

Minutes

Dodge County Board of Commissioners

September 6, 2016

Present: Dan McCranie, Chairman
William T. Howell, 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 on Tuesday, September 6, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in Suite 102 of the Dodge County Courthouse Annex. Chairman McCranie called the meeting to order and led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag. The devotional was given by Commissioner Cheek and Commissioner Watkins prayed.

Elected Officials/ Department Heads

A. Frank Erwin – 2015 Audit

Erwin reported to the board that the 2015 audit for Dodge County had been completed and he had issued two letters and opinion. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to approve the 2015 audit with Commissioner Howell making the second. The vote was unanimous to approve.

B. Sharon Cobb Flanagan highlighted recent activities at the Dodge County Farmers Market including a petting zoo, horse rides, and the high noon raffle courtesy of the vendors. She said there were fifteen (15) vendors and three hundred fifteen (315) visitors last Saturday. She said this Thursday at 6 p.m. a Master Gardener will teach a workshop on seed saving at the local Chamber of Commerce building. Commissioner Niblett asked if there would be a seed swap at the workshop and Flanagan said she would check on it.

C. Charles Williams of the Dodge County Eastman Development Authority said he had delivered a check for four thousand dollars (\$4,000.00) to bring their account current. He said Mr. Drury continues to call him to ask for payment from Dodge County for fiber optic cable. He said all first responders are invited to the Chamber of Commerce for coffee and doughnuts on Friday morning.

Approval of Minutes

A. August 15, 2016 Regular Meeting

Chairman McCranie asked for any additions, corrections or deletions to the minutes of the regular meeting held on August 15, 2016. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to approve seconded by Commissioners Watkins and Howell. All voted in favor of approval.

B. August 18, 2016 Called Meeting

Chairman McCranie asked for any additions, corrections or deletions to the minutes of the called meeting held on August 18, 2016 to set the 2016 millage rate. Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve seconded by Commissioner Watkins. The vote was unanimous to approve.

Old Business

A. Library Board Appointment

Chairman McCranie asked for the pleasure of the board concerning the Library Board vacancy. Commissioner Niblett nominated Dr. Melinda Dennis. Commissioner Watkins seconded his nomination. Commissioner Howell made a motion to close nominations with Commissioner Cheek making the second. Vote was taken and Dr. Dennis was appointed by acclamation.

New Business

A. Approval of Accounts Payable

Chairman McCranie asked for any questions or comments concerning the printed Accounts Payable checklist distributed to the board. Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve the checklist and Commissioner Niblett seconded his motion. Approval by vote was unanimous.

B. Bids on Auto

The county manager presented four (4) sealed bids to Chairman McCranie who opened and read the bids as follows:

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| 1. Ryan Goodermote | \$1,500.00 |
| 2. Clinton Mincey, Jr. | \$ 800.00 |
| 3. Bruce Hartley | \$1,001.00 |
| 4. John W. Jenkins | \$ 575.00 |

Commissioner Howell made a motion to accept the high bid. Commissioners Niblett and Watkins seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous to accept the high bid.

Commissioner Reports

There were no reports from the Commissioners.

County Manager Report

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

Public Comments

Sarah M. Dennard made a request to the board for the Friendship UMC Road to be paved. She said residents of the road had been before the board many times and had petitions signed asking the same. Chairman McCranie added that he remembered the road goes into Bleckley County.

Willie McNair, also a resident of Friendship UMC Road, told the board he had been very concerned about the road since moving back in March. He said the road needed paving or some type of upgrade.

Jack Jones told the board that he needed access to Hobbs Road because he owned land in the area. He said that Jim Young had purchased land on the road and had moved the road for his pivot. He asked the board not to close the road or accept an easement and not to allow gates to be installed on the road. Commissioner Niblett asked if the road was passable and Jones' reply was yes and no.

Kelly Bellflower said he was opposed to closing Hobbs Road.

Ann Sheppard Young stated she was an attorney and the ex-wife of Jim Young. She said there was no notice in his deed of a county owned road. She said the road does not have to be closed and the decision was in the hands of the Board of Commissioners.

Executive Session

Commissioner Howell made a motion to go into Executive Session. Commissioner Watkins made the second and all voted in favor of the session.

Return to Regular Meeting

Commissioner Cheek made a motion to end the Executive Session and return to the regular meeting. Commissioner Niblett made the second and the vote for the motion was affirmative.

Commissioner Niblett then made a motion to allow the county attorney to notify Young that Hobbs Road will be reopened. Commissioner Watkins seconded his motion. All commissioners voted yes to the motion.

Adjourn

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

