

Minutes

Dodge County Board of Commissioners

June 20, 2016

Present: Dan McCranie, Chairman
William T. Howell, Vice-Chairman and District 1 Commissioner
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: Karen Cheek, District 4 Commissioner

The Dodge County Board of Commissioners met in a regular session at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, June 20, 2016, in Suite 101 of the Dodge County Courthouse Annex. Chairman McCranie called the meeting to order and asked for the agenda to be amended to include an Executive Session to discuss legal matters following the Public Comments. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to add the Executive Session seconded by Commissioner Howell. The vote was taken and the change was approved. Chairman McCranie then led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag and Commissioner Howell prayed.

Elected Officials/ Department Heads

Sharon Flanagan gave a summary of data collected on the Dodge County Farmers Market for the past few weeks. She said the market is averaging eighteen (18) vendors and two hundred eighty (280) shoppers with many repeat shoppers for certain vendors. She said the vendors are supplying more diverse fresh produce, eggs, and crafts.

Charles Williams of the Eastman Dodge Chamber of Commerce reminded the board members of the smart funding project. He said he was pleased to report that the Eastman location of Georgia Military College has thirty-two (32) approved and accepted applications for August classes.

Milton Johnson of the Eastman City Council invited the board and interested persons to attend the work session on the recent proposal for Development Authority funding on Tuesday evening at 6 p.m.

Watkins made a motion to table the matter with Commissioner Niblett making the second. The vote was affirmative to table.

C. Dodge County Hospital Board Appointments

Chairman McCranie stated that board appointments for the Dodge County Hospital were needed to replace or continue the terms of Cecil Barden, Dan Harrell, and Reggie Sheffield. The county attorney said that the three would remain in their capacity as board members until replaced if there was no decision today. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to reappoint all three members to the Dodge County Hospital board. Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous to reappoint.

Commissioner Reports

Chairman McCranie said there was a retirement reception for Dr. Melinda Dennis held earlier in the day.

County Manager Report

County Manager Peacock asked the board to change the next meeting date to Tuesday, July 5th since Monday, July 4th was a holiday for county employees. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to make the change seconded by Commissioner Watkins. All voted in favor of the date change.

Next the county manager asked for a decision on an application for a beer and wine license for John and Jackie Warren of 1126 John Edge Road in Dodge County. He said the sheriff has looked at the application and approved it. Commissioner Watkins asked if it was a temporary or permanent license and Peacock replied permanent for a convenience store. Watkins then asked the cost of the license and Peacock replied five hundred dollars (\$500) per year. Chairman McCranie made a motion to grant the license seconded by Commissioner Howell. All voted in favor of the motion.

The county manager added that a DOT grant for road signs and striping for approximately two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) had been approved.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Executive Session

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to move into an Executive Session. Commissioners Niblett and Howell both seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Return to Regular Session

Commissioner Niblett made a motion to end the executive session and return to the regular meeting seconded by Commissioner Howell. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Adjourn

Commissioner Niblett made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion, vote was taken and the meeting was adjourned.