

Minutes

Dodge County Board of Commissioners

August 15, 2016

Present: Dan McCranie, Chairman
William T. Howell, Vice-Chairman & District 1 Commissioner
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

The Dodge County Board of Commissioners met in a regular session on Monday, August 15, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in Suite 102 of the Dodge County Courthouse Annex. Vice-Chairman Howell called the meeting to order saying that the chairman had called and would be arriving late. He led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag. Commissioner Cheek gave a touching devotional relating to the recent slaying of Eastman Police Officer Tim Smith. Howell stated that we take our police officers for granted and there are families hurting and please give them support because we owe them a huge debt.

Elected Officials/ Department Heads

Sharon Flanagan reported for the Dodge County Farmers Market that there were seventeen (17) vendors the past Saturday and two hundred (200) customers. She said the first Saturday in August had eleven (11) vendors and around two hundred seventeen (217) customers. She said there was fresh honey from Dodge County along with cooked hamburgers and hot dogs from a vendor. She said EBT transactions were a lot lower than anticipated. There was a “high noon raffle” with four (4) vendors donating prizes. She said a seed exchange was planned for this Saturday along with a fund raiser for battered women. She said a Hometown Heroes Day for Dodge County was being planned for September 11 and blue ribbons would be sold for ten dollars (\$10.00) each to show support. She said all first responders can come and goodie baskets are being assembled for them. She concluded with plans to have apples and apple cider at the market on September 27th.

Chairman McCranie has arrived and takes control of the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

A. August 1, 2016 Regular Meeting

Chairman McCranie asked for any additions, corrections, or deletions to the minutes of the August 1, 2016 regular meeting. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to approve the minutes with Commissioner Watkins making the second. The vote was unanimous to approve.

Old Business

A. Board of Assessors Appointment

Chairman McCranie asked for nominations for the Board of Assessor seat previously held by Larry Melvin. Commissioner Niblett nominated George Watson. Commissioner Watkins made the second and Commissioner Howell made a motion to close nominations. Commissioner Cheek seconded the motion to close nominations and Watson was elected by acclamation.

New Business

A. Approval of Accounts Payable

Chairman McCranie asked the board to review the listing of Account Payables. A motion to approve was made by Commissioner Howell and seconded by Commissioner Niblett. All voted in favor of approval.

Commissioner Reports

Chairman McCranie informed the board that Mike Pruett had asked to be released from the Library Board. He said retired Dodge County School Superintendent Melinda Dennis would like to be appointed in his position. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to table the appointment and have it on the agenda for the next meeting. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous to table.

County Manager Report

County Manager Peacock asked the board for the next meeting date to be changed to Tuesday, September 6th as the county observed the Labor Day Holiday. Commissioner Howell made a motion to change the meeting date to Tuesday, September 6th and both Niblett and Watkins seconded the motion. The vote for the change was unanimous and the chairman asked the county manager to notify the newspaper of the change.

Next Peacock said the Roddy Fire Department had requested six thousand dollars (\$6,000) from SPLOST funds to purchase fire engine number two (#2) from Chauncey Fire Department. A motion was made by Commissioner Niblett to grant the request of the Roddy Volunteer Fire Department. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous to grant approval.

Peacock recognized the passing of Barney Jones, a thirty-five (35) year employee of Dodge County who will be sorely missed.

Peacock also said there had been a meeting with representatives of the Department of Natural Resources at the Dodge County Boat Ramp to discuss ways to improve the ramp. He reminded the board there will be a called meeting on Thursday, August 18th at 2:00 p.m. to set the millage rate. There was discussion as to whether or not the meeting could be changed since it conflicted with the funeral of Officer Smith. County Attorney Harrington advised since the meeting had been advertised in the newspaper it should not be changed.

Public Comments

Sharon Flanagan announced a meeting on Thursday at 10:30 a.m. at City Hall on the Comprehensive Plan.

Adjourn

Commissioner Howell made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Niblett made the second, and all voted in favor.