

Minutes

Dodge County Board of Commissioners

August 21, 2017

Present: Dan McCranie, Chairman
William T. Howell, Jr., 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 at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, August 21, 2017, in Suite 101 of the Dodge County Courthouse Annex. Chairman McCranie called the meeting to order and said the first order of business would be to amend the agenda to include an executive session to discuss personnel and legal matters. Commissioner Howell made a motion to amend the agenda and add the executive session. Commissioner Niblett made the second and all voted in favor of the motion. Next Chairman McCranie led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag followed by a devotional and prayer by Commissioner Cheek.

Elected Officials/ Department Heads

A. Frank Erwin CPA – 2016 County Audit

Erwin referred to the audit report of which each board member had been given a copy and highlighted the net position of the county along with the variances of actual expenditures and the budget. Commissioner Niblett commented that the expenditures of the Sheriff along with the jail operations were ninety thousand dollars (\$90,000.00) over budget. Erwin said the audit received a clean opinion from him. Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve the audit and Commissioner Niblett made the second. The vote was unanimous to approve.

B. Charles Williams – Dodge County Eastman Development Authority

Williams commended the board on the good report of the audit and also informed the board of a Chamber of Commerce board meeting to be held Wednesday at lunch and also an event at the airport at 2 pm on Wednesday.

Approval of Minutes

A. August 7, 2017 Regular Meeting

Chairman McCranie asked for any additions, deletions, or corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting held on August 7, 2017. Commissioner Watkins made a motion to approve the

minutes with Commissioner Cheek making the second to his motion. The vote was unanimous to approve.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

A. Approval of Accounts Payable

Chairman McCranie asked the board members to look over the list of accounts payables for any questions or comments. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to approve the checklist with the second coming from Commissioner Howell. All voted in favor of the motion.

B. Set Millage Rate for 2017

County Manager Peacock stated that the proper notice of the five year history had been run in the legal organ of the county and the board could set the millage rate for 2017. A motion to set the millage rate at 11.546 was made by Commissioner Niblett and seconded by Commissioner Howell. All voted to approve the millage rate for 2017.

C. Magistrate Constable Automobile

The county manager told the board that the Magistrate Constable needed a new car because the motor was blown in the 2010 model he had been driving. Constable Wilkerson told the board that he had located a used State Patrol car in Atlanta driven by the post commander for \$8,500.00 (eight thousand five hundred dollars). Commissioner Niblett asked how the vehicle would be funded and the county manager replied with county SPLOST funds. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to allow the purchase and Commissioner Howell made the second. Commissioner Cheek asked if a high performance car was needed to serve papers and Wilkerson replied no but he could not find one that was available. The vote was taken and the motion passed.

D. Sale of Scrap Metal

The county manager told the board that he had taken bids on miscellaneous scrap metal from the Road Department and Landfill. Due to there being no demand for the scrap metal, he had only two (2) bids:

1. Telfair Recycling bid two point five cents (\$.025) per pound
2. Johnson Recycling bid four cents (\$.04) per pound

Commissioner Niblett asked if Johnson Recycling would pick up the scrap and the county manager replied yes. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to accept the high bid from Johnson Recycling. Commissioner Watkins made the second and the motion passed.

Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Niblett reported that he and Chairman McCranie attended the Gresson Fire Department opening and he wanted to express his appreciation to all the first responders.

County Manager Report

The county manager had nothing to report and there were no questions for him.

Public Comments

Jimmy Cofield addressed the board with his concerns on the condition of Friendship Church Road.

Executive Session

Commissioner Howell made a motion to move into an executive session to discuss personnel and legal matters. Commissioner Niblett made the second and all voted in the affirmative.

At the conclusion of the executive session, Commissioner Watkins made a motion to end the session and return to the regular meeting. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Adjourn

Commissioner Howell made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Watkins made the second. The vote was unanimous to adjourn.

Signed:

Nancy Gail Rogers, County Clerk

Approved:

Dan McCranie, Chairman Board of Commissioners