

## **Minutes**

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

**July 16, 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:**

Bobby Peacock, County Manager  
John P. Harrington, County Attorney

The Dodge County Board of Commissioners met in an regular session at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, July 16, 2012, in the Dodge County Courthouse Annex Conference Room, Suite 101.

Chairman Dan McCranie called the meeting to order and asked that the agenda be amended to include an Executive Session after the Public Comments. A motion was made by Commissioner Terry Niblett to add the Executive Session. William Howell made the second, vote was unanimous and motion carried. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a devotional and prayer by Karen Cheek.

**Elected Officials & Department Heads:**

Bodie Gray of the Recreation Department was recognized.

**Approval of Minutes:**

A motion was made by William Howell to approve the minutes of the July 2, 2012 regular meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Terry Niblett, vote was unanimous and motion carried.

**Old Business:**

**A. Four Way Stop**

Commissioner Karen Cheek stated that the proposed stop was located in the district she serves and that the crossing was on a dirt road. She further stated that when the hearing was held at the last Commissioner's meeting that Tony Winborn of the Dodge County Sheriff's Office reported no accidents listed at the crossing since January 2009. Based on these two factors, she made a motion to not make the crossing a four way stop. The motion was seconded by Terry Niblett. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

## **B. Transit Section 5311 Contract**

Chairman Dan McCranie asked County Manager Bobby Peacock to address the corrections on the contract. Mr. Peacock told the Board of Commissioners that the number of vans had been changed from five (5) to three (3). Brian Watkins made a motion to approve the contract with the correction. Terry Niblett seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

## **New Business:**

### **A. Approval of Accounts Payable**

County Manager Bobby Peacock answered questions from Commissioner Terry Niblett as to the purpose of checks 10405 and 10429. Terry Niblett made a motion to approve the accounts payable checklist. Brian Watkins seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous and motion carried.

### **B. Workforce Investment Board Appointment**

County Manager Peacock submitted a request from Alex Clements with the Heart of Georgia Workforce Investment Board to appoint a member from the business community for a two (2) year term. The appointment is currently held by William Howell. Commissioner Terry Niblett made a motion to table the appointment until the next meeting. Brian Watkins seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous and motion carried.

### **C. Millage Rate**

Chairman McCranie reported to the board that he had spoken with Frank Erwin, CPA conducting the county audit and the deficit for last year was \$30,000.00. Commissioner William Howell made a recommendation to the board that the millage rate be set at the rollback rate of 9.788. Karen Cheek seconded the motion and vote was unanimous. Chairman McCranie instructed the County Manager to run the five (5) year tax digest history in the local newspaper. Terry Niblett made a motion to hold a called meeting on August 1, 2012 at 10:00 am to set the millage rate. Brian Watkins seconded the motion and vote was unanimous and motion carried.

## **County Manager's Report:**

Bobby Peacock reported a request for a quit claim deed from Brittney Bowen on property formerly deeded to Dodge County without any approval from any governing board of the county. The Quit Claim deed conveyed the property back to Clark's Bluff Timberland, LLC who had previously deeded it to Dodge County. The county never took possession of the property and she wanted the property conveyed to her so she could sell it. County Attorney John Harrington gave his approval to sign the quit claim deed since the county never accepted the property anyway. A motion was made by Brian Watkins to sign the quit claim deed. The motion was seconded by Terry Niblett. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

### **Public Comments:**

Tom Peacock asked the commissioners about the distribution of the TSPLOST. Chairman McCranie referred him to Brett Manning with the Heart of Georgia Regional Commission.

Billy Steele told the commissioners that he attended the board meetings regularly and had difficulty hearing the proceedings. Chairman McCranie apologized for the group and said they would work to correct the problem.

### **Executive Session:**

A motion was made by Terry Niblett to go into Executive Session to discuss pending legal matters. Brian Watkins seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

After discussion of pending legal matters, Terry Niblett made a motion to return to regular session. William Howell made the second, vote was unanimous and the executive session was ended.

### **Return to Regular Meeting:**

William Howell made a motion for the county manager to take bids on a public address, PA system for the Conference Room to be used during the Board of Commissioner's meeting. Terry Niblett made the second to his motion, vote was unanimous and motion carried.

Brian Watkins made a motion to instruct the County Attorney to write a letter to the Heart of Georgia Airport Authority expressing the wishes of the Board of Commissioners that it is not in the best interest of the community to go forward with the lawsuit against our local banks and past Airport Authority members. Karen Cheek seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous and motion carried.

### **Adjourn:**

Terry Niblett made a motion to adjourn the meeting. William Howell seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous and meeting was adjourned.