

Minutes

Dodge County Board of Commissioners

July 1, 2013

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: Bobby Peacock, County Manager
Nancy Gail Rogers, County Clerk

Absent: John Harrington, County Attorney

The Dodge County Board of Commissioners met in a regular session at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, July 1, 2013, in Suite 101 of the Dodge County Courthouse Annex.

Chairman Dan McCranie called the meeting to order and made a motion to make an addition to the agenda by adding an executive session to discuss property acquisition after the public comments. Commissioner Terry Niblett seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous to make the addition.

Following the pledge of allegiance to the American flag, Commissioner Karen Cheek gave a devotional and Commissioner Terry Niblett gave the prayer.

Elected Officials / Department Heads

Chairman Greer of the Airport Authority was recognized as being present and had nothing to report.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman McCranie asked for any additions, deletions, or corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting held June 17, 2013. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to approve the minutes seconded by Commissioner Howell. The vote was unanimous to approve the minutes.

Old Business

A. Jail Update

County Manager Peacock stated he had talked with Peter Brown Construction and they are considering two or three different options to stop the leaking but presently the building is still leaking.

B. Sheriff Department Software

Chairman McCranie said at last report the sheriff was waiting on a price for the fingerprinting software from the company they are using now.

C. Appointments

Chairman McCranie informed the board that he had been notified by Anne Bowen of a vacancy on the library board. He said an appointment would be needed by their next meeting in October. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to table the appointment seconded by Commissioner Watkins. The vote was unanimous to table the appointment. Commissioner Watkins asked who was presently serving and Chairman McCranie replied Cindy Greene. Chairman McCranie also said Ms. Bowen had commented on their budget being really tight. He reminded the board that when the Department of Labor was considering a move out of county that included free rent the library board matched the offer of free rent and their budget was around \$20,000 short.

Chairman McCranie then asked for each commissioner to give their recommendations for the hospital board appointments. The recommendations were:

- Commissioner Howell recommended Cecil Barden, Blake Milner, Reggie Sheffield
- Commissioner Niblett recommended Dr. Milner, Cecil Barden, Jan Jones
- Commissioner Watkins made no recommendation.
- Commissioner Cheek recommended Jan Jones, Dr. Milner, Rev. Cecil Barden

Chairman McCranie said a letter would be sent to the Hospital Board Chairman with the names. Commissioner Watkins made a motion to table until the county attorney could be present. There was no second so the motion died. During discussion Commissioner Niblett asked about term limits. The reply was that each term is for three years but there are no term limits. Chairman McCranie said that one name would be submitted for the position held by Dr. Milner and Rev. Barden and two names (Jan Jones and Reggie Sheffield) for third position. Commissioner Cheek said the law said that up to three names could be submitted but not more than three. Chairman McCranie asked for a motion and Commissioner Niblett moved to make the motion. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion.

D. SPLOST

Chairman McCranie announced the next open meeting would be held on Tuesday, July 2, 2013, at 6:00 p.m. in Suite 101 of the Dodge County Courthouse Annex.

New Business

A. Approval of Accounts Payable

Commissioner Niblett asked about check number 12835 and if the county furnished the copier for the Extension Office. County Manager Peacock replied yes. Commissioner Cheek asked about check number 12826 and the county manager responded it was for an annual inspection of the ambulances. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to approve the accounts payable list seconded by Commissioner Howell. The vote was unanimous to approve.

B. LMIG Projects

County Manager Peacock asked permission to let the contract to start the paving projects previously approved with the LMIG grant. The total bid for resurfacing the 10.60 miles of Dodge County roads previously approved is \$604,861. The LMIG Grant portion paid was \$545,000. The county's portion will be \$59,861. Commissioner Cheek made a motion to approve seconded by Commissioner Niblett. All voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Reports

Chairman McCranie asked for any reports from the board. Commissioner Cheek announced a new business was having a positive economic impact in District 4. Slopoke Boggin' would be holding an event during the holiday weekend and reports were both local hotels were booked for the event.

Commissioner Niblett announced the Airport Authority at the request of our local banks would enter into mediation on Monday, July 8th.

County Manager Report

County Manager Peacock told the board members that Wayne Cartwright, who represents Woodmen of the World Life Insurance, had asked to be allowed to contact county employees to offer insurance coverage with no payroll deductions. His recommendation to the board was that he be allowed to meet with employees provided the meetings were coordinated with department heads and elected officials. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to grant permission with the stipulation that it was not an endorsement of the company. Commissioner Cheek seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion.

Public Comments

Greg Peacock asked a question about the hospital board appointments.

Commissioner Niblett made a motion to go into executive session seconded by Commissioner Howell. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Upon return from executive session Commissioner Watkins made a motion to ask the county attorney to draw up a resolution to accept ownership of the National Guard building from the State Property Committee. Commissioner Terry Niblett seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion and it passed unanimously.

Commissioner Howell said he had received requests from the offices at the courthouse to close on Friday, July 5th. Commissioner Cheek said the offices should not close because the public had not been notified in advance of the closing. She said July 5th was not included in the paid holidays for 2013.

Adjourn

Commissioner Niblett made a motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Commissioner Watkins. The vote was unanimous to adjourn.