

Minutes

Dodge County Board of Commissioners

September 3, 2013

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: 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 Tuesday, September 3, 2013, in Suite 101 of the Dodge County Courthouse annex.

Chairman McCranie called the meeting to order and led in the pledge of allegiance to the American flag. Commissioner Karen Cheek gave the devotional followed by prayer by Commissioner Brian Watkins. Chairman McCranie announced that visitation for Furman Wiggins, former County Manager Kelly Bowen's father, was being held at the funeral home from six until eight p.m.

Elected Officials/ Department Heads:

John Clements, Vice-Chairman of the HOGRAA was noted as present.

Approval of Minutes:

Chairman McCranie asked for any additions, deletions, or corrections to the minutes of the August 19, 2013, meeting presented in printed form. Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve seconded by Commissioner Niblett. All voted in favor of the motion with none opposing.

Old Business:

A. SPLOST

Chairman McCranie asked for a report on the SPLOST and County Manager Peacock replied that the requests had been compiled and they were putting the lists together and would bring before the board.

B. Road – Legacy Woods Subdivision off Rocky Springs Road

County Attorney Harrington said he had not located the written policy on the number of houses and other criteria for county roads. He said with only five (5) houses in the subdivision it was unlikely that the road would meet the qualifications. The county manager reported he and Buddy Pittman had looked at the road and needed a description of the right of way. He said the road was twenty (20) feet but the right of way was unclear. Chairman McCranie said a plat would help in determining the right of way.

New Business:

A. Approval of Accounts Payable

Commissioner Cheek asked if supplies purchased with check 13163 to Quill in the amount of \$2,575.16 were only for the Sheriff department. The county manager's response was yes. She then asked what new supplies were purchased from Georgia Department of Corrections for the new jail with check 13194 in the amount of \$8,346.80. The county manager replied that 112 mid back chairs were swapped for high back chairs and the additional money was due. Commissioner Niblett asked what check 13155 to Massingill for new jail toilet was for and the county manager replied that he was not sure only that Sheriff Lynn Sheffield approved the expense and it was paid. Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve the accounts payable check list seconded by Commissioner Watkins. All voted in favor of the motion and it passed unanimously.

Commissioner Reports:

The county manager had nothing to report. Commissioner Niblett asked if the roof repairs on the jail had started and he replied no.

Public Comments:

Judy Madden of the Eastman-Dodge Chamber of Commerce announced that representatives of the new industry would be in Eastman next Monday through Wednesday to move forward with completion plans. She said on Monday, September 9 representatives from the Public Service Commission and Atlanta Gas Light would also be in Eastman for an event at the Chamber building from 11 – 2 and invited the board to participate.

Executive Session:

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

Commissioner Niblett made a motion to return to regular session following the conclusion of the Executive Session. Commissioner Cheek seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion.

HOGRAA Lease:

Commissioner Niblett said he would like to speak about developments with HOGRAA. He said there had been questions about the purchase of the building and Carol Comer of the FAA had said the building appeared to be too near the heart of the airport to be sold. He said the HOGRAA would continue to pursue a solution. County Attorney Harrington said he had submitted the lease and it was being adapted and modified for approval by the FAA, the banks and Dynamic Paint Solutions. He said the net after the mortgage payment from the lease will be paid to the airport. He said he will present a copy at the appropriate time to the board of commissioners for their approval. Chairman McCranie asked for a motion to direct the county attorney to continue the lease negotiations and approval to present to the board. Commissioner Niblett stated so moved and with haste. Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion. Commissioners Niblett, Watkins, and Cheek voted in favor of the motion with Commissioner Howell abstaining from the vote. Commissioner Howell is a director of Colony Bank Eastman.

Chairman McCranie made a motion to form a committee of Commissioners Watkins and Howell to authorize the use of the county equipment and crew or bid out a contract of up to five (5) thousand dollars for land prep for a new building with the development authority. Commissioner Niblett seconded the motion and all voted in favor with none opposed.

Commissioner Niblett made a motion to donate up to \$13,600 maximum to the HOGRAA to upgrade the water and electrical facilities. Commissioner Cheek seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion and it passed unanimously.

Adjourn:

Commissioner Niblett made a motion to adjourn seconded by Commissioner Watkins. The vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting.