

Minutes

Dodge County Board of Commissioners

October 3, 2016

Present: Dan McCranie, Chairman
William T. Howell, Vice-Chairman and District 1 Commissioner
Terry Niblett, District 2 Commissioner
Karen Cheek, District 4 Commissioner

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

Absent: Brian Watkins, District 3 Commissioner

The Dodge County Board of Commissioners met in a regular session at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, October 3, 2016, 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. The devotional was given by Commissioner Cheek and Chairman McCranie led in prayer.

Elected Officials/ Department Heads

Henry Whitfield, Director of the Cochran and Eastman campus of Middle Georgia State University gave an update on the upcoming air show to be held on Saturday, November 5th from 10:00 a.m. to 3 p.m. He passed out fliers on the event to all the board members commemorating the twentieth (20th) anniversary of the School of Aviation and the fiftieth (50th) anniversary of the Middle Georgia Airport. He thanked the board for their support of the event and encouraged their attendance for the show.

Sharon Cobb Flanagan of the Dodge County Farmers Market Authority told the board that fall events held recently at the market included a pumpkin painting contest and there were eighteen (18) vendors at the last market with two hundred twenty-nine (229) customers. She said there were plans for a pie eating contest at the next market.

Charles Williams of the Eastman Dodge Chamber of Commerce presented a check to the board for rent on the spec building and reminded the board about the Chamber affair to be held on Thursday night, October 6th at 6 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

A. September 19, 2016 Regular Meeting

Chairman McCranie asked for any additions, corrections, or deletions to the minutes of the regular meeting held on September 19, 2016. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to approve seconded by Commissioners Howell and Cheek. All voted in favor of approval of the minutes.

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 check list for questions or comments. Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve the list seconded by Commissioner Niblett. The vote was unanimous to approve.

B. City of Eastman Petition for Annexation – Shirley P. Williams

Chairman McCranie said the request for annexation was for a parcel located on the Soperton Highway and was a small lot contiguous with the Soperton Highway. The county attorney said the annexation would not affect the tax base in any way. Commissioner Cheek asked the reason for annexation and the reply was most probably for city water and trash pickup. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to approve the request. Commissioner Cheek made the second and the vote was unanimous to approve the request.

C. Chester Fire Department SPLOST Request

County Manager Peacock said he had received a request from Neal Hobbs and Glenn Pittman of the Chester Fire Department to purchase a defibrillator at a cost of \$1,945.00 using SPLOST funds allocated to them. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to approve the request with Commissioner Cheek making the second. All voted in favor of the motion.

D. LMIG Road Proposal

The county manager asked for approval of the 2017 LMIG list of roads for resurfacing. The list includes eleven point seven miles (11.7) of roads in Dodge County. Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve the list seconded by Commissioner Niblett. All voted in the affirmation for the road list.

Commissioner Reports

There were no reports from the Commissioners.

County Manager Report

The county manager gave each board member a copy of the Heart of Georgia Area Regional Commission Five Year Comprehensive Plan. He said the plan was a result of a series of meetings with Dodge County citizens as well as officials of the various cities in the county. He asked the board to look at the plan and be ready to approve it at the next board meeting. He said all grants funds from the Department of Community Affairs were dependent on approval of the plan. Chairman McCranie asked that it be put on the agenda for the October 17th meeting.

Public Comments

Mike Flanagan shared that the upcoming air show would also have a car show and cruise in and locals were invited to bring their antique cars and tractors for display on the taxiway at the airport.

Adjourn

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Howell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioners Niblett and Cheek simultaneously made the second and all voted in favor of adjournment.