

Minutes

Dodge County Board of Commissioners

September 15, 2014

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, September 15, 2014, in Suite 101 of the Dodge County Courthouse Annex.

Chairman Dan McCranie called the meeting to order and led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag. Commissioner Cheek gave a devotional and Commissioner Niblett prayed.

Elected Officials/ Department Heads

There were none noted as present.

Approval of Minutes

A. September 2, 2014 Regular Meeting

Chairman McCranie called for any additions, corrections, or deletions to the minutes of the September 2, 2014 regular meeting presented to the board in printed form. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to approve as presented seconded by Commissioner Watkins. All voted in favor of approval.

Old Business

A. Housing Ordinance for Sexual Predator Monitoring

County Attorney Harrington said he had prepared an ordinance requiring the fee for required monitoring for sexual predators to be paid by the facility housing indigent offenders. He said the criteria used for the indigent was the same as for Medicare, Medicaid, Disability, and Department of Human Services recipients and the agreement covered any place an indigent person might reside. Currently the Sheriff is paying for two offenders housed in a local nursing facility. He suggested a certified letter to local institutions who could incur such fees. After discussion and questions, Commissioner Watkins made a motion that the ordinance be published

with a hearing to be held at the next regular meeting and advertised for public response. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion.

New Business

A. Approval of Accounts Payable

Commissioner Niblett asked if check number 15866 to Great American in the amount of \$1,042.62 was for repairs and County Manager Peacock replied yes. Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve the accounts payable checklist seconded by Commissioner Niblett. The motion was approved.

B. Court Records Storage in Previous Jail Building

Chairman McCranie said he had been asked by two elected officials if the vacant jail building could be used for storage of court records they were currently paying to have stored. Commissioner Watkins asked if the plumbing and leaking under the floor had been corrected and the reply was yes. Commissioner Watkins then made a motion to approve the request seconded by Commissioner Howell. All voted in favor of the motion.

C. Tony Collins – DOT Representative

Collins told the board he wanted to address two projects in Band 1, the Chester Highway and Bell Line Road with a December 2014 letting. He said the scope of work was to resurface the roads and the Transportation Investment Act does not support widening or any additional improvements. He said to widen the fourteen (14) miles an additional two feet (2') on each side with a four inch (4") asphalt base would cost an additional \$625,000 and increase the cost of the total of the two projects from 1.1 million dollars to 1.7 million dollars. Commissioner Niblett then asked about the cost of widening two feet on one side with a move of the center line. The reply was that the crown and shift of the highway would cause a vehicle hazard and it would create a problem at the bridges. Local citizen Charles Dennis asked if there were plans to straighten out the curves because there had been several accidents and the reply was no.

Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Niblett reported he had attended the presentation ceremony in Savannah along with County Manager Peacock where Dodge County received a check for \$500,000 for road projects.

Commissioner Watkins reported the Development Authority had secured \$40,000 with the help of Representative Pruett to assist with road construction for the Aremac facility. He said the estimated cost of the road was \$70 and matching funds would be needed to complete the road. The county manager said he had received a confirmation letter from DOT. Commissioner Watkins said the building was progressing too.

County Manager Report

County Manager Peacock said he had nothing to report. Commissioner Niblett asked about the recycling dumpsters at the schools and Peacock said he had checked with Richard Harrell and the dumpster at the middle school was moved at the request of the school but still remained on school property.

Public Comments

Charles Dennis said there was a need to straighten out the curve on Chester Highway because there had been deaths from accidents.

Adjourn

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