

Minutes

Dodge County Board of Commissioners

July 18, 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 regular meeting of the Dodge County Board of Commissioners was held on Monday, July 18, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. in Suite 102 of the Dodge County Courthouse annex. Chairman McCranie called the meeting to order and led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag. Commissioner Niblett gave the devotional and Commissioner Howell prayed.

Elected Officials/ Department Heads

A. Allen Mills, Georgia Department of Natural Resources

Allen Mills thanked the board for the opportunity to speak about the transition of the Department of Natural Resources over the years. Using a power point presentation, he highlighted the training received by Conservation Rangers, formerly known as game wardens. He said they are the “Law Enforcement off the Pavement” or the Law Enforcement Division of the department. He said in middle and South Georgia one game warden is responsible for five or more counties with the majority of their budget coming from the state. He said there are 475,000 licensed hunters and over one million licenses issued to fishermen and of those 55,000 hunting and fishing licenses were checked last year.

B. Sharon Flanagan reported for the Dodge County Farmers Market that the hours of the Saturday market have changed from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. with over three hundred (300) attending the previous Saturday. She thanked the board for their support of the market.

C. Charles Williams of the Eastman Dodge County Chamber of Commerce invited the board to several upcoming meetings. The first was the Dark Fiber Project to be held at the EMC in Lyons, Georgia. He said on Tuesday, July 26th there will be a strategic planning session with Ralph Forbes at 11 a.m. at the chamber with lunch to follow. The third event was a tour sponsored by

the Coffee County Commission and the Douglas City Council in Douglas on July 28th and if there was enough interest in going he would arrange transportation by van.

Approval of Minutes

A. July 5, 2016 Regular Meeting

Chairman McCranie asked for any additions, deletions, or corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting held on July 5, 2016. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to approve the minutes with Commissioner Howell making the second. The vote was unanimous to approve.

Old Business

A. Board of Assessors Appointment

Chairman McCranie informed the board that Commissioner Cheek was out of town and had asked that the appointment to the Board of Assessors be tabled until the next meeting. Commissioner Watkins made a motion to table the matter seconded by Commissioner Howell. All voted in favor of the motion.

New Business

A. Approval of Accounts Payable

Chairman McCranie asked the board for any questions concerning the Accounts Payable checklist. Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve. Commissioner Niblett made the second. The vote was unanimous to approve the checklist.

B. DOT Section 5311 Letter of Intent

County Manager Peacock said he had received a letter from the Georgia Department of Transportation who funds the Transit 5311 program asking the board to approve a letter of intent for the Fiscal Year 2017 contract. He said there would be a required local match of ten percent (10%) or \$4,415.43 towards the purchase of a new vehicle costing \$44,154.30 to be sent with the letter. Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve the request and Commissioner Niblett made the second to his motion. All voted in favor of approval.

Commissioner Reports

There were no reports from the board.

County Manager Report

The county manager told the board in addition to Marvin Giddens leaving the Board of Assessors, Larry Melvin had also asked to be replaced in July. He said that Melvin said other business interests left him no time for the board.

There were no questions or comments for the county manager.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Adjourn

Commissioner Howell made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Commissioner Niblett making the second. All voted in favor of adjourning the meeting.