

Minutes

Dodge County Board of Commissioners

May 5, 2014

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

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

Absent: Karen Cheek, Commissioner District 4

The Dodge County Board of Commissioners met in a regular session at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, May 5, 2014, in Suite 101 of the Dodge County Courthouse Annex.

Chairman Dan McCranie called the meeting to order and asked that the agenda be amended for two items under Old Business. Item 1 is Hospital Appointments and Item 2 is a Letter of Agreement with the National Parks Conservation Association for the Ocmulgee Water Trail Partnership. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to amend the agenda and add both items seconded by Commissioner Howell. Chairman McCranie led in the pledge of allegiance to the American flag. He stated in the absence of Commissioner Cheek there would be no devotional and led in prayer.

Elected Officials / Department Heads

Chairman McCranie recognized Sheriff Lynn Sheffield who reported to the board members that the jail revenue for February and March was \$3,000 from Telfair County for housing inmates. He said he was talking with the state and also Wilcox and Pulaski Counties regarding inmate housing. He said the jail still leaks and Chairman McCranie asked if it was around the skylight. Commissioner Watkins asked if the warranty would cover the present leaks and the Sheriff said he did not know. The county manager said he was not aware of the leak problem. The county attorney told the Sheriff to have the administrator call him and he would write a letter to the roofing company to report the leak. Commissioner Niblett noted the first quarter revenue for the Sheriff and Jail were under budget and the expenses were over budget. He asked if he expected that trend to continue. The Sheriff said that it probably would, there were 102 inmates this morning. Commissioner Niblett stated that the budget was available on the Dodge County website. The Sheriff also requested a raise for the jailers because of high turnover due to a

starting salary of \$8.00 to \$8.50. He said that his employees were leaving after the training period and going to the YDC, Laurens and Bleckley counties for higher pay.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman McCranie asked for any additions, corrections, deletions to the minutes of the meeting of April 21, 2014 presented to the board in printed form. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to approve seconded by Commissioner Watkins. All voted in favor of the motion.

Old Business

A. Hospital Board Appointments

County Attorney Harrington informed the board that the Dodge County Hospital Authority had approved the following:

- L. M. Coffee for a three year term for the position held by L. M. Coffee
- Jim Tison for a three year term for the position held by Todd Peacock
- Mimi Dennis for a three year term for the position held by Dan Harrell

Commissioner Niblett made a motion to approve and appoint L.M. Coffee, Jim Tison, and Mimi Dennis to the Dodge County Hospital Authority each for term of three years. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion and all voted in favor of the motion.

B. Letter of Agreement – Ocmulgee Water Trail Partnership

Chairman McCranie asked the board members to look over their copy of the letter from the National Parks Conservation Association regarding the agreement to install River Water Trail signage. The county attorney said that a photograph was to be taken after the signs are up and sent to the department. Commissioner Watkins made a motion to approve and sign the letter seconded by Commissioner Howell. All voted in favor of the motion.

New Business

A. Approval of Accounts Payable

Commissioner Niblett asked if check number 14862 was for postage for multiple offices and the county manager replied yes. Commissioner Niblett then asked if check number 14836 for an A/C unit was bid and Peacock replied there were two bids. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to approve the accounts payable list seconded by Commissioner Howell. The vote was unanimous to approve.

Commissioner Reports

Chairman McCranie reminded the Board of Commissioners of the ceremony on Tuesday, May 6 at 1:00 p.m. at the National Guard Armory recently acquired by the county. He also asked for a volunteer to serve on a committee with the county manager and Commissioner Cheek to review the county's employee health insurance renewal. Commissioner Howell agreed to serve on the committee.

County Manager Report

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

Public Comments

Kenny Williamson asked about the certified personnel at the Sheriff Department and who pays for their certification and if a contract requiring that they remain with Dodge County for a period of time after certification would help with turnover.

Adjourn

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