

Minutes

Dodge County Board of Commissioners

September 19, 2016

Present: Dan McCranie, Chairman
William 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 Monday, September 19, 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 and prayer was given by Commissioner Cheek.

Elected Officials/ Department Heads

A. Travis Niblett – Recreation Department

Niblett asked the board for upgrades to the football fields at the local complex by installing new goal posts. He said he had obtained three (3) bids with Hobbs Sporting Goods offering the low bid of \$4,774.00. Commissioner Cheek asked if there were any goal posts on the fields now and Niblett replied no. Commissioner Watkins asked if there were SPLOST funds available for the projects and the county manager answered yes. Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve the purchase by taking the low bid. Commissioner Watkins made seconded the motion. The vote was taken with Howell, Watkins, and Cheek voting affirmative and Niblett abstained.

B. Sharon Cobb Flanagan – Dodge County Farmers Market

Flanagan told the board she had delivered letters with request for fund the market in 2017. She said fall events scheduled were a Pumpkin Painting Contest on October 1 and a Pie Eating Contest on October 8. Commissioner Niblett asked about the recent Seed Saving Workshop with Flanagan responding that it was a success and had spawned other ideas including a community garden and offering a Master Gardener program through the local extension service.

C. Dale Jones – Chief Assessor

Jones told the board that both Board of Assessor appointees had taken their oath with Cindy Eckles already completed training and George Watson was scheduled for training in January. She said the digest had been submitted and approved.

D. Charles Williams – Eastman Dodge County Chamber of Commerce

Williams told the board that bids had been taken for new signage at the Carter Martin Public Safety Building with the low bid being \$1832.54 and asked the board to approve payment. He also said the Chamber Affair event was planned for October 6th and the Heart of Georgia Air Show and Cruise In with classic cars and tractors would be held from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at the Eastman Campus. He said the airport was dedicated fifty years ago and this would be a good way to celebrate. He reported that Aremac had received their Nadcap certification and was the only rolling part heat treat manufacturer in the area. Commissioner Niblett asked if private donations had been solicited to pay for the sign and Commissioner Cheek asked the county manager to check the contingency fund balance.

Approval of Minutes

A. September 6, 2016 Regular Meeting

Chairman McCranie asked for any additions, corrections, or deletions to the minutes of the regular meeting held on September 6, 2016. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to approve with Commissioner Howell making the second. The vote was unanimous to approve.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

A. Approval of Accounts Payable

Chairman McCranie asked the board members to look over the Accounts Payable checklist for questions or comments. The county manager added that he had received an invoice from Dykes in the amount of \$374,630.17 that had been approved by engineers to be added to the list. Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve the Accounts Payable checklist and Commissioner Watkins made the second. All voted in favor of approval.

Commissioner Reports

Chairman McCranie said he had received notification from the Health Department that October is SIDS Awareness Month.

County Manager Report

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

Public Comments

Cindy Eckles thanked the board for her recent appointment to the Dodge County Board of Assessors. She said she had attended training in Dublin and learned a lot and had already attended her first meeting.

Mike Flanagan commented that the taxiway and runway at the airport would be used for showing the cars and tractors at the car show held in conjunction with the air show.

Executive Session

Commissioner Howell made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss legal matters. Commissioner Watkins seconded his motion and all voted in favor of the session

Return to Regular Session

Commissioner Cheek made a motion to end the Executive Session and return to the regular meeting. Commissioner Niblett seconded the motion and all voted affirmative.

Adjourn

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