

Minutes

Dodge County Board of Commissioners

September 18, 2017

Present: Dan McCranie, Chairman
Terry L. Niblett, District 2 Commissioner
Brian Watkins, District 3 Commissioner
Karen Cheek, District 4 Commissioner

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

Absent: William T. Howell, Jr., Vice-Chairman & District 1 Commissioner
John Harrington, County Attorney

The Dodge County Board of Commissioners met in a regular session at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, September 18, 2017, in Suite 101 of the Dodge County Courthouse Annex. Chairman McCranie called the meeting to order and led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag followed by the devotional given by Commissioner Cheek and prayer by Commissioner Niblett.

Elected Officials/ Department Heads

Charles Williams representing the Dodge County Eastman Development Authority shared a press release from Kencoa Aerospace with the board announcing acquisition of Heart of Georgia Metal Crafters LLC in Eastman. He said an expansion is planned with one hundred (100) new jobs to be added over the next four years.

Approval of Minutes

A. September 5, 2017 Regular Meeting

Chairman McCranie asked for any additions, corrections or deletions to the minutes of the regular meeting held on September 5, 2017 available to the board members in printed form. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to approve the minutes with Commissioner Cheek making the second. All voted in favor of approval.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

A. Approval of Accounts Payable

Chairman McCranie asked the board to review the checklist of Accounts Payable for any comments or questions. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to approve the payments and Commissioner Cheek seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to approve the payments.

Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Cheek reported she attended the meeting of the Litter Free Dodge committee with a representative of Keep America Beautiful along with State Representative Jimmy Pruett. She said grant funds of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) would be available and a presentation would be made soon.

Commissioner Cheek also commented there was improvement at the trash sites near the airport.

Commissioner Cheek then asked the county manager for a report on Hurricane Irma and the Dodge County response. Bobby Peacock said there were three webinars held by the Dodge County EMA that were well attended by County Commissioners, Sheriff Department, EMS, E-911 as well as the Rural Fire Departments. He said the Road Department was out as early as Monday morning clearing roads and he commended all departments along with the Eastman Police Department for their cooperation during the storm and its aftermath. He said all county emergency departments operated with plenty of fuel and he had secured reserves from Dominey Oil Company that could be delivered should they be needed. Commissioner Niblett commented that many local farmers were using their own equipment to help with damage and to clear roadways. Charles Williams said that Dewey Sheffield and others in his area were also using private equipment to aid in the clean up and make roads passable for electric utility companies. Chairman McCranie praised Georgia Power and Ocmulgee EMC for their good effort in restoring power to local residents. Commissioner Watkins said he was proud of the way the people of Dodge County asked “Who can I help?” and everyone did all they could.

County Manager Report

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

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Adjourn

Commissioner Niblett made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion and all voted in the affirmative.