman. He said there was currently no funding for the park and he was asking that it be made safe for children and families to use. He said he had circulated a petition and had signatures of those in the area. He said he was asking the county to provide and oversee maintenance of the park. Commissioner Niblett asked how big the geographical area was served by the park. Guyton said he knew people from Hawkinsville and McRae would come to use the park if it had a nice pavilion and a resurfaced slab for the basketball court. With no other questions for Guyton or comments on the request, Chairman McCranie thanked him for coming.

Adjourn

For the second time a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Howell and seconded by Commissioner Niblett. The vote was unanimous to adjourn.