

Minutes

Dodge County Board of Commissioners

June 15, 2015

Present: Dan McCranie, Chairman
Terry Niblett, District 2 Commissioner
Brian Watkins, District 3 Commissioner

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

Absent: William T Howell, Vice-Chairman, District 1 Commissioner
Karen Cheek, District 4 Commissioner

The Dodge County Board of Commissioners met in a regular session at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, June 15, 2015, in suite 101 of the Dodge County Courthouse Annex.

Chairman McCranie called the meeting to order and led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag. Commissioner Niblett led in prayer.

Elected Officials/ Department Heads

Chairman McCranie recognized Charles Williams of the Chamber of Commerce who reported that the Development Authority had a new lease with USDA for the FSA building. He said the change was made from standard to sustainable with a ten (10) year lease and option for another ten (10) years.

Approval of Minutes

A. June 1, 2015 Regular Meeting

Chairman McCranie asked for any additions, deletions, or corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting held on June 1, 2015, and presented to the board in printed form. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to approve as presented seconded by Commissioner Watkins. The vote was in favor of approval.

Old Business

A. Hospital Board Appointments

Chairman McCranie asked if a requested recommendation from the Hospital Authority had been received. County Attorney Harrington responded that there had been no meeting since the request. The matter was tabled until the next meeting.

B. Patrick Sapp

Chairman McCranie noted that Patrick Sapp was not present and the county manager said he had no updates.

C. Library Board Appointments

Ms. Anne Bowen of the Ocmulgee Regional Library made a request for Mike Pruett and Prentiss Thomas to remain on the board to help resolve problems. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to reappoint the two to an additional two years. Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous to reappoint.

New Business

A. Approval of Accounts Payable

Chairman McCranie asked if there were any questions or comments concerning the Accounts Payable checklist. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to approve seconded by Commissioner Watkins. All voted in favor of approval.

B. Mosquito Creek Properties LLC

Attorney Ross Schell representing Mosquito Creek Properties said his client's property in the industrial park was not assessed for property taxes during the years 2005 to 2011. Tax bills were initiated in 2012 for the years 2005 through 2012 with interest and penalties added for the years 2005 through 2011 by the Dodge County Tax Commissioner. He said his client had entered into a tax payment agreement with the Dodge County Tax Collector. He made a request on behalf of his client for the interest and penalties to be abated by the commission for the years 2005 to 2011. Commissioner Watkins said to clarify you are asking for no waive of taxes, just interest and penalties. Attorney Schell stated that one hundred percent (100%) of property taxes will be paid. He also stated that the City of Eastman did not impose any interest or penalties for the years the property was not assessed. Commissioner Niblett said it had been the board policy that if the county was at fault to waive the interest and penalties and he made a motion to waive the interest and penalties for the years 2005 to 2011. Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous to approve.

C. LMIG Contract

County Manager Peacock presented two bids for paving on 10.25 miles as follows:

- Everett Dykes Grassing Company \$674,259
- Reeves Construction \$919,658

Commissioner Niblett made a motion to take the low bid seconded by Commissioner Watkins. All voted in favor of the motion. The county manager said that \$606,000 would come from the state with the remainder paid from TSPLOST.

D. Mower Purchase

The county manager submitted the following bids for the purchase of a new mower:

- Cullen Equipment Co. Dublin, Georgia \$3,155
- Eastman Equipment Co. Eastman, Georgia \$3,975

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to accept the low bid with Commissioner Niblett making the second. All voted in favor of the motion.

Commissioner Reports

There were no reports from the board.

County Manager Report

County Manager Peacock informed the board that Jim Young had cleared a large tract of land and had closed Hobbs Road that separated two fields on the land. He had rebuilt a section of the existing road in order to put up irrigation. Peacock said he was contacted by the EPD and asked about the new road. He said the EPD representative said there was no Erosion Control Plan and wetlands were involved. He said that a portion of the road would have to be paved or gravel applied. Peacock said he told the EPD that Dodge County was not involved or consulted about the closing of the old road or construction of the new road.

Peacock also reported on the progress of the new roof construction for the library building occupied by the Department of Labor. He said a dumpster had been put on site for debris and the trusses had been purchased. He said the work should start tomorrow morning.

Peacock said the Air Evac contract had been sent but he had not received it back.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Adjourn

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Watkins made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Niblett seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous to adjourn.