

Minutes

Dodge County Board of Commissioners

September 5, 2017

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

Chairman Dan McCranie called the regular meeting of the Dodge County Board of Commissioners to order at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 5, 2017. The meeting was held in Suite 101 of the Dodge County Courthouse Annex and Chairman McCranie called attention to the executive session on the agenda to be held after the public comments portion of the meeting. After the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag, Commissioner Cheek gave the devotional and prayer.

Elected Officials/ Department Heads

Sharon Cobb Flanagan – Dodge County Farmers Market

Ms. Flanagan stated she had been working on another initiative that she would also report to the board. She gave statistics for the market of thirteen (13) vendors and one hundred eighteen (118) shoppers on the average for past weeks. She also reported on the EBT matching program.

Next Flanagan reported on the trash and litter initiative saying the group had been renamed “Litter Free Dodge” and had been meeting every two weeks since March. She said she had met with County Manager Bobby Peacock as well as Eastman City Manager Jason Cobb and had contacted Representative Jimmy Pruet. She said the “Keep America Beautiful” representative will visit the local meeting to be held at the Stuckey Timberland conference room on Thursday, September 7th. She invited all board members to attend.

Charles Williams – Dodge County Eastman Development Authority

Williams invited all board members to a special service on Monday morning, September 11th, weather permitting to rename the National Guard Armory building the Carter Martin Public Safety Building.

Approval of Minutes

A. August 21, 2017 Regular Meeting

Chairman McCranie asked if there were any additions, corrections, or deletions to the minutes of the regular meeting held on August 21, 2017. Each board member had received a printed copy to review. Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve and Commissioner Niblett made the second. The vote was unanimous to approve the minutes.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

A. Approval of Accounts Payable

The chairman asked the board to take a minute to look over the printed checklist of Account Payables for questions or comments. Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve the payments with Commissioner Watkins making the second to his motion. All voted in favor of approval.

B. Bids for Courthouse Repairs

County Manager Peacock explained bids were advertised for exterior work to be done on the courthouse including painting, pressure washing, replace and repair any trim and eaves that needed replacing. He said the board had been given a copy of the one bid that was received from Graham & Studstill General Contractors, Inc. of Eastman. He said the bid for the repairs included a Qualification of Bid Proposal with the bid for the repairs at \$71,815 with allowances for rotten or deteriorated wood, repair of the mortar joints and brick, and stucco repairs and labor, material, and equipments costs on all three. Commissioner Cheek had questions on the allowances and Commissioner Niblett said the work needs to be done and the bid seemed reasonable and made a motion to accept the bid from Graham and Studstill General Contractors, Inc. along with the terms of the bid proposal. Commissioner Cheek made the second. Under discussion Commissioner Watkins asked about the funding of the repairs and Peacock said the repairs would come from SPLOST funds for county buildings. The vote was taken and all voted in favor of the motion.

Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Cheek said that Wilcox Road needed attention and there were several driveways on the Abbeville Highway that don't have pipes.

Chairman McCranie read a recognition plaque from the Gresston Fire Department thanking the board for their contribution and assistance with the new fire station.

County Manager Report

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

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Executive Session

Commissioner Niblett made a motion to move into executive session with Commissioners Watkins and Howell making the second. All voted in favor of the motion.

At the conclusion of the executive session, Commissioner Cheek made a motion to return to the regular meeting. Commissioner Watkins made the second and the motion passed.

Commissioner Howell made a motion to authorize County Manager Bobby Peacock to start negotiation for land acquisition for county use. Commissioner Niblett made the second and all voted in the affirmative.

Adjourn

Commissioner Niblett made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Commissioner Watkins making the second. The vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting.