

## **Minutes**

### **Dodge County Board of Commissioners**

**September 10, 2012**

#### **Called Meeting**

#### **Eastman City Hall**

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

Absent: Karen Cheek, Comm. Dist. 4

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

Chairman Dan McCranie called the meeting of the Dodge County Commission to order in the City of Eastman Council Chamber.

#### Agenda Item 3 Lost Negotiations:

Commissioner William Howell addressed the Eastman City Council members and made the following recommendation: The City of Eastman receive 31.14% of the LOST and in return the City of Eastman will pay for the grinder at the new jail and the City of Eastman will furnish water and sewage for the Dodge County Courthouse, the Dodge County Courthouse Annex, and the Dodge County jail.

Discussion by the City of Eastman council members followed. Chairman Slye asked if the recommendation was for payment of the purchase of the grinder only and no maintenance. Councilman Pittman stated that in the spirit of cooperation the City of Eastman should accept the proposal and the taxpayers would benefit from the savings of court costs and attorney fees. Councilman Pittman made a motion from the recommendation of William Howell. Councilman David Rawlins called for discussion before voting. He asked about the continuation of SPLOST funds from the county and when payments from the county would resume. Councilman Slye and Councilman Pittman responded that the SPLOST and LOST were separate and that the SPLOST did not come into play with the LOST negotiations. Councilman Pittman stated that the SPLOST was approved for the jail and that the two agreements could not be intermingled. He reminded

Councilman Rawlins that someone will lose if the LOST negotiation goes to court but more importantly the 17,000 taxpayers of the county and city would be losers.

Councilman Mullis seconded the motion made by Pittman to accept the recommendation. Vote was taken with Council members Walker, Pittman, Mullis, and Slye voting in favor of the motion. Council member Rawlins opposed. The motion passed 4-1.

The meeting was then turned over to Chairman Dan McCranie who resumed the meeting for the Dodge County Board of Commissioners. Commissioner William Howell made a motion to accept the offer made by the City of Eastman. Commissioner Terry Niblett seconded the motion. Brian Watkins called for discussion to restate and clarify the terms of the motion. The motion was restated that the City of Eastman would receive 31.14% of the LOST and in exchange the City of Eastman would pay for the grinder on installation and Dodge County would maintain the grinder and the City of Eastman will furnish water and sewage for the Dodge County Courthouse, the Dodge County Courthouse Annex, and the Dodge County Jail beginning January 1, 2013. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Adjourn:

Commissioner Brian Watkins made a motion to adjourn the called meeting. Commissioner Terry Niblett seconded the motion, vote was unanimous and the meeting was adjourned.