

Minutes

Dodge County Board of Commissioners

September 21, 2015

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 at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, September 21, 2015, 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. Commissioner Cheek gave a devotional and Commissioner Niblett prayed.

Elected Officials/ Department Heads

Charles Williams of the Eastman Dodge Chamber of Commerce was recognized.

Approval of Minutes

A. September 21, 2015 Regular Meeting

Chairman McCranie asked for any additions, deletions, or corrections to the minutes of the September 8, 2015 regular meeting presented to the board in printed form. Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve seconded by Commissioner Niblett. All voted in favor of the motion.

Old Business

There was no old business brought before the board.

New Business

A. Approval of Accounts Payable

Chairman McCranie asked for any questions or comments concerning the Accounts Payable checklist given to each board member in printed form. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to approve the payments seconded by Commissioner Howell. The vote was unanimous to approve.

B. Property Sale

John Reddock addressed the board concerning property at the intersection of Highway 117 and Don Durden Road south of Rhine. He said the one (1) acre tract was sold to Doster Crumpler in 1997 and is now owned by the county through what he surmised to be a tax sale. He said there is no structure on the property formerly known as the Bowen home place and he would like to buy it from the county to complete a crucial part of one of the last parcels owned by his wife's family. He said he was aware the process could involve the sale be advertised but if the tract was sold it would be active on the county tax base again and asked the board to consider the proposal. County Manager Peacock said he thought sealed bids would be the best way to execute the sale of the property. County Attorney Harrington asked if a bottom floor would be established to include costs and the amount bid in at the tax sale of \$174.25. He asked if there were any utilities on the tract and Reddock replied no. Commissioner Howell made a motion to allow the sale by advertising to take sealed bids. Commissioner Watkins asked if a floor needed to be established. Discussion continued and it was agreed that a floor of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) would meet expenses needed for advertising and to settle the tax lien. Commissioner Howell amended his motion to include the floor amount of \$1,000.00 seconded by Commissioner Watkins. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

C. Department of Public Health

Chairman McCranie said a request had been received from the former Dodge County Department of Public Health asking that the wording on all ordinances and documents be changed to reflect the current name of the agency. Chairman McCranie made a motion to table the request to allow the county attorney to look at the request document. Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion and all voted in favor of approval.

Commissioner Reports

There were no reports from the Board of Commissioners.

County Manager Report

The county manager presented a request from the Roddy Volunteer Fire Department for \$2,013.00 from the 2013 SPLOST to be used as the matching funds of five percent (5%) for a grant from FEMA to purchase thirteen (13) fire fighter suits. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to approve the request seconded by Commissioner Watkins. All voted in favor of the motion.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Adjourn

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