

Minutes

Dodge County Board of Commissioners

September 17, 2012

Present: Dan McCranie, Chairman
William T. Howell, Jr., Vice-Chairman, Comm. Dist. 1
Terry Niblett, Comm. Dist. 2
Brian Watkins, Comm. Dist. 3
Karen Cheek, Comm. Dist. 4

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 17, 2012, in Suite 101 of the Dodge County Courthouse Annex.

Chairman Dan McCranie called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Karen Cheek gave a devotional based on Psalm 42:11 followed by prayer.

Elected Officials & Department Heads:

There were no elected officials or department heads who wished to address the commissioners.

Approval of Minutes:

Commissioner William Howell made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 4, 2012, regular meeting. Terry Niblett seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the minutes were approved. Commissioner Terry Niblett made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2012, special called meeting held at the City of Eastman Council Chamber. William Howell seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous and the minutes were approved.

Old Business:

A. City of Eastman

Representatives of the City of Eastman were unable to attend the meeting and withdrew their request.

B. Bids – Dumpster & Waste Disposal

County Manager Bobby Peacock stated that bids had been received from Skip Evans of Evans Disposal and Mark Studstill of Dixie Dumpster, Inc. Since both were present at the meeting they were asked to present their bids along with their proposals.

Skip Evans thanked the board for the opportunity to bid. He stated he and his wife started their business in March of 1997 and they provide residential, curbside and dumpsters for waste disposal. He stated he could supply references upon request. His bid was to purchase all equipment for \$200,000.00 and take over operation of front load pick-up service, transfer station, and all hauling needs for \$698,650 per year. He also presented his bid for county wide residential curbside pick-up for \$835,270 per year. He stated he would be willing to enter into contract negotiations for longer than one year at the board's request.

Mark Studstill stated his proposal was to continue the garbage collection operation as it is now for \$698,000 for one year with an option to renew for up to three years. He would purchase all county equipment for \$127,000.

Phillip McGalliard of McGalliard Waste Services asked to give his proposal but the commissioners determined he had missed the deadline and did not submit a written proposal. He said he did not understand the bid process and had not seen the advertisement for bids in the local paper.

Terry Niblett made a motion to table the matter until all the commissioners had reviewed the bids.

C. EMA Mass Alert System Update

County Attorney John Harrington informed the commissioners that at their request an addendum to factor out of the contract after the first year had been attached. He also added that because of inquiries from local citizens as to whether or not phone numbers would be sold, that privacy needs to be spelled out in writing. Commissioner Brian Watkins made a motion that the contract be changed to read that service would cease after one year unless a 30 day written notice to opt into a second year of service was received from the Dodge County Board of Commissioners. The motion was seconded by Terry Niblett. The vote was unanimous and motion carried.

D. Wilcox E-911 Contract Update

A motion was made by Commissioner Brian Watkins for Dodge County to continue to provide E911 services to Wilcox County with the stipulations that Wilcox County pay for all trunk lines and that all providers be notified to direct payment to Dodge County Board of Commissioners. The motion was seconded by Terry Niblett. Vote was unanimous and motion carried. County

manager Bobby Peacock informed the board that Wilcox County is currently behind one-half of the first quarter payment and all of the second quarter.

New Business:

A. Approval of Accounts Payable

Commissioner Karen Cheek asked about the check to Windstream for E911 and why the phone service was so fragmented. Brian Watkins replied that Windstream is the only phone carrier for the Rhine area. Commissioner Terry Niblett asked the purpose of check #10921 to Yancey Bros and Bobby Peacock answered it was for parts. The purpose of check #10917 to Verizon for \$738 was questioned by Commissioner Karen Cheek. Bobby Peacock responded it was for cell phones for county employees. She then asked about check #10892 to ACCG for \$799 and Bobby Peacock answered it was to increase coverage on new jail building. Commissioner Terry Niblett asked about check #10902 in the amount of \$8,100 for ambulance license. Bobby Peacock replied it was an annual charge for the ambulance license. Commissioner Terry Niblett made a motion to approve the accounts payable list. The motion was seconded by William Howell. The vote was unanimous and motion carried.

B. Approval of EEOP & Personnel Policy

County Attorney John Harrington told the commissioners that the Board of Commissioners would need to designate a Grant Coordinator for Dodge County to oversee all grants awarded to the county. The designee should most likely be the county manager or the chairman. A motion was made by Brian Watkins that the County Manager be designated the Grant Coordinator for Dodge County. The motion was seconded by Terry Niblett. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried. A motion was made by Terry Niblett to approve the EEOP/ Personnel policy. William Howell seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous and motion carried. A motion was made by Brian Watkins to publish the policy on the bulletin board and any appeals to the policy would be made to the Board of Commissioners. The motion was seconded by William Howell. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

C. Public Address/ Sound System

County Manager Bobby Peacock presented the two bids received for installation and purchase of a public address/ sound system for the Commissioner's meeting room. The two bids are:

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| 1. Trinity Tech Solutions, Inc. | \$2,753.09 |
| 2. BFE Technologies, Inc. | \$2,645.50 |

Commissioner Terry Niblett asked Billy Edenfield of BFE Technologies, Inc. if there was anything cheaper that would meet the need for the meeting room. Mr. Edenfield elaborated on his bid and what it included. Commissioner Terry Niblett made a motion to table the sound

system purchase. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brian Watkins. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

County Manager Report:

Bobby Peacock stated he had nothing to report. There were no questions for the county manager.

Public Comments:

Billy Steele offered his congratulations to the Board of Commissioners and the city council for reaching an agreement on the LOST negotiations. He stated the Airport Authority should follow suit.

Diana Glass asked for a report on the Road Department. County Manager Bobby Peacock replied that the Road Department was maintaining all county roads and continuing to pick up trash. She commented on the condition of the Orphan Cemetery Road and bypass. Mr. Peacock responded that the State of Georgia Department of Transportation maintains the bypass. He said the funding for the Road Department had been cut and they had cut the grass twice this year on all right of ways.

Susan Coffee stated she could not hear.

Faye Jessup asked if the equipment included in the bid for the sound system would record tapes and if you could duplicate a tape. She said the City of Eastman purchased a system with individual microphones three to four years ago and the cost was \$8,000. She also said she had attended the last meeting of the Airport Authority and that Airport Authority member Terry Niblett had made a motion to drop the law suit against the local banks and there was no second to his motion. She urged more participation at the meetings from local citizens.

Cindy Eckles of the Dodge County News asked about the letter received from Clerk of Court Rhett Walker asking the Board of Commissioners to rescind their November 2011 vote for five unpaid holidays or furlough days and if there had been any action since it was discussed at an April meeting. County Attorney John Harrington responded that an agreement in principle had been reached but there had been no written communication from Mr. Walker or his attorney. She then asked if a timeline for opening the new jail had been set. She stated that if the grinder was to be delivered and installed within a couple of weeks, when would the other necessities to open the jail be ordered. Sheriff Hinson had indicated the order for mattresses and linens would take at least ninety days and that would push the move into the new year. Commissioner Terry Niblett replied that he would like for the commissioners to review the budget and see what funding cuts could be made to buy supplies for the new jail. Commissioner Karen Cheek made a motion for the jail supplies purchase to be on the agenda of the next meeting. Commissioner Terry Niblett seconded the motion. Commissioner William Howell said they would need an amount of the

purchases in order to know what funding cuts would need to be made. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Billy Steele stated he had just learned of the motion made by Terry Niblett at the Airport Authority meeting and asked if the appointees to the Airport Authority could be removed individually or collectively. County Attorney John Harrington stated there were two issues with removal of appointees. The terms of the new Airport Authority board are not defined and appointees could be removed at your will. However the Board of Commissioners appoint only two of the seven member board and one of their appointees is Commissioner Terry Niblett who made the motion to drop the lawsuit. The Board of Commissioner's second appointee is Lamar Marshall who could not attend the last meeting. The Eastman City Council appoints two members as does the Development Authority and Representative Jimmy Pruet appoints one member to comprise the seven member board.

Billy Joiner asked about the inventory on county property. Commissioner Brian Watkins asked if each department head could send an equipment list to the County Manager and have it available at the next meeting. Mr. Peacock responded yes.

Commissioner Terry Niblett told the attendees that the 2011 audit is complete and can be viewed on the Dodge County website.

Adjourn:

With no further business, Commissioner William Howell made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Terry Niblett seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous and the meeting was adjourned.