

## **Minutes**

### **Dodge County Board of Commissioners**

**May 20, 2013**

**Present:** Dan McCranie, Chairman  
William T. Howell, Jr., Vice-Chairman, Comm. Dist. 1  
Terry Niblett, Comm. Dist. 2  
Brian Watkins, Comm. Dist. 3  
Karen Cheek, Comm. Dist. 4

**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 20, 2013, in Suite 101 of the Dodge County Courthouse Annex.

Chairman Dan McCranie called the meeting to order and led those in attendance in the pledge of allegiance to the American flag. Commissioner Karen Cheek gave the devotional and asked those in the tornadoes in Oklahoma be remembered in prayer. Commissioner Terry Niblett gave the prayer.

#### **Elected Officials/ Department Heads:**

None noted as present.

#### **Approval of Minutes:**

Chairman McCranie asked if there were any additions, deletions, or corrections to the minutes of the meeting held May 6, 2013. Commissioner William Howell made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Terry Niblett seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

#### **Old Business:**

##### **A. ACCG Workers Comp Elected Officials Resolution**

County Manager Peacock said he was asked to check on the rate proposal of 3.47% for workers compensation coverage for the elected officials. He said the rate was correct however the discounts had not been applied and the coverage would cost a little over \$10,000 per year.

Commissioner Terry Niblett made a motion to approve the resolution and pay for coverage for the elected officials. Commissioner Karen Cheek seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

#### B. DFACS Board Appointment

Chairman McCranie asked if there were any recommendations or nominations for the appointment to the DFACS board. Commissioner Karen Cheek made a motion to reappoint Danny Warren to the board based on the letter received commending his prior service. Commissioner Terry Niblett seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

#### C. Jail Update

County Manager Bobby Peacock said repairs were completed on the roof at the new jail last week. He said they were waiting on rain to determine if the roof was fixed. He said employees of the Sheriff's Department had been working both inside the jail and outside.

#### D. SPLOST Referendum

County Attorney John Harrington told the commissioners that he and Commissioner Karen Cheek were planning to meet on Thursday to go over the procedure for the SPLOST referendum. Commissioner Brian Watkins asked if a motion would be needed to go forward and if letters notifying the cities and small towns as well as the rural fire departments was needed. The attorney replied that projects to be included in the referendum would need to be approved as a part of the process. He said the purpose of the meeting was to lay out the procedures and steps.

### **New Business:**

#### A. Approval of the Accounts Payable Checklist

Commissioner Karen Cheek asked about check number 12522 to Hartley Tire in the amount of \$2,165.04 for tires for the Sheriff Department and Landfill and if those purchases would be less expensive if they used the contract with Kaufmann Tire the other departments used. County Manager Peacock replied that the tires bought for the landfill were retreads and were much cheaper than the new tire contract price. She then asked if check number 12567 to Pridgen Brothers for jail supplies was for the new jail and the response was it was paper products and other supplies needed at the present jail. Commissioner Terry Niblett asked which department check number 12565 to Office Depot was for and the answer was the check was for the total bill but was allocated to different departments. Commissioner Terry Niblett made a motion to approve the Accounts Payable check list. Commissioner Brian Watkins seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to approve.

## B. Hospital Board Appointments

Commissioner Terry Niblett asked who was presently serving on the hospital board. Chairman McCranie answered Reggie Sheffield, Cecil Barden, and Dr. Blake Milner had terms expiring in 2013. Commissioner Terry Niblett made a motion to table the appointments to the Dodge County Hospital Authority. Commissioner Brian Watkins seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

## C. County Line Road Repair

The following bids were opened for the repairs on County Line Road:

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| 1. Complete Sitework Services, Dublin, Georgia | \$57,500 |
| 2. Mann & Company, Eastman, Georgia            | \$41,850 |
| 3. Collins Paving, Dexter, Georgia             | \$49,500 |

Commissioner Karen Cheek asked if all bidders received engineering specs. The county manager said there was no engineering firm involved and that he and Road Superintendent Buddy Pittman wrote the bid advertisement and all who had bid understood what was to be repaired. Peacock said that the roads had to be patched due to the base not being put down properly and patching was required before the roads could be resurfaced. Commissioner Terry Niblett stated that all bids listed 1,550 square yards of roadway and seemed to be comparable and made a motion to accept the low bid from Mann & Company. Commissioner William Howell seconded the motion. Discussion continued with Brian Watkins asking about the timeline for completion and the response was by the summer. Karen Cheek asked if the repairs would be paid with TSPLOST funds and the reply was yes. The vote was taken with all voting in favor of the motion.

## D. Purchase of Grass Mower

The following bids were opened for a grass mower:

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| 1. Eastman Equipment Company Eastman, Georgia |          |
| • Kodiak Model 3615                           | \$11,900 |
| • Bush Hog 15'                                | \$14,900 |
| 2. Cullen Equipment Company, Dublin, Georgia  |          |
| • Kodiak Model 3615                           | \$11,895 |
| • Bush Hog 2815                               | \$14,600 |
| • Bush Hog 2515                               | \$11,895 |

Commissioner Karen Cheek asked if all bids were for commercial grade equipment and the answer was yes. Commissioner William Howell made a motion to purchase the Kodiak Model 3615 locally from Eastman Equipment Company due to only a \$5 difference in the two bids.

Commissioner Brian Watkins seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous to make the purchase locally.

#### E. Scrap Metal Bids

The following bids were opened to purchase surplus scrap metal at the county yard:

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| 1. Deloach Timber    | \$7.52 per 100 pounds |
| 2. Johnson Recycling | \$9.10 per 100 pounds |
| 3. US 1 Recycling    | \$9.50 per 100 pounds |
| 4. Simmons Junk      | \$7.10 per 100 pounds |

The county manager stated that US 1 Recycling had four different offices and locations in the Middle Georgia area. He said the previous bidder was slow to pick up and only picked up approximately two-thirds of the scrap and the decision was made to re-bid the scrap metal. Commissioner Karen Cheek asked if the company or persons bidding were bonded. The reply was it was not discussed. Commissioner Terry Niblett made a motion to accept the high bid. Commissioner Brian Watkins seconded the motion. Commissioner Karen Cheek said in the future to ask if the companies were bonded and possibly have a contract to guarantee payment. All voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

#### **Commissioner Reports:**

Commissioner Terry Niblett commented on the article he submitted to the Dodge County News and asked that it be reprinted with corrections. Cindy Eckles agreed to the reprint.

Chairman McCranie said he had been contacted by Coroner Joe Smith asking to purchase a vehicle from the State Patrol surplus vehicles due to mechanical problems with the vehicle furnished him by the county. The county attorney said he was not a constitutional officer and would need approval to forego the bid process and a cap should be placed on a blanket approval. Chairman McCranie said he was looking at vehicle in the \$3000 to \$5000 range. Commissioner Terry Niblett made a motion to allow up to \$4000 to purchase a car for the coroner from the state surplus. Commissioner Karen Cheek seconded the motion. Discussion continued with Brian Watkins stating that the board was allowing a vehicle purchase exempt from bid policy up to \$4000. The vote was taken and unanimous approval was given.

Commissioner Niblett asked about the progress with the bathroom at the landfill and the county manager said it had been completed.

#### **County Manager Report:**

The county manager said he had nothing to present.

**Public Comments:**

Chairman McCranie said the board had voted and approved at the last meeting a new policy for the Public Comments of the meetings. He said the new policy was available for viewing on the Dodge County website as well as the Eastman Examiner website. He read the policy to the audience and commented it was the same format used by the Dodge County Board of Education.

William Steele commented on the new policy and asked the commissioners to continue to provide a forum for the public to ask questions and make comments.

Judy Madden introduced five members of the Leadership Dodge class and encouraged attendance at the monthly Chamber of Commerce meeting on Thursday, May 23. She thanked the commissioners for their support of the chamber and the reactivation of Forward Dodge.

Kenneth Williamson asked if provisions had been made for non English speaking persons and those who could not read or write with the new Public Comments policy.

Mitchell Coffee asked for everyone to use the microphones.

**Adjourn:**

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

Signed:

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Nancy Gail Rogers, Clerk

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Dan McCranie, Chairman