

## **Minutes**

### **Dodge County Board of Commissioners**

**June 18, 2012**

**Present:** Dan McCranie, Chairman  
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 P. Harrington, County Attorney  
Bobby Peacock, County Manager  
Nancy Gail Rogers, County Clerk

The Dodge County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, June 18, 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 a devotional by Karen Cheek entitled God's promise for our Provision based on Psalm 23. A prayer was given by Brian Watkins.

#### **Elected Officials and Department Heads:**

None noted as present.

#### **Approval of Minutes:**

##### A. Regular Meeting of June 4, 2012

A motion was made by Terry Niblett to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held June 4, 2012. The motion was seconded by Karen Cheek. Vote was unanimous and minutes were approved.

##### B. Called Meeting of June 11, 2012

A motion was made by William Howell to approve the minutes of the called meeting held June 11, 2012. The motion was seconded by Terry Niblett. Vote was unanimous and minutes were approved.

## **Old Business:**

### A. Appointment to Region 5 Mental Health and Disabilities Planning Board

Terry Niblett made a motion to nominate Joel Rogers and Karen Cheek seconded the nomination. Chairman McCranie asked if there were other nominations and William Howell made a motion to close the nominations. Brian Watkins seconded the motion. The motion to appoint Joel Rogers was made by Brian Watkins and seconded by William Howell. Vote was unanimous and motion carried.

## **New Business:**

### A. Approval of Accounts Payable.

Chairman McCranie asked for any discussion or questions about the list of checks for accounts payable. Terry Niblett asked about the purpose of check number 10284 to Rhett Walker for \$870.82. Bobby Peacock replied it was for lodging and mileage to a seminar. Commissioner Niblett then asked about check number 10238 to the Council of Superior Court Clerks in the amount of \$540.96. Bobby Peacock said it was for a jury pool list. John Harrington stated the statutes for jury pool selection had been changed and now was done by the state using their computer system and they were charging the cost to the county. He said the county could expect this cost with every term of court held in Dodge County. William Howell made a motion to approve the accounts payable checklist and Terry Niblett seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to approve and motion carried.

### B. Evans Disposal

Chairman McCranie introduced Skip Evans of Evans Disposal of Dublin, Georgia. Mr. Evans said he was contacted by Commissioner Terry Niblett about the possibility of reducing costs with the county garbage collection. He said the usual means of collection are 1) the way Dodge County is currently operating, 2) subcontracting collection, 3) residential county wide pick up or 4) manned convenience centers. Dan McCranie asked if he could submit a proposal to the board for subcontracting the garbage collection service. He said his proposal would include buying the county equipment now in use and taking over the service. Brian Watkins asked if he could also submit a cost for county wide pick up. He said that he already offers county pickup on a subscription basis in Dodge County. He said he would get an estimate for the cost of county wide pickup but with Dodge County being such a large county in land area he knew it would have start up costs of nearly one million dollars. He agreed to submit his proposal at the regular board meeting scheduled for August 6, 2012.

### C. Recreation Department

Bodie Gray presented a handout to all the commissioners showing proposed improvements to the recreation complex using 2008 SPLOST funds. His request includes a new building for

concession and bathrooms, a 6” deep well, a 4” deep well, septic tank, and cover floor of Alcoa building to accommodate use for 4-H livestock shows and a monthly farmer’s market. After questions and answers from the commissioners, a motion to table this matter until the next meeting was made by William Howell. Terry Niblett seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous and motion carried.

#### D. Four Way Stop

A request was made by Glenn Harrell at the last regular board meeting to make the intersection of Lower Rocky Springs Road and Studstill Road a four way stop. Terry Niblett asked if there were any legal ramifications to the change and John Harrington answered that it was a county road and the county could make the change. A motion was made to hold a hearing on the proposed change at the next regular board meeting by Brian Watkins and to run a notice of the hearing in the local newspaper. The motion was seconded by William Howell. Tony Winborn said the Sheriff’s Department could furnish information on accidents at the intersection at the hearing.

#### **County Manager Report :**

Bobby Peacock stated he had nothing to report at this time.

Commissioner Terry Niblett commented on updates to the county website and told the audience it was a good resource to keep up with county business.

#### **Public Comments:**

Diana Glass made comments about support for the upcoming TSPLOST vote in July.

Glenn Harrell commented on the bypass from Highway 23 to Highway 341.

Billy Steele commented on the Georgia Department of Transportation and the bypass.

#### **Adjourn:**

A motion was made by William Howell to adjourn with a second to the motion by Terry Niblett. The vote was unanimous and the meeting was adjourned.

