

Minutes

Dodge County Board of Commissioners

May 16, 2016

Present: Dan McCranie, Chairman
William T. Howell, 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, May 16, 2016, in Suite 101 of the Dodge County Courthouse Annex. Chairman McCranie called the meeting to order and said he had received a call from Commissioner Cheek who was on her way from Dublin and would be arriving momentarily. He led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag and Commissioner Watkins gave the prayer.

Elected Officials/ Department Heads

Sharon Cobb Flanagan reported the Dodge County Farmers Market had another successful weekend with over three hundred (300) attending and twenty (20) vendors, many with fresh produce. The crowd enjoyed live music from Morning Train and cooking demonstrations. She thanked the board for their support.

Charles Williams, of the Eastman-Dodge Chamber of Commerce thanked the board for their participation with the Georgia Military College opening the previous Friday. He said thanks to the cooperation of the county and the City of Eastman, we now have a two year college and a four year university.

Sharon Cobb Flanagan said she failed to mention the market had received EBT approval. She said she would be contacting Xerox and understood the equipment to process the EBT would be free.

Approval of Minutes

A. May 2, 2016 Regular Meeting

Chairman McCranie asked for any additions, corrections, or deletions to the minutes of the regular meeting held on May 2, 2016. Printed copies were available for review by the board.

Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve seconded by Commissioner Niblett. The quorum of Howell, Niblett, and Watkins approved the motion.

Old Business

A. Appointment to Central Georgia Region 5 EMS Council

Chairman McCranie reminded the board that the council was seeking someone with interest in emergency medical services. Commissioner Howell nominated Clint Nelson. Commissioner Niblett seconded the nomination and Commissioner Watkins moved that nominations be closed. Chairman McCranie said Nelson was nominated by acclamation.

New Business

A. Approval of Accounts Payable

Chairman McCranie asked the board members to look at the listing of Accounts Payable checks for question or comments. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to approve with the second coming from Commissioner Watkins. All voted in favor of approval.

B. Clifford Peacock

It was noted that Mr. Peacock was not present.

Commissioner Karen Cheek has now arrived.

C. Crossroad Fire Department

County Manager Peacock presented a request from Crossroad Fire Department to buy a lawn mower. Bids were received for \$5,199 and \$5,532 but they are only asking for \$2,500. He said Wayne Barrentine was present and could answer questions from the board. He said if approved the money would come from the 2013 SPLOST allocation for the fire department. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to approve seconded by Commissioner Howell. Commissioners Howell, Niblett, Watkins and Cheek voted in favor of the motion.

D. Mental Health Contract

Chairman McCranie referred to printed copies of the proposed contract saying it was the same as in previous years. Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve seconded by Commissioner Niblett. All voted in favor of the motion.

Commissioner Reports

Chairman McCranie asked for approval for Commissioners Howell and Cheek to serve on a committee to review the health insurance plan for county employees. Both Howell and Cheek agreed to serve with unanimous approval from the other board members.

Commissioner Niblett said he attended the opening of the Eastman location of Georgia Military College and commended Charles Williams for a good job.

County Manager Report

The county manager reminded the board of the request from the rural fire departments at the last meeting to replace the antennas. He said it was also recommended that the antennas used by Dodge EMS be replaced as well. He said EMS Director Rickie Coleman had submitted two bids for consideration:

- Georgia Two-Way, Inc. \$6,438.00
- Motorola – Macon Communications \$6,461.65

Commissioner Niblett asked if both antennas would be compatible with other equipment and the reply was yes. Commissioner Howell made a motion to accept the low bid. Commissioner Niblett seconded the motion and all voted in favor of approval.

County Manager Peacock also asked the board to authorize the chairman to sign the LMIG contract with Dykes Grassing and the contract with Graham & Studstill for culvert repairs. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to give the approval seconded by Commissioner Watkins. All voted in favor of the motion.

Public Comments

George Thompson asked if the new antennas would reach the Rhine area.

Barbara Francis told the board that she lives near Liberty Street and MLK Drive and there were holes in the road and patching was needed and asked the board to check out the situation.

Executive Session

Commissioner Howell made a motion to move into executive session to discuss legal matters. Commissioner Watkins made the second and the vote was unanimous to approve.

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 all voted in favor of the motion.

Chairman McCranie asked the county attorney to draw up a county public road policy and have it available for review at the first meeting in June.

Adjourn

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Howell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Niblett seconded the motion and all voted in favor of adjournment.