

Minutes

Dodge County Board of Commissioners

July 5, 2016

Present: Dan McCranie, Chairman
William T. Howell, Vice-Chairman and District 1 Commissioner
Terry Niblett, District 2 Commissioner
Brian Watkins, District 3 Commissioner
Karen Cheek, District 4 Commissioners

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

Chairman Dan McCranie called the meeting to order and asked that the agenda be amended to add an Executive Session to discuss property acquisition after the Public Comments. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to add the Executive Session to the agenda with Commissioner Watkins making the second. All voted in favor of the motion and the agenda was amended. Chairman McCranie then led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag followed by the devotional given by Commissioner Cheek. Commissioner Niblett prayed.

Elected Officials/ Department Heads

Sharon Flanagan thanked the board for the opportunity to share that the local market was featured in the Farm Bureau magazine as well as a one page article in the EMC magazine. She said even with the hot weather over four hundred fifty (450) people attended the previous week. She also passed out a draft of the 2017 budget to each board member and the county manager. There were no questions or comments from the board.

Charles Williams delivered a check to the county manager for the rent of the spec building and said that Mondri was current with rent payments. He said the millage rate for Dodge County was 29 and there were 9700 housing units with 2400 rental units in the county. He added that rapid and sustained growth was the most significant way to curb poverty and asked for consideration of the millage rate increase for economic development. He said the City of Eastman wants the board to join them for a work session on the proposed tax increase.

Chairman McCranie recognized Pastor Dawson of the Eastman City Council who said he was visiting and had nothing to add.

Approval of Minutes

A. June 20, 2016 Regular Meeting

Chairman McCranie asked for any additions, corrections, or deletions to the minutes of the regular meeting held on June 20, 2016 and presented to the board for review in printed form. Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve the minutes seconded by Commissioner Watkins. The vote was unanimous to approve the minutes.

Old Business

A. Faithful Hearts Animal Shelter

Commissioner Cheek said she had done research on the local facility since their first visit to the Board of Commissioner's a month ago. She said the mission statement of the organization was to provide safe and humane shelter, relieve pain and suffering and facilitate placement of these animals in permanent homes. She said that Wal-Mart provides bedding and food for the shelter. She said she felt it was the responsibility of the board as a governing body to help. She made a motion to include the shelter in the 2017 budget with a \$1000 per month stipend. There was no second. Commissioner Niblett said he felt it should be in the budget but was reluctant to sign off on an amount without seeing the total budget.

B. DFACS Board Appointment

Commissioner Howell said that Spence Barron expressed interest in serving on the DFACS board after the last meeting and he would nominate him to serve. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to close nominations with Commissioner Watkins making the second. Mr. Barron was appointed by acclamation.

New Business

A. Approval of Accounts Payable

Chairman McCranie asked the board to look over the printed list of Accounts Payable checks for questions or comments. Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve. Commissioner Niblett made the second and the vote was unanimous to approve.

B. Board of Assessors Appointment

County Manager Peacock informed the board that two weeks ago Marvin Giddens asked to be replaced as soon as possible as a member of the Board of Assessors. The chairman asked if there were any names to consider or nominate. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to table the matter and Commissioner Watkins made the second. Vote was taken and the motion passed.

Commissioner Reports

There were no reports from the Commissioners.

County Manager Report

The county manager reported that the Chauncey Milan Road will close for two (2) months starting July 11th to repair two (2) culverts on the road. He said that Graham & Studstill have the contract and the cost of the project is \$100,000. Peacock also reported they will get bids on Friday for the CDBG for \$600,000 and bids have been let on the LMIG in the amount of \$710,000. He said work being done in Dodge County with the grant funds totals \$1,410,000.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Executive Session

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to move into Executive Session and Commissioner Niblett made the second. All voted in favor of the motion.

Return to Regular Meeting

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to end the Executive Session and return to the regular meeting. Commissioner Howell made the second and the vote was unanimous to end the session.

Chairman McCranie made a motion to authorize the bid process for an equipment purchase by the county manager. Commissioner Niblett made the second and the vote was unanimous for approval.

Adjourn

Commissioner Niblett made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Howell made the second and all voted in favor of adjournment.