

Minutes

Dodge County Board of Commissioners

May 28, 2013

Present: 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 special called session at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 28, 2013, in Suite 101 of the Dodge County Courthouse Annex.

Vice-Chairman Howell called the meeting to order and led those in attendance in the pledge of allegiance to the American flag. Commissioner Karen Cheek gave the prayer.

Business:

A. Purchase of Sheriff Department software

Sheriff Lynn Sheffield told the commissioners he had obtained three bids for software and programming at the new jail complex and presented the bids as follows:

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| 1. Eagle | \$43,900 |
| 2. Police Central | \$66,000 |
| 3. Southern | \$54,932 |

He said the price from Southern included the first year's support. He said Police Central used a cloud system and not a local hard drive.

Commissioner Karen Cheek asked if the support cost was payable per year and the sheriff answered every year. Commissioner Cheek asked why not use what we have now. The sheriff replied that they are now using Synergistic Solutions and they did not submit a bid.

Commissioner Cheek said she had talked with Cary Reno of Synergistic Solutions and he said problems with Dodge County had gone back two prior sheriff's administrations to the Douglas term in office. She said he told her they had not been paid any maintenance fees since 2010. She said she was disturbed that Dodge County had a reputation for not paying their bills and asked about alternatives if the software was not purchased. The sheriff responded that the computers at the new jail were not loaded with any software and using pen and paper instead of the computers would necessitate three to four more people. Commissioner Cheek said she had

talked with Dooly County officials and they were happy with Synergistic Solutions. The sheriff answered that he can't do anything about the history with Synergistic Solutions. He said his employees commented during the brief training session conducted by Southern that the software was user friendly. Commissioner Cheek asked when the new jail would open and if the leaks were fixed. Sheffield answered the roof was still leaking and there were a couple of leaks in the computer room. Commissioner Cheek asked if the present hardware would run the new stuff. The sheriff said Billy Edenfield of BFE had told him it was compatible and with Southern as well. Commissioner Brian Watkins restated for clarification that Synergistic Solutions bills were received and not paid and they are not sending bills now. Commissioner Karen Cheek asked how long training on the new software would take. The sheriff replied that Southern could train the employees in three to four days. Commissioner Cheek asked if any grants were available and the sheriff replied he would check. The commissioners asked for copies of the bids to review and compare. Commissioner Cheek said there was not enough information available to make a decision and made a motion to table. Commissioner Terry Niblett seconded the motion. There were no opposing votes and the motion carried.

B. Appointments

Vice-Chairman Howell called for the appointments and no one had anything to bring before the board.

Adjourn:

With no further business to come before the commissioners, Terry Niblett made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Brian Watkins seconded the motion. All vote in favor of the motion and it passed unanimously.

Signed:

Nancy Gail Rogers, Clerk

Approved:

William T. Howell, Jr.
Vice-Chairman