

Minutes

Dodge County Board of Commissioners

September 16, 2013

Present: Dan McCranie, Chairman
William T. Howell, Jr., Vice-Chairman, Comm. Dist. 1
Terry Niblett, Comm. Dist. 2
Brian Watkins, Comm. Dist. 3

Also Present: John Harrington, County Attorney
Bobby Peacock, County Manager
Nancy Gail Rogers, County Clerk

Absent: Karen Cheek, Comm. Dist. 4

The Dodge County Board of Commissioners met in a regular session at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, September 16, 2013, in Suite 101 of the Dodge County Courthouse Annex.

Chairman McCranie called the meeting to order and noted the absence of Commissioner Cheek due to sickness. After the pledge of allegiance to the American flag, Commissioner Howell led in prayer.

Elected Officials & Department Heads:

None noted as present.

Approval of Minutes:

A. September 3, 2013 meeting

Chairman McCranie asked for any additions, corrections, or deletions to the minutes of the September 3, 2013, regular meeting presented to the board in printed form. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to approve seconded by Commissioner Howell. All voted in favor of the motion.

Old Business:

A. SPLOST

Chairman McCranie stated that Commissioners Niblett and Watkins were the committee appointed at the last meeting and had been working on the SPLOST recommendations with

Bobby Peacock. He asked for any questions on the proposal. Commissioner Niblett said the proposal was submitted in the form of a motion. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion.

All voted in favor of the motion. John Harrington asked if the motion included for the County Attorney to prepare and draft the resolution for the ballot to be placed in the General Election. Commissioner Niblett who made the motion said yes. The chairman asked Commissioner Howell if that was included in his second and he replied yes.

B. HOGRAA

The chairman asked the county attorney for a report on the progress with the lease agreement. He said Robert Langstaff had made suggestions on changes in the contract and they had been submitted to the banks and the FAA. He said the bank had questions so there was no universally approved contract and negotiations were pretty much at the same place. Chairman McCranie asked if approval from Carol Comer had been received. He said Carol Comer of the FAA had given restrictions and they had been added for approval by Langstaff . He said he would keep the board updated on the process.

Commissioner Niblett added that the City of Eastman should get a copy of the approved SPLOST and asked the county manager to make sure they did. Bobby Peacock replied that he would see that they got a copy.

New Business:

A. Approval of Accounts Payable

Chairman McCranie asked for any questions or comments concerning the list of checks paid. There were none and Commissioner Niblett made a motion to approve the list seconded by Commissioner Watkins. All voted in favor and the list was approved unanimously.

B. Wellness Grant/ Policy

The chairman announced that Dodge County was the recipient of a Health Promotion & Wellness Grant in the amount of \$1000 from the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia. He said a requirement of the grant was to adopt a Workplace Wellness Policy for Dodge County. He asked the commissioners to look over their copies of the policy.

Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve the policy seconded by Commissioner Niblett. The vote was unanimous to approve the policy.

Commissioner Reports:

Commissioner Niblett announced that Alcoa would be celebrating their 125th anniversary with an open house on Tuesday, October 1, 2013 from 1 to 7 p.m. and the public was invited to attend.

County Manager Report:

The county manager announced resurfacing was starting on 10.60 miles of county roads. He said the patching was underway now. Commissioner Niblett asked if the roof repair at the jail had started and Peacock replied no. When asked about the Legacy Woods Road, Peacock said that he looked at the road and it had a sixty foot (60') right of way with only four (4) houses. The county attorney said he had not been able to find the ordinance regarding the county accepting a road.

Public Comments:

Milton Johnson asked for an update on codifying the county ordinances. Mr. Harrington said the funds for the codifying come from the Law Library Fund and Judge Mullis has to sign off on it. They are presently selecting a company to organize and index the ordinances for review by the board. He said the process is still going forward.

Judy Madden of the Eastman Dodge County Chamber of Commerce thanked the board for their contribution to the luncheon last Monday. She said it was well attended and a big success followed by visits to Metal Crafters, Dynamic Paints, and the Aviation school.

Executive Session:

Commissioner Howell made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel seconded by Commissioner Niblett. All voted in favor of the motion and everyone was asked to clear the room.

Following the Executive Session, Commissioner Niblett made a motion to continue the regular meeting. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Adjourn:

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Howell made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Niblett seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to adjourn.