

Minutes

Dodge County Board of Commissioners

May 2, 2016

Present: Dan McCranie, Chairman
William T. Howell, Vice-Chairman and District 1 Commissioner
Terry Niblett, District 2 Commissioner
Brian Watkins, District 3 Commissioner

Also Present: John Harrington, County Attorney
Bobby Peacock, County Manager
Nancy Gail Rogers, County Clerk

Absent: Karen Cheek, District 4 Commissioner

The Dodge County Board of Commissioners met in a regular session at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, May 2, 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 Howell gave the prayer.

Elected Officials/ Department Heads

Lee Kirkland – Rural Fire Department

Kirkland told the board members that the fire departments needed to utilize SPLOST money for radio system equipment. He said RCE, the company that had supplied and serviced the radio equipment, had sold to Williams Brothers who had done an antenna sweep analysis of the county system. He said they recommended an upgrade of the paging system that would include a move to the water tower on Legion Drive. He said plans to relocate the EMS to that site would allow both systems to be upgraded and use the same shelter. He said the present antenna was twenty (20) years old and if both systems were upgraded there would be savings of \$1,500. He asked for approval to use up to \$15,000 of SPLOST funds for the rural fire departments. Chairman McCranie asked for questions and discussion from the board with Commissioner Niblett asking if sufficient funds had been collected from the SPLOST. County Manager Peacock answered yes and that the total would be divided by the nine (9) fire departments. Peacock said some of the fire departments had already received monies from SPLOST funds. Chairman McCranie asked Peacock to check into the EMS radio system equipment needs. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to grant the request up to \$15,000 seconded by Commissioner Howell. Commissioners Howell and Niblett along with Chairman McCranie voted in favor of the motion and it passed. Commissioner Watkins abstained from the vote. The county manager said all bids and bills would need to be brought to his office for approval.

Sharon Flanagan of the Dodge County Farmers Market reported brisk activity for the previous Saturday with 300 plus attendees and over twenty vendors. She said produce vendors were meeting the demand and that bakery items from a retired professional chef would be available at upcoming markets along with flowers for Mother's Day. She said problems with the EBT registration were being worked out and plans for the May 14th market included live music and cooking demonstrations by Rita and Rachel.

Charles Williams of the Eastman-Dodge Chamber of Commerce informed the board of the meeting at the airport on Friday, May 6th. He also reminded them the next Friday, May 13th would be the event at the Eastman GMC campus. He said he was receiving lots of calls and interest in Dodge County.

Milton Johnson representing the City of Eastman was recognized by Chairman McCranie.

Approval of Minutes

A. April 18, 2016 Regular Meeting

Chairman McCranie asked if there were any additions, corrections, or deletions to the minutes of the regular meeting held on April 18, 2016. Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve seconded by Commissioner Niblett. The vote was unanimous to approve.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

A. Approval of Accounts Payable

Chairman McCranie asked if there were any questions or comments from the board regarding the Accounts Payable check list. Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve seconded by Commissioner Watkins. All voted in favor of approval.

B. Appointment to Central Georgia Region 5 EMS Advisory Council.

Chairman McCranie read a letter received by the county manager asking for one appointment to the Central Georgia Region 5 EMS Advisory Council before June 1st. Current appointees are Rickie Coleman whose term runs from 2014-2017 and Annett Huff who term expires in 2016 and who according to the letter has not attended a meeting since 2014. Commissioner Niblett asked that matter be tabled until the next meeting to allow time to find interested persons willing to serve. Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion, vote was taken and it passed.

C. Bids on Milan-Chauncey Highway Culvert Repair

County Manager Peacock said there two culverts on the Milan-Chauncey Highway in need of repair with the wings on each side washed out. He said two bids were received after advertising.

The first bid from Graham & Studstill in the amount of \$103,684 and a second bid from Dykes Grassing Co., Inc. in the amount of \$410,084 were presented. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to accept the low bid with Commissioner Howell making the second. All voted in favor of the motion.

The county manager said that LMIG funds had been awarded to resurface 9.7 miles of road in Dodge County and bids packages had been offered to four (4) contractors with only one response from Dykes Grassing Co., Inc. in the amount of \$710,265. Commissioner Howell asked why the others did not respond and Peacock said that for several years Dykes had been the low bidder and that could have contributed to why there were no other bids. Commissioner Watkins asked where the difference between the bid and the LMIG funds would come from and Peacock replied from T-SPLOST funds. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to take the bid from Dykes with Commissioner Howell making the second. The motion passed.

Commissioner Report

There were no reports from the Commissioners.

County Manager Report

The county manager had nothing to report and there were no questions or comments.

Public Comments

Mike Flanagan said plans were underway to add an auto show to the festivities at the air show planned for November at the Heart of Georgia Regional Airport. He said many types of automobiles could be exhibited with no official judging but probably people's choice winners would be selected.

Adjourn

Commissioner Howell made a motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Commissioner Niblett. The vote was unanimous to adjourn.