

Minutes

Dodge County Board of Commissioners

August 5, 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: John Harrington, County Attorney
Bobby Peacock, County Manager
Nancy Gail Rogers, County Clerk

The Dodge County Board of Commissioners met in a regular session at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, August 5, 2013, in Suite 101 of the Dodge County Courthouse Annex.

Chairman Dan McCranie called the meeting to order and led in the pledge of allegiance to the American flag. Commissioner Cheek gave a devotional followed by prayer by Commissioner Watkins.

Elected Officials/ Department Heads:

Sheriff Lynn Sheffield reported to the board that all prisoners were moved into the new jail during the previous week. The move was expedited by a water leak at the old jail. He said a total of fourteen (14) additional jailers had been hired for a total of twenty-six (26) jailers now employed by his department. Six (6) are paid \$8.50 per hour and twenty (20) are paid \$8 per hour for an estimated cost of \$177,240 for the remainder of 2013. He then introduced the representative from Southern Healthcare to answer questions on the new contract presented for approval. County Attorney Harrington also spoke to the legalities of the requirements of the county and sheriff with regard to medical care of the prisoners. Chairman McCranie said the contract would be taken up under the New Business of the meeting.

Travis Niblett, Recreation Department Director, gave an update to the board on the conclusion of spring and summer sports and the upcoming fall activities at the complex. He presented three bids for an A/C unit including:

- D & B A/C & Mechanical Services \$5,500
- Pruett Air Conditioning Co. \$4,898
- Massingill Expert Services \$4,800

Commissioner Cheek asked about comparison of the bids and Commissioner Watkins asked about SPLOST funding for the purchase. Commissioner Howell made a motion to accept the low bid seconded by Commissioner Watkins. Commissioners Howell, Watkins, and Cheek voted in favor of the motion with Commissioner Niblett abstaining.

John Clements of the HOGRAA was recognized and he asked for assistance from the county with the fill in of holes on the runway at the airport.

Approval of Minutes:

A. Called Meeting July 8, 2013

Chairman McCranie asked for any additions, corrections, or deletions to the minutes of the called meeting held on July 8, 2013. Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve as presented seconded by Commissioner Cheek. The vote was unanimous to approve the minutes.

B. Regular Meeting July 15, 2013

Chairman McCranie asked for additions, corrections, or deletions to the minutes of the regular meeting held on July 15, 2013. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to approve as presented seconded by Commissioner Watkins. The vote was unanimous to approve the minutes.

C. Called Meeting July 24, 2013

Chairman McCranie asked for additions, corrections, or deletions to the minutes of the called meeting held on July 24, 2013. Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve as presented seconded by Commissioner Niblett. The vote was unanimous to approve the minutes.

Old Business:

A. Jail Update

County Manager Peacock informed the board that Bob Hibbard of Peter Brown Construction Company had set up a meeting on Wednesday, August 7 at 1:00 p.m. at the new jail to address the leaking problem. The county manager said he would welcome any of the commissioners to meet with them.

B. Sheriff Software

Chairman McCranie reported that at last report the software had been ordered and no update was available.

C. Appointments

Chairman McCranie reminded the commissioners that the appointment to the Board of Assessors was tabled at the last meeting. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to appoint Madison Kirkley to the Board of Assessors. Commissioner Cheek seconded the motion. With no other nominations, Chairman McCranie called for a motion to nominate Madison Kirkley by

acclamation. Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion. Vote was taken and all voted in favor of the motion.

Commissioner Niblett informed the board members that a recent appointment as alternate to the Ocmulgee River Trail Partnership was unable to serve. He made a motion to table the appointment to allow time to find a replacement. Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to table the appointment.

D. SPLOST

Chairman McCranie said a work session would be organized to work on the recommendations for the SPLOST referendum.

New Business:

A. Frank Erwin – Audit 2012

Frank Erwin, CPA presented the 2012 audit to the board in printed form and called attention to the following:

- Page 2, Independent Auditor's Report, unqualified opinion.
- Page 4, Statement of Net Assets, service debt
- Page 8, Statement of Revenues and Expenditures, revenues 8.3 million with revenues exceeding expenditures by \$488,000
- Pages 10, 11, 12, footnotes and schedules.

He said the state was allowing the audits to be mailed this year or either they could be scanned into the state website. Commissioner Niblett stated that the fund balance showed a positive where in the prior year it had been negative and made a motion to approve the audit for 2012. Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to approve the budget.

B. Approval of Accounts Payable

Commissioner Niblett asked about check number 13049 to UGA in the amount of \$622.55. County Manager Peacock said it was for retirement paid for the county agent and one county extension employee. Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve the accounts payable. Commissioner Niblett seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion.

C. Medical Services Contract for Sheriff

County Attorney Harrington said the new contract would be adequate for federal and state housing of prisoners and the state was expected to board out state parolees. County Manager Peacock said that is the expense of the contract could be offset with extra population. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to approve the contract seconded by Commissioner Cheek. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Commissioner Reports:

Commissioner Niblett stated that the Dodge County Recycling Project was to start on August 19, 2013 and all recyclable items were to be put in the blue dumpsters. He read a list of acceptable items that excluded glass.

City Manager Report:

The county manager told the board members that the road department was in need of a pickup truck. He had obtained three (3) bids and presented them to the board in printed form.

- Woody Folsom Ford – 2013 F150 \$22,266
- Brannen Motor Company – 2013 F150 \$22,106
- Brannen Motor Company – 2013 Silverado \$24,950

Commissioner Watkins asked what funds were available for the purchase and Peacock replied he planned to use the T-SPLOST discretionary funds since the vehicle was for the road department. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to accept the low bid seconded by Commissioner Cheek. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Public Comments:

Kenny Williamson said a ten (10) year warranty could be bought direct from the manufacturer and suggested the Recreation Department look into it for the A/C unit.

Susan Coffee asked if residents could take recyclables to the blue dumpsters located at the Dodge County schools and talked about Proxy Caregiving and how it relates to private or personal care.

Executive Session:

Commissioner Niblett made a motion to move into executive session seconded by Commissioner Watkins. All voted in favor of the motion.

Commissioner Niblett made a motion to move back into the regular meeting once the executive session was over. Commissioner Cheek seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion.

Adjourn:

Commissioner Howell made a motion to adjourn seconded by Commissioner Niblett. All voted in favor of the motion and the meeting was unanimously adjourned.

