

Minutes

Dodge County Board of Commissioners

June 4, 2012

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

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

Absent: Karen Cheek, Comm. Dist. 4

The Dodge County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, June 4, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. in the Dodge County Courthouse Annex Conference Room, Suite 101.

Chairman Dan McCranie called the meeting to order. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by prayer by William Howell.

Elected Officials/ Department Heads:

None noted as present.

Approval of Minutes:

Brian Watkins noted a change in the year to 2012 needed to be made. A motion was made by William Howell to approve the minutes with correction and Terry Niblett seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous and minutes were approved.

Old Business:

A. Appointment to Region 5 Mental Health & Disabilities Planning Board

Chairman Dan McCranie asked for nominations and there were none. William Howell made a motion to table and second was by Terry Niblett. Vote was unanimous and motion carried.

B. MPI Fiber Networks Contract

Commissioner Terry Niblett asked for confirmation that there would be no cost or obligation to the county and if there were any time constraints. County attorney Harrington answered that those issues had

been addressed in the revised contract. Motion was made to move forward and finalize the contract by Terry Niblett and seconded by Brian Watkins. Vote was unanimous and motion carried.

New Business:

A. Approval of Accounts Payable

Commissioners Niblett and Howell asked for clarification as to the purpose of four checks and Bobby Peacock answered. A motion was made by William Howell to approve the check list and Terry Niblett seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous and motion carried.

B. Approval of Drug and Alcohol Policy

Chairman McCranie presented the No Tolerance Drug and Alcohol Policy and asked for approval. William Howell made a motion to approve the policy and Brian Watkins made the second. Vote was unanimous and motion carried.

C. International Year of Cooperatives Resolution

Chairman McCranie read a resolution declaring 2012 as the International Year of Cooperatives submitted by United 1st Federal Credit Union. A motion was made by William Howell to approve the resolution and seconded by Terry Niblett. Vote was unanimous and motion carried.

County Manager's Report:

County Manager Bobby Peacock presented the contract for the jail grinder prepared by the jail architect and awarded to Mark Studstill of Graham & Studstill. The contract allows for five months to install the grinder. Brian Watkins asked if there was late clause in the contract with his concern being that if a target date to open the new jail was set and employees were hired, a delay could affect the opening and cost the county money in additional salaries. John Harrington said the standard AIC contract had a late clause penalty where a per diem dollar amount or liquidated damages could be added. A motion was made by Terry Niblett to approve the contract with the addition of the late clause penalty. Brian Watkins seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and concluded the county manager's report.

Chairman McCranie then said the board would address public comments before going into executive session to accommodate the attendees.

Public Comments:

Sheriff Jeff Hinson was recognized having joined the meeting after elected officials were recognized. He had no comments.

Guylynn Hinson asked what is MPI? Commissioners Watkins and Niblett explained it was a company who wanted to conduct a feasibility study on rural internet access. She then asked if the county had ever considered direct deposit for employees to save costs. Chairman McCranie replied not to his knowledge and asked the county manager to look into it.

Glenn Harrell asked for a four-way stop at the intersection of Lower Rocky Springs Road and Studstill Road. Then he made several comments about the proposed bypass and the upcoming T-Splost referendum.

Charles Dennis asked about the Revolving Loan Fund status. County manager Peacock answered there was no change since the last meeting except the Airport Authority loan had been paid off. His next question was about a briefing status or time line for the costs of the new jail and the opening of that facility and the training of new employees. Commissioner Watkins answered that the jail opening would be coordinated by the Sheriff and the Board of Commissioners.

Thomas Sheffield asked if the recent appointments to the Development Authority and the Airport Authority were lifetime appointments. County attorney Harrington stated the legislation does not address staggered term limits and one opinion is that the last legislation controls the term limits. The gap in the legislation could not be addressed until the next session in 2013.

Diana Glass made comments about the 2003 SPLOST funds given to the City of Chester for gym flooring and ball field lights. She expressed concerns about the county running out of money later in the year. County manager Peacock stated the county was within budget at the present time.

Tony Winborn of the Dodge County SO stated that his department would require a time line of 120 days for hiring personnel and purchasing equipment for the new jail. He asked about late fees for the SO vehicle lease and Bobby Peacock said he would ask the county accountant to clarify.

Executive Session:

Terry Niblett made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss legal matters. William Howell seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous and motion carried.

Adjourn:

Upon return from executive session a motion to adjourn was made by William Howell and seconded by Brian Watkins. Vote was unanimous and meeting was adjourned.

Signed:

Nancy Gail Rogers, County Clerk

Approved:

Dan McCranie, Chairman
Board of Commissioners

