

Minutes

Dodge County Board of Commissioners

June 5, 2017

Present: Dan McCranie, Chairman

William T. Howell, Jr., Vice-Chairman & 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, June 5, 2017, in Suite 101 of the Dodge County Courthouse Annex. Chairman McCranie called the meeting to order and was asked by the county attorney to amend the agenda by adding an executive session to discuss property acquisition. Commissioner Howell made a motion to do so with Commissioner Niblett making the second. All voted in favor of the change to the agenda. Chairman McCranie then led in the pledge of allegiance to the American flag and Commissioner Cheek gave the devotional and prayer.

Elected Officials/ Department Heads

A. Henry Whitfield – Middle Georgia State University

Mr. Whitfield informed the board that the first meeting had been held coordinated the schedules and activities for the upcoming air show. He asked the board to consider sponsorship and also made mention of the upcoming Sky Camp to be held July 10-14 with a limit of fifty (50) participants. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to table the request for sponsorship until the next meeting to explore the different levels. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion and all voted in the affirmative.

B. Sharon Cobb Flanagan – Dodge County Farmers Market

Handouts for a comparison of the Dodge County Farmers Market for the first and second years of operation were given to the board. A report of EBT activity was also given.

C. Charles Williams – Dodge County Eastman Development Authority

Williams thanked the board for participating in the ground breaking ceremony last week.

Approval of Minutes

A. May 15, 2017 Regular Meeting

Chairman McCranie asked for any changes or corrections to the minutes of the May 15, 2017 regular meeting. Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve the minutes with the second coming from Commissioner Niblett. The vote was unanimous to approve the minutes.

Old Business

A. EMS Advisory Council 2nd Appointment

Commissioner Niblett made a motion to appoint Sandra Campbell to the EMS Advisory Council as a second appointee. Commissioner Howell made a motion to close the nominations seconded by Commissioner Watkins. Ms. Campbell was appointed by acclamation.

New Business

A. Approval of Accounts Payable

Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve the Accounts Payable checklist submitted to all board members in printed form. Commissioner Watkins made the second and all voted in favor of the motion.

B. Jacob Snyder – Eagle Scout Project/ American Legion Pavilion

Jacob Snyder informed the board that his Eagle Scout Project will include building a pavilion at the American Legion Post #126 on the existing foundation at a cost of approximately \$2,000. He said has set up a Go Fund Me account and was seeking donations to Troop 265 to complete the project.

C. Clay Kirkley – Capstone Benefit Solutions

Kirkley thanked the board for the opportunity to meet with them and introduced Leonard Blount who gave handouts to the board explaining Community Health Programs and the benefits to the local hospital with local employers insuring their employees and keeping dollars here in Dodge County. He said he would like the opportunity to bid on the health insurance for county employees but would need a broker of record letter from the county to obtain the underwriting information.

D. Approval of Drug Policy

The county manager explained that approval of the drug policy for county employees was required for the Transit Program and funding through GDOT. He assured the board it was the same Zero Tolerance Policy approved previously. Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve the drug policy seconded by Commissioner Niblett. All voted in favor of approval.

E. Dodge County Hospital Board Appointment

Commissioner Howell made a motion to table the appointments until the next meeting to make sure which appointments were expiring. Commissioner Cheek seconded the motion to table and the vote taken was in the affirmative. Commissioner Niblett also asked if attendance records could be obtained for the current board members.

Executive Session

Commissioner Niblett made a motion to move into executive session with Commissioner Watkins making the second. The vote was unanimous to go into executive session.

Commissioner Cheek made a motion to end the executive session and return to the regular meeting. Commissioner Howell made the second and all voted in favor of ending the session.

Adjourn

Commissioner Howell made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Niblett made the second. The vote was unanimous to adjourn.