

Minutes

Dodge County Board of Commissioners

August 6, 2012

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: Bobby Peacock, County Manager
John P. Harrington, County Attorney

The Dodge County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, August 6, 2012, in the Dodge County Courthouse Annex Conference Room, Suite 101.

Chairman Dan McCranie called the meeting to order and asked that the agenda be amended to add an update on the MPI Fiber Networks feasibility study under old business. William Howell made a motion to add the item to the agenda. Brian Watkins seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous and agenda was amended. After the Pledge of Allegiance a devotional was given by Karen Cheek followed by a prayer from Brian Watkins.

Elected Officials & Department Heads:

None noted as present.

Approval of Minutes:

A. Regular meeting of July 16, 2012

A motion was made by William Howell to approve the minutes of the July 16, 2012 regular meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Terry Niblett, vote was unanimous and minutes were approved.

B. Special Called Meeting of August 1, 2012

Terry Niblett made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 1, 2012 special called meeting as presented. Brian Watkins seconded the motion, vote was unanimous and minutes were approved.

Old Business:

A. Workforce Investment Board Appointment

Terry Niblett made a motion to table this appointment until the next meeting. William Howell seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and motion carried.

B. MPI Fiber Networks

Chairman McCranie informed the board that he had been given information that the MPI Fiber Network feasibility study is progressing and they are anticipating scheduling a work session for August 14 – 15. He wanted the commissioners to be aware of the work session and hoped they would be able to attend and offer their input.

New Business:

A. Approval of Accounts Payable

Commissioner Karen Cheek commented on the portion of the accounts payable list related to expenses of the Sheriff's Department. She noted that checks had been issued to Pulaski, Bleckley and Appling Counties to house inmates during June. She also noted the high utilities with the new jail building and asked if anything could be done to lower the cost to Georgia Power. Tony Winborn of Dodge SO responded that all thermostats had been set at 85 degrees with the exception of the computer room being set at 65 degrees. He also added that some of the housing of inmates during June was due to Superior Court being held in Dodge County. Commissioner Cheek then asked about the possibility of having the computers turned off at the new jail so that the heating and cooling systems could be turned off. Bobby Peacock stated that he had talked to Billy Edenfield of BFE Technology, Inc. about turning off the computers and he said the cost to have them all programmed would be prohibitive. Following the discussion Terry Niblett made a motion to approve the accounts payable check list. Karen Cheek seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and motion passed.

B. Stanley Stephens – Dodge EMA

Stanley Stephens, Dodge EMA Director, gave each commissioner a handout for a request for digital equipment purchase of four (4) radios for his department that would allow him to communicate with all emergency personnel within the county during an emergency or disaster. The total cost of the equipment quote is \$1,965.00 with \$1,800 coming from the EMA budget and the additional \$165 coming from the county. Karen Cheek made a motion to fund the purchase. Brian Watkins made the second and vote was unanimous and motion passed. Mr. Stephens then asked the Board of Commissioners to adopt a resolution that Georgia Code says must be renewed every three years and allows for the implementation of curfews and evacuations

during a disaster. Terry Niblett made a motion to adopt said resolution and William Howell seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

C. Skip Evans – Evans Disposal

Mr. Skip Evans of Evans Disposal informed the board that he had met with the County Manager and inspected the vehicles and equipment and was ready to proceed with either sealed bids or to make a presentation of his proposal. Terry Niblett made a motion to receive sealed bids to be opened the last Monday in September. John Harrington stated the board should clarify and define the options for bid. Brian Watkins stated that the public had asked about private pickup service to individual homes. Terry Niblett amended his motion to include sealed bids for continuing garbage collection as it is now in the county with dumpsters and also bids for private county wide pickup. Anyone wishing to bid can submit a bid for either option or both and the date of opening the bids was changed to September 17, 2012. William Howell seconded the motion, vote was unanimous and motion passed.

D. Donnie Stokes – ACCG Medical Contract

Donnie Stokes of Dodge SO introduced Kelly Thrift, Director of Marketing with Southern Correctional Medicine. She stated that 115 of Georgia's counties use the ACCG plan for emergency room and hospital visits for inmates. There is no cost to the county to be in the plan only a \$75 processing fee per claim. The hospital must use Medicaid rates for the inmates if the county uses the ACCG plan. All paper work is done by Southern Correctional Medicine. Brian Watkins made a motion to use the ACCG Contract since there is no cost to county and could possibly save money on medical bills for inmates. Karen Cheek seconded the motion, vote was unanimous and motion passed.

E. Bodie Gray – Recreation Department

Recreation Director Bodie Gray gave handouts to the commissioners showing the improvements to the recreation complex done in phases and asked for approval of the first phase to include: Concession \$21,000; deep well and pump \$5,500; septic system \$3,100 for a total of \$29,600. William Howell made a motion to approve the expenditures since the funding would come from SPLOST monies voted by the people of Dodge County. Terry Niblett seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous and motion passed.

Chairman McCranie asked if there was any other new business and Terry Niblett announced there was an upcoming board member appointment to the Council on Aging that would need to be addressed.

County Manager Report:

County Manager Bobby Peacock advised the board members that he is working on bids for the PA system for the board meeting room. Karen Cheek asked what progress had been made on the jail grinder. He replied that Mark Studstill had ordered the grinder and the order had been confirmed. He is expecting delivery and can install as soon as delivered.

Public Comments:

William Steele asked if there had been any response to the letter written to the Airport Authority expressing concern over the lawsuit against the local banks. John Harrington and Bobby Peacock both replied there had been none. Terry Niblett said that he is currently serving on the Airport Authority Board and the letter had not been received at the July meeting. He expects it to be discussed at the August meeting.

Kenneth Williamson asked how long the ACCG insurance program had been in effect and how many counties there are in Georgia.

Quinn Bonner asked the commissioners about the status of paving Wilcox Road. He said the money had been allocated for paving 2.3 miles but no work had been done. Brian Watkins asked if the road was on the RTR list. Bonner replied it was approved at the Board of Commissioners meeting on the first Monday of December 2009. Chairman McCranie asked Mr. Bonner to leave his phone number with the County Manager so the board could follow up on the matter and respond. John Harrington interjected that funding may not have been available even if a road was on an approved list.

Diana Glass asked the county attorney if there was a moratorium on opening new landfills. She asked if that would be an option for the garbage problem. Chairman McCranie deferred to Skip Evans and Phil McGalliard who spoke to the high costs and EPD requirements with landfill construction.

Adjourn:

William Howell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Terry Niblett. Vote was unanimous and the meeting was adjourned.