

Minutes

Dodge County Board of Commissioners

August 19, 2013

Present: Dan McCranie, Chairman
William T. Howell, Jr., Vice-Chairman, Comm. Dist. 1
Terry Niblett, Comm. Dist. 2
Karen Cheek, Comm. Dist. 4

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

Absent: Brian Watkins, Comm. Dist. 3

The Dodge County Board of Commissioners met in a regular session at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, August 19, 2013, in Suite 101 of the Dodge County Courthouse Annex.

Chairman McCranie called the meeting to order and noted the absence of Commissioner Watkins was due to the death of his grandmother and visitation being held at the funeral home from 6 until 8 p.m. He asked for a motion to add an Executive Session to the agenda following the public comments to discuss legal matters. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to add the executive session seconded by Commissioner Howell. All voted in favor of the motion and the agenda was amended. Chairman McCranie led in the pledge of allegiance to the American flag. Commissioner Cheek gave a devotional based on scripture from 2Chronicles 20:12 and Psalm 34 concluding with prayer.

Elected Officials/ Department Heads

None noted as present.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman McCranie asked for any additions, deletions, or corrections to the minutes of the August 5, 2013, meeting presented in printed form. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to approve the minutes seconded by Commissioner Howell. All voted in favor of the motion and the minutes were approved.

Old Business

A. Jail Update

County Manager Peacock told the board that he along with the sheriff and jail administrator had met with Bob Hibbard of Peter Brown Construction Company concerning the ongoing leak at the jail. He said he has agreed to replace the portion that leaks with a new roof. The replacement should start no later than September 1, 2013.

B. Appointment – Ocmulgee River Trail Partnership

Commissioner Niblett recommended Catherine Harrington for the vacant position of Alternate to the Ocmulgee River Trail Partnership. Commissioner Howell seconded the recommendation. Commissioner Howell made a motion to close the nominations seconded by Commissioner Niblett. The county attorney instructed the board to report their nomination to the Ocmulgee River Trail Partnership.

C. SPLOST

Chairman McCranie reported that the commissioners were looking over the lists submitted by the various entities involved and a work meeting would be scheduled soon.

New Business

A. Kathy Woodham- Road

Kathy Woodham representing Legacy Woods Subdivision off Rocky Springs Road and Bill Brown of the Bank of Dudley asked the commissioners to accept the road previously maintained by the Homeowner's Association and the Bank of Dudley. Mr. Brown said there are twenty (20) lots in the subdivision with two (2) lots remaining unsold. He said the road and right of way have been maintained and are in good repair. Commissioner Cheek asked how much annual maintenance costs were and Mr. Brown answered several thousand dollars. She asked how many homes had been built in the subdivision and the answer was five (5). Commissioner Niblett asked the length of the road and the response was one-half (1/2) mile. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to table the request to give Road Superintendent, Buddy Pittman, time to look at the road. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion and it passed unanimously.

B. Cathy Atkinson – Animal Control

It was determined Ms. Atkinson was not present.

C. Danny Pickett – Historical Society

Mr. Pickett gave handouts to each of the board members showing the cash forecast for the Historical Society for 2013. He said the organization had gone before the city council with a

request of \$5,000 to meet the deficit. He said council voted to give \$2,500 with instructions to ask the Board of Commissioners for the remainder. Commissioner Cheek asked for specifics as to what the money would be used for and the reply was maintenance, utilities, insurance and mortgage payments for the Eastman house. Commissioner Cheek asked the county manager if contingency funds were available and he replied yes. Commissioner Cheek made a motion to give \$2,500 to match funds given by the City of Eastman. Commissioner Niblett seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to approve the motion.

D. Approval of Accounts Payable

Commissioner Niblett asked what check number 13130 to Yancey Brothers in the amount of \$1,638.43 was for and the county manager responded it was for various parts to repair the Caterpillar equipment at the road department. Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve seconded by Commissioner Niblett. All voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

E. September Meeting Date Change

Chairman McCranie said that the first meeting date for September was the Labor Day holiday observed by all county employees. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to change the meeting date to Tuesday, September 3. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to change the meeting date.

Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Niblett announced that the recycling program started on August 19 in Dodge County and encouraged participation. He also announced a town hall meeting would be held on August 28, 2013, in Suite 101 of the Dodge County Courthouse Annex.

Chairman McCranie said he had attended a town hall meeting at the chamber building sponsored by Hometown Healthcare that was very informative. He said it was a tough time for medical providers, hospitals and pharmacists and encouraged support for the local hospital.

County Manager Report

County Manager Peacock said dumpsters for the pilot recycling program would be located at each school in Dodge County as well as the Dodge County Landfill, Dodge County Courthouse and Chester. Commissioner Cheek asked the county manager about damage at the jail. The county manager said that an inmate had damaged a sprinkler head and flooded one section of the jail. She asked if insurance would pay for the repairs and the answer was no, it only required clean up and the sprinkler heads were being replaced.

Public Comments

Kenneth Williamson told the board that he represented the American Legion and they had been trying to rent the old National Guard Armory. He said they planned to sell the property but had not determined whether it would be auctioned, sealed bids or taking offers.

Wendell Oxley asked for his road to be paved if possible. He said more paved roads would require less scraping and reduce help needed by the county. He said all the landowners on his road would ok the paving and asked that they keep it in mind.

Junior Belflower asked Commissioner Niblett what was the purpose of the announced town hall meeting. He replied it was concerning the airport and the community.

Executive Session

Commissioner Niblett made a motion to move into Executive Session seconded by Commissioner Howell. The vote was unanimous to go into Executive Session.

Upon return from Executive Session, Commissioner Niblett made a motion to resume the regular meeting. Commissioner Cheek seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion with none opposing.

Adjourn

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