

Minutes

Dodge County Board of Commissioners

July 2, 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: Bobby Peacock, County Manager
Nancy Gail Rogers, County Clerk

Absent: Karen Cheek, Comm. Dist. 4
John P. Harrington, County Attorney

The Dodge County Board of Commissioners met in a regular session at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, July 2, 2012, 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 and prayer by Commissioner Terry Niblett.

Elected Officials & Department Heads:

District Attorney Tim Vaughn was recognized by Chairman McCranie and addressed the Board of Commissioners on federal requirements that an Equal Opportunity Employment Policy must be adopted by all counties in order to continue receiving any federal grants. Dodge County currently has no policy and has been given a deadline of July 30, 2012 to submit their policy. Since this would affect funding for the Drug Task Force, Jamie Jones has volunteered to compile the data and draft the policy. Commissioner Terry Niblett expressed his appreciation to Jamie Jones for his willingness to help with the policy and made a motion to allow him to work with any department of the county to obtain the information needed to complete the policy. The motion was seconded by William Howell. Vote was unanimous and the motion carried. District Attorney Vaughn continued to elaborate on the new process for grant applications and stated that beginning this fall competitive packet would be sent out and funding would be need based.

Approval of Minutes:

Terry Niblett made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2012, regular meeting as presented. William Howell seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous and the minutes were approved.

Hearing on Proposed Four Way Stop:

Chairman McCranie stated a request had been made for the intersection of Lower Rocky Springs Road and Studstill Road to be a four way stop. He asked for comments on the proposal. Tony Winborn from the Dodge County Sheriff's Department reported that he had researched the records of their department as far back as January 1, 2009 and found there were no accidents. Comments were made from the attendees both in favor and opposition to the proposal. Terry Niblett noted that the area in question is in District 4 and felt the matter should be tabled until the next meeting since Commissioner Karen Cheek was out of town. He made a motion to table the four way stop proposal. Brian Watkins seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous and motion carried.

Old Business:

A. Four Way Stop

Chairman McCranie noted the four way stop proposal had been tabled during the hearing process.

B. Recreation Department Request

Recreation director Bodie Gray told the commissioners he was in the process of doing a breakdown of the improvements and a plan to do work in phases. He said he would present the plan to the board at a later date.

New Business:

A. Approval of Accounts Payable

William Howell asked if the check to Norman Appraisal Service was in the budget. County Manager Bobby Peacock replied that it was and it was a part of the re-evaluation. A motion was made by Terry Niblett to approve the accounts payable list. Brian Watkins seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous and motion carried.

B. Department of Family and children Services Board Appointment

Chairman McCranie asked for nominations from the board for the appointment of a member to the Dodge County Board of Family and Children Services for the term beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2017. Commissioner Terry Niblett referred to a copy of a letter from Robin Peacock, DFACS County Administrator commending Mr. Wright Harrell for his past service to the board and nominated him to the appointment. Brian Watkins seconded the nomination. Vote was unanimous and motion carried.

C. Transit Section 5311 Contract

Chairman McCranie explained that this is the contract for the Dodge Transit that is administered by Middle Georgia Community Action Agency. Commissioner Terry Niblett questioned page two of the contract that states the county will provide five (5) vehicles and noted that had been changed to three. Brian Watkins asked if the contract was changed to three and funding became available for an increase would Dodge County be limited to the three vehicles. Terry Niblett made a motion for the matter to be tabled until clarification could be obtained by the County Manager. William Howell seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous and motion carried.

County Manager Report:

Bobby Peacock, County Manager, stated he had nothing to report. There were no questions.

Public Comments:

Billy Joiner made comments on the upcoming TSPLOST vote and the projects recommended by the Department of Transportation.

Tom Peacock asked about the projected dollar amount to be generated over the ten year period if the TSPLOST is passed by the voters.

Faye Jessup stated that at a meeting she attended in Mt. Vernon the information given was that approximately twenty-five percent (25%) would come back to Dodge County.

Rick Dailey stated that he too had attended the Mt. Vernon meeting and there was discussion of a penalty imposed to the regions where the TSPLOST was not passed for road improvements.

Calvin Yawn asked what percentage collected from the TSPLOST would actually be spent in Dodge County. Chairman McCranie referred him to Alan Mazza with the Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Commission.

Billy Steele asked the commissioners to clear up the confusion that voting against the TSPLOST would stop any projects already underway by the Department of Transportation in particular the bypass.

Adjourn:

William Howell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Brian Watkins. Vote was unanimous and the meeting was adjourned.

