

## **Minutes**

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

**August 7, 2017**

**Present:** Dan McCranie, Chairman  
Terry Niblett, District 2 Commissioner  
Brian Watkins, District 3 Commissioner  
Karen Cheek, District 4 Commissioner

**Also Present:** John Harrington, County Attorney  
Bobby Peacock, County Manager  
Nancy Gail Rogers, County Clerk

**Absent:** William T. Howell, Jr., Vice-Chairman & District 1 Commissioner

The Dodge County Board of Commissioners met in a regular session at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, August 7, 2017, in Suite 101 of the Dodge County Courthouse Annex. Chairman McCranie called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag. Commissioner Cheek gave the devotional and Commissioner Watkins prayed.

#### **Elected Officials/ Department Heads**

There were no elected officials or department heads present.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

A. July 17, 2017 Regular Meeting

Chairman McCranie asked if there were any additions, deletions, or corrections to the minutes of regular meeting held on July 17, 2017. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to approve with Commissioner Watkins making the second. All voted in favor of approval.

#### **Old Business**

There was no old business.

#### **New Business**

A. Approval of Accounts Payable

Chairman McCranie asked for any questions or comments from the board regarding the checklist of Accounts Payables. Commissioner Cheek asked about payment for repairs of the bush cutter and the county manager answered they were for the old bush cutter. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to approve the payments and Commissioner Watkins made the second. The vote was unanimous to approve.

#### B. Kinsley Horton

Mr. Horton was not present for the meeting.

#### C. Department of Natural Resources Lease

County Manager Peacock said that the board had met with officials of the Department of Natural Resources about the leasing of the boat ramp. He said the DNR had offered a twenty-five (25) year lease to maintain the boat ramp and keep up the parking area. He said that Dodge County will maintain the road to the ramp area. The county attorney said the county is the landowner and will need to clearly mark the boundaries in some way and will be responsible for keeping silt off the landing. Commissioner Watkins remarked that would only happen with a flood.

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to approve the lease with Commissioner Niblett making the second. The vote was unanimous to approve the lease.

#### D. Approval Middle Georgia Community Action Agency Inc. TPO Agreement

County Manager Peacock told the board that the Middle Georgia Community Action Agency serves as the Third Party Operator of the Dodge County Transit and the agreement was the standard agreement that had been in use since the beginning of the transit program. He said there was a one and one half per cent (1 ½%) increase in payments to the agency. Commissioner Watkins made a motion to approve the agreement and increase and Commissioner Cheek seconded his motion. All voted in favor of approval.

#### E. Labor Day Holiday Meeting Change

Commissioner Niblett made a motion to change the first meeting in September to Tuesday, September 5, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. due to the Labor Day holiday for all Dodge County employees. Commissioner Cheek seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous to change the meeting date.

#### **Commissioner Reports**

Commissioner Cheek commended Dodge County employees for the trash clean up on WPA Road. She said she had received over a dozen phone calls thanking for the cleanup.

#### **County Manager Report**

The county manager provided copies of the 2017 Tax Digest with five year history to each of the board members explaining that with the rollback provision the millage of 11.546 would produce an increase in tax revenue of \$42,000. He said the board would need to set the millage at the next meeting to be held on August 21<sup>st</sup>.

### **Public Comments**

Susan Coffee said she wanted to give a public shout out to the firefighters for the good job with the fire at Judge Mullis' home. She also distributed pictures of the trash situation on the Ben Giddens Road.

County Manager Peacock commented that the dumpsters at that site were emptied every day except Sunday with clean up on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Commissioner Niblett commented that there were mattresses at the dumpster site and asked if it was illegal to dump those items. The county manager said those items should be taken to the landfill.

### **Executive Session**

Commissioner Niblett made a motion to go into executive session to discuss property acquisition. Commissioner Watkins made the second and the motion passed.

Commissioner Niblett made a motion to end the executive session and return to the regular meeting. Commissioner Cheek made the second and all voted yes to motion.

### **Adjourn**

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Niblett made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion and all voted in favor of adjournment.